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Ryan tried to identify the real boss by using Radar, but much to his surprise. The skill showed him that all of them were real. That wasn't supposed to be possible, and yet, Radar never failed before.

Unfortunately, before Ryan could think of any way to solve that mess, the boss attacked him by firing some Fireballs. That was a spell that he didn't see any boss using in quite a while, but that didn't matter since all the copies also attacked using the same skill. There wasn't any place Ryan could escape, so in the end, Ryan used Mana Shield to block the attacks and confirm what he learned previously. Every time the shield was hit, his mana decreased.

"Hey... seriously?" Ryan's mouth was hanging open due to the surprise.

It was not surprising that hundreds of those projectiles could cause so much damage. Besides, Ryan was pretty sure that the skill the monster had was at least at level two hundred or something. However, using such an attack so many times wasn't wise. Even bosses were bound to run out of mana if they kept firing so many spells.

Ryan decided to use some potions and see for how long the boss could keep attacking like that. Still, in the end, after a full minute, Ryan understood that the boss wasn't joking. He truly intended to keep firing hundreds of Fireballs every second to defeat Ryan.

"What the hell... just how?" Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. "Even if that thing's Meditation and Zen is at level one thousand or something, firing this many projectiles should be impossible."

Before Ryan could mess up again and lose even more mana, he activated Ice Armor. He then teleported to where the copies of the bosses were floating. Not even with his eyes and up close, he could find any difference between the copies.

A few seconds after, the copies changed the direction of their attacks and started to attack Ryan again. He dodged some attacks and let the Ice Armor block some of them, but that didn't help at all. Dozens of

Fireballs hit the copies, but not a single one of them actually hit them. They only passed through as if the copies were ghosts.

“How incredibly annoying...” Ryan said.

Congratulations! The skill Fire Resistance has leveled up.

Congratulations! The skill Heat Resistance has leveled up.

Ryan was receiving a lot of damage, but he still could counter it by using Regeneration. However, that was just Ryan delaying the inevitable. He needed to think of a way to find the real boss.

In the end, Ryan used Ice Breath to repel the Fireballs. Much to his surprise, the skill alone protected him against all the Fireballs. It even raised a curtain of steam that made everyone in the last part of the dungeon disappear. Ryan activated Silent Movement and then used Teleport. With that alone, he escaped from the boss’s vicious attacks and gained some time.

After closing his eyes, Ryan tried to focus his senses in order to notice anything out of place in the dungeon. Although his vision was obstructed, Ryan still could hear and feel any movement within the cloud of steam, but much to his surprise, he found nothing.

Without any other choice, Ryan used Clairvoyance to find the copies within the mist, only to find them clustered in the same place. As expected, the boss was enough to do that since it would be the easiest way to spot Ryan without exposing himself.

Ryan finally had another idea when he saw that. Attacking all of them seemed like a good idea, but Ryan decided to use Ice Breath again, this time upward. By doing so, the boss wouldn’t be able to identify Ryan’s position since his attack would cross the entire mist and even strengthen it.

When the boss noticed what Ryan was planning was already too late. The copies tried to disperse the mist by reheating everything, but that only worked for speed up Ryan’s plans. The ice melted and a short rain fell for a few couple seconds. The boss tried to hide the real one behind several copies, but Ryan found a single copy wet thanks to Clairvoyance. Without holding back, Ryan fired bolts like a machine gun, only to see his attacks be blocked by a Mana Shield in front of the original.

“You found me...” The boss said.

“You are not as smart as you think,” Ryan shrugged.

Ryan activated Perfect Aim to make sure that the boss wouldn't disappear from his sight again, and the creature noticed that. Cheap tricks wouldn't work anymore. Ryan had already discovered that the original was making Fireballs appear in front of the illusions. The only thing Ryan couldn't understand was how come the illusions could fool his Radar. The most plausible explanation was that the difference in the level of both skills was just that high.

Another thing Ryan couldn't understand was how come the boss could use so much mana, but in the end, the creature wouldn't give him enough time to think about it. Suddenly, a massive quagmire appeared on the ground of the dungeon, but Ryan escaped by flying. From the quagmire, Ryan saw some undead-like hands coming out right below him... those certainly would try to grab him if Ryan gets too close, and that was creepy as hell.

“Another illusion?” Ryan muttered.

“Let them grab you and you will soon find out,” The boss said.

“No, thank you,” Ryan said and then pointed his weapon at the boss.

“I wasn't asking you,” The boss said.

Suddenly, Ryan's body got a lot heavier. Even before the system could tell him what was happening, he had already figured out... gravity magic. Even though he could considerably stronger since the last time, it looked like his physical strength was as useless as usual even against it.

Congratulations! The skill Gravity Resistance has leveled up.

Class: Artemis' Disciple Lv 12 (+ 03 UP) / Frozen Spellcaster Lv 10 (+ 03 UP) / Monk Lv 16 (–)

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

Rank: 49th

Health: 5440/5440 (12, 52/s)

Mana: 7220/7220 (12, 52/s)

Stamina: 7490/7490 (12, 52/s)

Strength: 831 (+538) (+130)

Dexterity: 5450 (+4355) (+350)

Speed: 1120 (+2150) (+48)

Intelligence: 1181 (+1754) (+33)

Endurance: 1158 (+389) (+160)

Control: 1326 (+2120) (+10)

Mentality: 1208 (+533) (+70)

Luck: 1030 (+50)

Recovery: 3800 (+2900) (+845)

Willpower: 1230 (+529) (+40)

Coins: 9.653.777

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Retaliate Lv 09 (+ 08 UP), Deadly Bullet Lv 04 (+ 03 UP), Venom Knife Lv 01

Passive Physical Skills: Steel Skin Lv 08 (+ 07 UP), True Sniping Lv 09 (+ 08), Cold Blood Lv 06 (+ 05 UP), Killing Spree Lv 08 (+ 07 UP), Heroic Gunmanship Lv 01,

Spells: Fire Orb Lv 04 (+ 03 UP), Ice Orb Lv 04 (+ 03 UP), Electric Orb Lv 04 (+ 03 UP), Poison Creation Lv 01

Support Skills: Nocturnal Eyes Lv 53 (+ 04 UP), Fast Conjunction Lv 09 (+ 04 UP),

Classes:

Combat: Swordsman Lv 21 (+ 07 UP), Combat Mechanic Lv 06 (+ 03 UP), Poisonous Archer Lv 15 (+ 06 UP), Magehunter Lv 08 (+ 07 UP), Pyro Trickster Lv 11 (+ 07 UP), Templar Lv 07 (+ 06 UP), Dark Knight Lv 09 (+ 05 UP),

Non-Combatant: Blacksmith Lv 49 (+ 04 UP), Alchemist Lv 58 (+ 03 UP),

Race: Centaur, Lesser Dragon, Kobold,

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Although that was a rare opportunity to train one of his resistances, Ryan wasn't in a training mood. While trying to counter the gravity effect, Ryan used Telekinesis, but it wasn't nearly enough for that.

Ryan summoned his Magic Bows and then made them attack the boss Mana Shield. At first, the creature ignored it, but then he noticed that the arrows were causing too much damage too fast. Ryan got the diversion that he wanted and then teleported behind the monster and pierced one of his Spiritualist's Spears in the monster's back. He frowned when his mana began to be restored at insane speeds, and a blue liquid left the monster's body.

"What the hell..." Ryan muttered. "Your blood is... mana liquid?"

The boss swung its staff and hit Ryan's right shoulder. Despite being a mage excellent at illusion magic, the creature had enough strength to cause critical damage and make Ryan spin several times before hitting the walls behind and breaking several of his limbs. Without wasting any time, Ryan used Full-Heal, but the feeling on his shoulder didn't come back.

"Great..." Ryan clenched his teeth in anger.

Ryan tried to end that fight as fast as possible, but it looked like that had been the wrong approach. In the end, he underestimated the boss for far too long and equipped the Inquisition Crossbow. If he wanted to win that fight, Ryan will have to decrease the boss's power in a more direct way.

Before Ryan could actually use his newly equipped weapon, the boss suddenly made his copies disappear... which was weird. It was even weirder that he still was bleeding the mana liquid through his back. Also, he didn't take Ryan's spear from the wound.

"For an elder god, you sure need a few tricks, huh," Ryan grinned. "And here was I wondering how come the boss of this dungeon isn't a werewolf. You did something to that body and now you can assume a physical form on Earth without suffering damage overtime."

Ryan didn't know if he had guessed right, but he assumed that had been the case since the boss looked pretty pissed. Still, for a body like that needs to suffer that many modifications to withstand the power of the dungeon master... just what the hell was that creature?

The boss's body couldn't be healed by conventional methods. That was why he went as far as creating so many illusions to keep his body safe. Maybe Ryan indeed could win that a bit faster than usual, but it looked like the boss wanted to take him down with him for that disgrace.

The beast pointed one hand in Ryan's direction, and that annoying gravity was back. At the same time, he wrote something in the air while Ryan was struggling, and the air inside the dungeon changed... That wasn't good. Ryan pointed his crossbow toward the boss and fired. This time, weirdly enough, the monster didn't try to block the attacks. It looked like that borrowed body could only use so much magic.

The boss's intelligence was being decreased with each shot... probably. Ryan couldn't confirm it, but despite that, the effects of gravity in his body weren't decreasing. As if that wasn't enough, the boss finally finished whatever he was doing. A dark portal appeared in the center of the dungeon, and it began to pull Ryan. At the same time, the center of gravity of the entire place changed.

"You have got to be kidding me..." Ryan clenched his teeth.

Without thinking too much about it, the boss let his staff be sucked by the portal. Whatever was on the other side, it probably was a safe place for the creature. Ryan confirmed that since the monster wasn't resisting that much the portal, only just enough to make sure that Ryan would enter first.

While sweating cold, Ryan used Purification and any other spell that he thought it might help in that situation, but they didn't work. It looked like Ryan would really have to transform into a dragon to escape that mess, but at the last moment, he had another idea. He used Skills Copy and Status Copy, and the effect of the portal decreased a lot on his body. That was the result of becoming a magic-oriented fighter by copying the boss.

The creature frowned when he noticed that something changed. Still, before the monster could try anything else, Ryan used all his mana to power up the gravity field and pulled the boss faster than he could resist. Much to his surprise, the creature was split in half when his lower half entered the portal.

You obtained 500.000 coins.

"Holy Freya..." Ryan frowned and then sighed in relief when the interior of the dungeon returned its natural state.

Ryan let himself fall on the ground to catch his breath and relax a little. It has been a while since a tier two boss spooked him so much, but in the end, he learned his lesson. He couldn't think he had won the fight based on the level and the types of monsters that a dungeon spawn.

"That creature... what was that?" Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "It wasn't a mutated animal and given that it modified the body of a boss to withstand his power, it certainly served to host a dungeon master. It makes sense since I didn't find a single creature until now that could have kept erect an illusory barrier this big."

Wondering if his vision wasn't clouded for other types of problems that could be even more disastrous than the powerhouses like Greek gods and Lucifer's demons, Ryan approached the treasure chest to pick his class.

It looked like Ryan will have to try to expand his domain faster than before in order for these types of problems not to escape his sight again. However, he didn't have much faith that much could be done before Poseidon finally obtained the chance to come to Earth and show his true might.

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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: Guard, Archer, and Summoner.

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.

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Guard!

You obtained the following skills: Guard's Vitality, Perseverance, and Stamina Regeneration.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Guard's Vitality.



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

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Perseverance.

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

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Stamina Regeneration.

Effect: It passively increases your stamina regeneration by one point per level.

You obtained 01 status point.

While the options Ryan had this time weren't that impressive, he still left the dungeon feeling quite accomplished. He survived one hell of a fight against a tough opponent, after all. Unfortunately, the job wasn't complete yet.

While he was leaving the dungeon, Ryan saw his spears slicing apart several Werewolves. That part of the dungeon was utterly red due to the blood. Still, things wouldn't be so bad if Ryan only had to see blood, but unfortunately, that wasn't the case. Before that bloody sight could be engraved in his memories, even more, Ryan grabbed the items the monsters dropped and then teleported to the exit of the dungeon.

Although the fight lasts longer than Ryan expected, things were still pretty noisy outside the dungeon. Only a few monsters noticed that the guards had been killed, so the vast majority of the troops were fighting the cat-like monsters.

Before Ryan could be found by more monsters, he used Teleport and then began to fly above the battlefield. The barrier had disappeared alongside the boss, so Ryan didn't have to worry about anything.

After half an hour, half of the forces that attacked the Werewolves base had been wiped out, so the remaining ones decided to run away since they lasted longer and caused a lot of damage considering the fact that they fought against three different types of species.

As expected, the monsters ran away to the North, and they suddenly disappeared when they arrived in a mountainous region. Ryan tried to track them down with Clairvoyance, but he failed due to some trees. Most likely, the trees were a natural defense that the cat-like monsters were using to hide their illusory barrier.

"More illusions, huh..." Ryan said and then sighed. "This is going to be a pain."

Suddenly, Ryan felt that weird sensation. He was being watched by someone who had Clairvoyance. That wasn't good. He had been discovered too soon.

"Are you the one who defeated Set?"

When Ryan was about to use Teleport to retreat, he suddenly heard a female voice echoing in the area. That was weird. It looked like a version of Telepathy, but since no one aside from a few exceptions could talk directly to his mind, that woman changed her strategy.

"Maybe, who is asking?" Ryan asked.

Ryan had no idea who Seth was. If he had to guess, it would be the armadillo-looking boss he just defeated.

"It seems you are one of the humans who have been causing havoc lately," The woman said. "My name is Isis, and I have an offer for you, young warrior. Help me defeat Seth and his army and I shall reward you accordingly."

“Sorry, but I don’t accept work from an employer that I don’t know anything of,” Ryan said. “I assume you are the one who decided to attack Set’s base a few hours ago. While I don’t know why you two are fighting, I would like to ask you to fight against each other somewhere else. I can’t have two powerhouses destroying Earth even further.”

“This isn’t a fight that I wanted, but it is necessary,” Isis said. “Set is one of the few who can cause destruction beyond your imagination. Before he causes more grief to my family, I am going to stop him. As long as he stays in this area, I don’t intend to leave.”

“Well then, if that is the case, we will be neighbors,” Ryan said. “That being said, I don’t like noise. You might have a quarrel with this Seth fellow, but that isn’t my problem. If I see you destroying this land or doing anything suspicious, you will suffer the same fate that he will have as many times.”

“You are mad if you think that you can antagonize all the elder gods,” Isis said. “This is my last offer, help me defeat Seth and return to Earth before him and I swear to you that I will treat you and your friends like my royal guards. No elder god will offer you anything better or even close to this.”

“I would be damned if I had fought and survived this far only to bend the knee now to someone like you who did who knows what hidden in these parts,” Ryan said. “Here is my counter offer, deactivate your illusory barrier and then stop the creatures that your dungeon is spawning from leaving the dungeon. Show me that much sincerity and I will assure you that your troops will guard Set’s dungeon day in and day out without disturbances.”

“... Surviving this far made you get ahead of yourself, human,” Isis said. “If that is how you want, then you will become a puppet not an ally.”

After hearing that, Ryan confirmed that the negotiations were over. As much as he hated to let Isis alone for the time being, it couldn’t be helped. However, Ryan decided to strike at the moment she least waits for it.

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Although Isis and Seth were probably too busy dealing with each other, Ryan decided to play safe and not let them have too many monsters to hunt around their bases. So, he began to hunt for massive concentrations of monsters.

“So many problems to deal with, I need to learn how to create copies of myself,” Ryan said and then sighed.

While Ryan was hunting, he also decided to contact Gustavo and his friends once again. They seemed to be a quite knowledgeable bunch, so they probably knew how those were Seth and Isis.

“Gustavo is busy. What do you want?” Bianca asked.

“As tactful as ever, huh,” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows when he heard Bianca’s voice since it had become naturally annoying in his head. “I wanted to confirm if you guys know about some creatures called Seth and Isis. They are two dungeon masters fighting each other in my country. Still, I am not sure if they are some sort of famous mythological creatures.”

“What did you study at school if you don’t know about the story of Isis, Set, and Osiris?” Bianca asked.

“You know, the usual, math and chemistry. I can’t say that I think mythology or historical facts about other countries could help people like me before things changed,” Ryan replied. “Anyway, I don’t like to talk with you the same way as you don’t like to talk to me, so give me just a brief summary about them.”

“They are considered Egyptian gods, Isis and Osiris were once married, but Seth killed Osiris to take his throne,” Bianca explained.

That was a really short lecture, but Ryan was satisfied with that much. He already fought Seth and knew what he could do, for now at least. Now that he thought about it, he fought against Osiris while he was in Brazil. The only one covered in mystery was Isis, but while Ryan didn’t know what she could do, he knew how to taunt her.

In any case, attacking her base in the next few days and succeeding in defeating her is probably impossible. The seventh dungeon break is about to happen, and she has all the reasons to slay alert against Ryan. While he was thinking about the best way to proceed, Ryan found a weird goblins dungeon... one that was only spawning shaman goblins. So, he decided to play with them while he decides what to do.

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: Brawler, Rogue, and Summoner.

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.

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Brawler!

You obtained the following skills: Deadly Fury, Punching Bag, and Bull Rush.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Deadly Fury.

Effect: It puts you in a state of semi-invincibility where the pain caused by your enemies is decreased exponentially, and you can cause extra damage the more your health decreases.

Cost: 50 health per second.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Punching Bag.

Effect: It passively your strength when attacking the same enemy over and over again. The bonus in strength will be equal to the level of the skill per minute.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Bull Rush.

Effect: It grants you the power to charge at the enemy and cause extra damage the greater the distance between you and the target.

Cost: 100 mana

You obtained 01 status point.

Ryan tried to make some new crossbows by using the goblins' spirits, but he failed at that. Or it was more accurate to say that he wasn't lucky. In any case, at least he had a good chance to train his elemental resistances and decide what to do. During the time he fought the goblins, Ryan used Clairvoyance to keep watching things on Set's camp. As expected, after a full day, the barrier was back, but despite the fact that Ryan could attack at any moment, Isis still her troops to attack the enemy's camp whenever possible.

"I guess her desire for revenge is too strong, and she can't see that this is a bad move," Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "Anyway, Seth had to magically modify a werewolf to be able to take over the body and not suffer damage over time, but I didn't expect that was something he could do so fast."

Maybe Ryan was missing something, but he couldn't be sure what that was without confirming things with his own eyes. He used Clairvoyance, but the skill failed. As expected, Seth thought of some countermeasures after learning about what Ryan could do.

Now that both parties were fully aware of Ryan, he couldn't just go in and out as much as he wanted. Besides, he couldn't focus on that area alone. The only thing he could do to minimize the damage Isis and Seth could cause is by letting them go at each other and prevent Isis' dungeon from breaking for the seventh time. If that were to happen, she would probably have enough strength to crush Set's army, and that would break the balance of power. To make sure that Set's troops won't cause her, probably again, Isis would increase her strength by making her monsters expand their area of action. As much as letting monsters kill monsters was appealing for Ryan, he knew he couldn't let that happen so often.

Considering all things Ryan had to deal with, he decided to attack Isis' camp after sunset. While waiting for a few more days would probably make her wear down her troops due to the fear of an attack, Ryan didn't have time to wait. It was time to put into practice all that training he had in the last few days.

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As usual, before an important battle, Ryan spent several hours making potions that might help him in some dire situations. However, after sunset, he didn't even wait for Isis' troops to leave their camp and attack Set's. There was no time to waste, so he immediately teleported to the forest in that mountainous area and then crossed the Illusory barrier that Isis had set. Naturally, he entered by using the Northern side. Ryan wanted to make all the forces available there focus on him, in case Set's troops decided to attack once they notice something out of place. Unless they are stupid enough, they will come from the south.

Still, despite everything, Ryan couldn't help but frown upon crossing the barrier. He found hundreds of those humanoid felines guarding that part of the camp, and they didn't waste time and began to attack him.

As if it were rain, the beasts fired hundreds of Cursed Spheres toward Ryan, but their coordination couldn't even be compared to what Seth could do. Ryan summoned some Magic Bows and began to massacre the monsters while also moving around by using Evading Shot. Every time he used it, he escaped from the monsters' radar for a few precious seconds, and he used those moments to decimate dozens of them.

Much faster than Ryan expected, the monsters changed their strategy. If Cursed Spheres weren't fast enough to hit Ryan, they decided to use earth magic. In just a few seconds, Ryan saw his body being covered by dirt. Still, then the same dirt fell on the ground whenever he hit the head of a demi-feline with his magic projectiles. Standing still while trying to kill Ryan with magic wasn't a good idea, after all.

Once again, the monsters changed their strategy. Their magic wasn't good enough to kill Ryan, so when the second wave of those humanoid cats approached and joined the battle, they decided to start a massive melee. By surrounding him from all sides, Ryan wouldn't be able to use Evading Shot the way he wanted, so that was more or less the perfect countermeasure against a target that liked to move around too much.

However, when the monsters jumped to attack him, they were welcomed by several spinning spears that reduced their bodies to pieces. Ryan also ran toward the dungeon in the center of the area while firing with his Magic Bows, and no monster managed to survive in front of him for more than a few moments.

Wherever Ryan went, dozens of monsters and a rain of blood followed him, but despite that, he didn't stop. Even when the blood covering his body made Ryan look even more savage and vicious than the monsters he was fighting, he kept moving forward. At least until he finally arrived at the dungeon and found an army of bosses waiting for him.

“This will be a little trickier...” Ryan said and then sighed. “Or not.”

Ryan pointed his right hand toward the dungeon, and then several Lunar Arrows fell from the sky like shooting stars. The first bosses got caught off-guard and died instantly, but others managed to block the projectiles at the cost of their claw-like weapons. While pouring mana potions over his body, Ryan kept firing at them. Until the very last died.

Congratulations! The class: Artemis’ Disciple has reached level 14.

Your dexterity and stamina have been increased by twelve points. Your health, mana, speed, and control have been increased by six points.

“To think that you also would have the power of the elder gods...” Ryan heard Isis’s voice once again. “A small fraction, but you still can use it to slay my troops nonetheless.”

Ryan couldn’t say anything to refute that. If anything, it only confirmed his suspicion that the name of that class wasn’t just a coincidence. Still, such thoughts disappeared from Ryan’s mind when he heard Isis’ following words.

“... All right,” Isis said. “I accept your terms.”

“What terms?” Ryan frowned. “Don’t you think that you are going to fool me after I have come this far?”

“You have to clear the dungeon, so I will let you do that without any interference. That way, you won’t feel threatened by my forces all that much, am I right?” Isis asked. “Just give me your word that you will help me until I decimate Set’s forces. No matter what happens, I can’t let him have more strength than me.”

“... Why the sudden change of mind?” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows.



“As I said, you have and can wield the power of the elder gods,” Isis said. “You are not all talk, it seems. I won’t attack anything or anyone in this territory of yours. As long as I return faster than Set, I will be your ally.”

That seemed too good to be true, but in the end, Ryan just had kept his guard up. Whether Isis is trying to fool him or not, he knew some ways to keep her under vigilance, and since she agreed to his terms, Ryan could push a little bit more.

Just as Isis said, Ryan wasn’t attacked anymore, and, in the end, he reached the last part of the dungeon and saw the boss just waiting to be slain by him. At that point in time, Ryan couldn’t help but worry... things were going weirdly well. Still, suppose Isis was going as far as letting him defeat the dungeon boss without showing any resistance. In that case, he couldn’t imagine what the hell she was planning. In the end, Ryan decided to play his card that he had stored to enrage Isis. If she does something, Ryan would confirm if she was lying or not.

“Before this, I need to tell you something,” Ryan said. “I found Osiris and defeated him, or at least a weakened form that he had assumed here on Earth.”

Silence took over the entire dungeon... it looked like Ryan should have chosen his words more carefully.

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“... Is that so,” Isis said. “So, he is trying to return as well.”

Isis’s words kind of surprised Ryan. She didn’t seem as mad as he had imagined considering that she hated Seth for what he had done to her husband. Maybe that was an act to make Ryan drop his guard, but she would need to do more for that to happen.

“So, when are you going to attack me?” Ryan asked.

“Apparently you misunderstand something about this situation,” Isis said. “Osiris forgot about his past life whenever he dies and revives. So, he forgot about me and our son. He needs to achieve the same thing as the other dungeon masters to be able to revive on Earth again, but that doesn’t mean anything.

We cannot have our old life, so as long as you face him like a true warrior, I don't see why I should hate you."

That was really weird and complicated. Then again, it would be even weirder if the life of those elder gods were something simple. Maybe Ryan's persecutions instincts were too strong, but he couldn't believe blindly on what Isis said. Regardless, he defeated the dungeon boss without issues, so now he was forced to help her.

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: Iron Fist, Sentinel, and Conjurer.

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.

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Iron Fist!

You obtained the following skills: Ghost Punch, Heroic Martial Arts, and Chakra.

Your strength and health will increase by six points, your stamina, mana, mentality, and willpower will increase by three points whenever you level up your class.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Ghost Punch.

Effect: It grants you the power to punch your enemies even when they aren't close to you by causing a shockwave filled with mana.

Cost: 50 mana

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Heroic Martial Arts.

Effect: It increases the power of your attacks when attacking by using fists and kicks by three percent per level.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Chakra.

Effect: It grants you the chance to restore some of your health and stamina at the cost of some of your mana. It also decreases the effects of negative status by a percentage that will be equal to the level of the skill.

Cost: 50 mana

You obtained 01 status point.

Much to Ryan's surprise, Isis's dungeon was a tier three, but now that he thought about it, it made sense since her minions could face several species of wolves at the same time.

"Are you going to keep your word?" Isis asked.

"Sure, but if you don't mind, I will keep some golems here," Ryan said. "You need to understand why I am cautious."

"As long as I have an edge over Seth, I don't care about anything else," Isis said.

When Ryan left the dungeon, he saw an army of werewolves, Dire Wolves, and Desert Wolves attacking the camp. As expected, given how much manpower he lost thanks to Ryan in the previous night, he would try to do the same when Ryan caused a ruckus on the enemy's camp as well.

However, Seth never imagined that Ryan would clear the dungeon so fast and even help the Demi-Felines hunt his troops. While Isis's army was holding them back, Ryan wiped out Seth's minions from a

distance pretty easily. Once again, Ryan was reminded how good it was to have an army of really sapient beings on his side.

Seth's minions tried to run away, but Ryan destroyed the army that has left their camp before they could escape with his Magic Bows. In the end, Ryan kept attacking Seth's camp since Isis's minions were too bloodthirsty.

"Now I feel like I am on the bullies' side," Ryan thought and furrowed his eyebrows.

In the end, the fight didn't last even for an entire night. It was only natural since Ryan managed to infiltrate Seth's camp and defeat a lot of monsters previously. Besides, Isis's army could attack the same camp every night despite having fewer troops.

When the fight was over, Ryan made sure to put three Golems inside Isis dungeon to guard the last part and the entrance. He also put the other three at the entrance of Seth's dungeon. It was annoying but defeating him now was too risky, and since Ryan wouldn't obtain a new class, the risks weren't that necessary.

"You have kept your word and helped me much faster than I predicted," Isis suddenly said. "I also give you my word that I won't do anything that will damage your people or your lands. It is not like I was interested in this place anyway."

Ryan frowned when he heard. As expected, beings like Seth and Isis were probably trying to return by using dungeons in their homeland. While that also means that Isis could be up to no good somewhere else, Ryan didn't have the leisure to care about places so far beyond his reach.

"Here is an extra and a sign to prove that I am serious," Isis said and then made a dark crossbow appear before Ryan.

Revenge Crossbow (+25)

Effect: at the cost of one hundred points of mana, it grants the user the power to fire bolts that cause extra damage based on your lost life. The extra damage caused will be equal to the percentage of your lost health and can reach a max of twenty-five percent.

Dexterity + 350, Intelligence + 175.

Durability: 250/250

“If you agree to help me in the future, I will make sure to reward with more weapons like this,” Isis said. “Naturally, I won’t force you to do anything that will cause harm to your people.”

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In the end, Ryan returned to his domain while feeling a bit conflicted about the whole situation he just witnessed. Not only did he see a dungeon master creating an alliance with others, but Ryan also defeated one of them, but also joined forces with another and then received an incredibly powerful weapon.

Ryan had no intention of lowering his guard yet, but maybe he should change his perspective for some things. Apparently, not all dungeon masters were evil or wanted to dominate Earth. Some of them just had other goals that weren’t even close to world domination.

While Ryan was thinking about that, he saw a weird creature in the middle of his domain. Since the creature had a body that was white and blue and also had a familiar presence, Ryan didn’t have to think too much about it before he could see who that was. It was Femradiel in her new body, but much to Ryan’s disappointment, that body was more like a bird than the body of a dragon. It was like Ice Eagle, but the new body had a tail-like thing that had several branches. It certainly wasn’t the body of an Eagle.

“Ah, you came much sooner than I expected and ruined the surprise,” Femradiel said.

“So, this is the new form that Alissa inspired you to create? I should have known that she would cause problems in some sort of way with her visit,” Ryan said and then sighed.

“You sure like to complain,” Femradiel said. “I will have you know that this body has much more potential than the others.”

“Why a bird?” Ryan asked. “I am surprised that you would create a body that isn’t that close to the body of dragons.”

Radiel (Ice Phoenix) “ Lv 30

Health: 30.000

Mana: 55.000

Stamina: 25.000

Strength: 3000 (+ 500)

Dexterity: 2500 (+ 200)

Speed: 2500 (+ 500)

Intelligence: 4500 (+ 900)

Endurance: 2000 (+ 300)

Control: 1500 (+ 200)

Mentality: 3000 (+ 300)

Luck: 400

Recovery: 15.000 (+ 3000)

Willpower: 3000 (+ 300)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

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

Passive Physical Skills: Augmented Intelligence Lv 40, Augmented Recovery Lv 40, Frozen Petals Lv 30

Spells: Ice Spear Lv 60, Snow Storm Lv 50, Ice Meteor Lv 30

Support Skills: Cold Resistance Lv 200, Cold Immunity Lv 100, Icebound Lv 100

Ryan was surprised by the skills and status of his new familiar. No wonder Femradiel said that the new body had a lot more potential than the others. That was the absolute truth.

“This is not a bird, this is the body of Ice Phoenix,” Femradiel said. “Your sense of aesthetics is so weird’ | only big and scary things like Tyrant dragons are interesting to you?”

“Yes,” Ryan replied.

In the end, Femradiel could only sigh at Ryan’s sincerity. His sense of aesthetics was really distorted, but only because he became a combat machine in the last seven months. Regardless, Ryan at least was expecting a lot from Femradiel’s new body, even though the Ice Phoenix was smaller than a human.

“Anyway, your naming sense sucks as usual,” Ryan said. “Also, how do you plan to cast an Ice Meteor inside dungeons? What does this Frozen Petal skill do?”

“I don’t want to hear that from you who named a Warg as Furball,” Femradiel said. “I can decide at will where the Ice Meteor will be created, so it isn’t a problem. As for the last thing you asked. You at least know what a phoenix can do, right? You see these tails? They represent how many times this body can be revived every day. For each ten levels of the skill, I can revive one more time every day. The only downside is that I have to charge the skill with mana, one million points of mana are needed for that.”

Despite the absurd cost, the skill still was very useful. No wonder Femradiel had been busy in the last few days and didn’t even notice the things Ryan experienced with Seth and Isis.

“You look slightly troubled; did I miss something while I was busy?” Femradiel asked.

In the end, Ryan decided to tell Femradiel what happened since he didn’t have anything better to do and because he needed someone else’s perspective in the matter. Maybe he was missing something’ ;

“Well, I think you graduated from your normal status this time,” Femradiel said.

“What do you mean?” Ryan asked.

“This time you ended a situation by making an enemy and a possible ally,” Femradiel replied. “Knowing your record, that is a pretty big accomplishment.”

“ ‘ ; Do you think I missed something?” Ryan asked.

“Don’t know, I wasn’t there to see things in detail,” Femradiel replied. “But based on the things you told me, I guess you did the right thing. If this Isis went as far as to let you kill her minions only to obtain an ally in a fight against the other dungeon master, either she is crazy or she really was telling the truth. Maybe both. Well, knowing you even if she is planning to backstab you later, she probably won’t find a good opportunity.”

“I don’t think she will,” Ryan said. “Considering that she didn’t try to ally herself with other dungeon masters here, her goal truly is to keep Seth on check and build her strength to defeat him once and for all’ ; if that is actually possible.”



Even while using a minion, Seth was a master of illusions. Certainly, defeat a foe like that won't be easy. That was one of the reasons Ryan didn't feel like fighting him again for the time being.

"What is your goal now?" Femradiel asked.

"Make sure to keep you busy," Ryan replied. "I will need you to find any other weird places like the ones Seth and Isis created in this country. I can't let beings like those elder gods creating massive armies to do whatever the hell they want."

"Even my tracking powers have limits," Femradiel said. "You shouldn't put too much trust on them."

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Instead of letting Femradiel train her new body, he decided to take her to check things all over the country. By using Teleport, they managed to check all the states in a single day. While Ryan didn't have many chances to level up some skills or obtain a new class, at least he managed to map the country and find the places where there were massive concentrations of monsters. Fortunately, there were no other dungeon masters like Seth and Isis, so things were relatively safe in his country.

While Ryan was working on that, things were taking another weird turn in the secret base that was being controlled by Mark. Since they didn't have the need to look for new dungeons or new threats, they have been keeping a close eye on Ryan. Despite the darkness of the night, they saw him fighting alongside the Demi-felines against the Werewolves.

"What do you people think of this?" Mark asked after making the few members of his circle of trust watch the footage of the two days Ryan stayed in Utah.

Even though the movie's speed had been increased by eight times, they still had to watch a pretty boring movie that lasted six hours. Despite that, everyone in the room watched everything attentively.

"It looked like Ryan noticed something amiss that we didn't notice," Cole replied. "He took action to eliminate the threat as usual, but then..."

“He joined the side of one of the monsters...” Anna finished Cole’s sentence.

“... It sure looks that way,” Cole said, slightly annoyed.

“What do you think, Carter?” Mark asked. “Can you give us a more cold analysis about this?”

“If I have to guess, based on Ryan’s implementation, he talked with the dungeon master of the second dungeon more than once,” Carter said. “In a certain part of the footage, he prepared to attack, but then suddenly stopped for some reason. I would bet that was the first time the dungeon master contacted him to offer something.”

“They offered him something, but then he refused at first?” Mark frowned. “Why?”

“Ryan is pretty reckless and has plenty of confidence in his skills, the fact that he survived alone until now only shows that,” Carter nodded. “The first offer probably hadn’t been enough for Ryan, but then after he massacred the guards around the dungeon, things changed. The dungeon master probably recognized his skills since the barrier was lifted the very moment Ryan crossed it.”

For a few moments, the whole room stayed silent while the people there absorbed that information. It was hard to believe that an alien sapient creature would recognize the power and even the existence of a human. Few people in the room had the chance to fight highly intelligent monsters, so they had a hard time grasping the true meaning of that.

“I apologize for saying this, but... is this conversation really that important?” Tristan asked.

“... What do you mean by that, Tristan?” Natalia asked while glaring at her little brother.

“What I mean is... Ryan’s domain has several dungeons that only show how much dungeon masters are trying to kill him,” Tristan said. “While I do believe this while the situation is a bit weird, I don’t think we have enough Intel to conclude that Ryan joined the monster’s side.”

“No one said that yet,” Mark said.

“Yeah, but pretty much everyone here is already thinking that,” Tristan said. “We are only trying to find new clues to confirm that. Look, I once respected Ryan, but now I think his actions are unjustified. However, that doesn’t mean I will look for a way to find fault in every single of his actions.”

Once again, the entire room fell silent. Tristan’s words annoyed a few but made the vast majority realize that they indeed were doing that... trying to find more reasons to hate Ryan and treat him as an enemy. That was another downside of the fact that all the inhabitants of the secret base had become more battle-oriented as of late. They were making their choices based on how much power or other benefits they would obtain and not how their actions would improve the lives of others in the future.

“... Let’s proceed to the next subject of this meeting,” Mark said. “Is Daniel’s team working as hard as usual? How is their physical condition on the battlefield?”

“They are trying pretty hard to obtain new classes and level up the ones they already have,” Katelyn replied. “All those who trained to warn them that they should slow down a little bit have been completely ignored by them.”

“When was the last time they returned to the base?” Mark asked.

“Ten days ago,” Katelyn replied.

Many people sighed when they heard that. Staying outside wasn’t only dangerous. It was also very uncomfortable. Despite that, Daniel, Holland, Lilian, Luke, Hugo, and Angela have been doing that pretty much whenever possible. They have been the ones who felt more ashamed and angrier when Ryan caused the dungeon breaks. They couldn’t stop him when he put the lives of their friends on the line, and now, they are dead set in obtaining the power to prevent anything like that from happening again.

When Daniel obtained a domain stone, the first thing he did was use it and then give full rights to control his domain to his father. Thanks to Mark’s help, pretty much everyone in the base donated thousands of coins to increase the size and the other aspects of the domain. Still, despite that, Daniel and the others had their own goals.

In the end, Mark ended the meeting feeling that he had wasted a lot of time. Keeping an eye on what Ryan was doing was necessary, but too hard since he could teleport. Besides, it wasn’t like anything will

change if he or others think that he is up to no good. There was a possibility that someday they would have to fight him. Still, Mark was fully aware that only a few dozen would be able to endure his attacks.

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While Mark and the others were having the meeting, Alissa was playing with Arthur, Mia, and Zoe. However, at some point, she stopped playing since she began to laugh too hard.

“Alissa, you shouldn’t spy on others, even less so when Arthur is watching,” Mia said while she was using Meditation and training the skill Fly that she just obtained. “You are setting a bad example.”

“If you haven’t opened your mouth to say exactly what I was doing, Arthur would never know,” Alissa furrowed her eyebrows. “Anyway, I just can’t help it. The meetings here are always just so funny. Your friends just spent six hours watching one hell of a boring movie in an extremely low resolution. Talk about being bored.”

“Alissa, you shouldn’t spy on others. That is bad,” Arthur said.

“My name is not Alissa. My name is mama,” Alissa said. “Call me mama, and then I will buy you the Fly tome.”

“Mama said that is bad,” Arthur said.

Arthur already was as big as a three years old boy. Despite the fact that he was actually seven months old, he already could think and talk like a normal kid around his age. Until now, no one noticed anything out of place due to his growth speed, but Mia still was attentive to all details.

“Did they talk about big bro?” Zoe asked.

“Naturally, and that was why I was laughing so hard,” Alissa replied. “They were considering the possibility that Ryan joined the monster’s side. He is so stupidly stubborn that in four months, he only used Femradial’s power three times. And your friends think they joined the monster’s side after talking with a dungeon master two times.”

Although the age difference was noticeable, Zoe also grew up at the same speed as Arthur. However, even though she grew taller in those six months, no one could say if she had matured mentally by that same amount. That was difficult since she was young, and the atmosphere inside the base wasn't that comfortable anymore. Besides, only a few people could have contact with Zoe due to her skills and importance to the place.

"Who is big bru?" Arthur asked.

"A guy who is a real pain in the ass," Alissa replied. "Despite that, he is always at the core of some very funny situations."

"He is funny?" Arthur asked. "But why does mama look sad when someone talks about him?"

"Because, like I said, he is a pain in the ass," Alissa said.

"Ass... ass," Arthur repeated and then began to laugh. "That is funny, like big bru."

"Yes, Ryan is an ass," Alissa shrugged. "Anyway, things sure are quiet around here these days. For the better or, the worse, Daniel and his groupies always made this place livelier."

"... Daniel's team is trying hard to become stronger," Mia replied. "Holland and he already surpassed my rank."

"Boys are always so competitive..." Alissa said and then sighed. "Anyway, you truly aren't interested in using your domain stone, am I right? Still, you should fight a little harder to make sure that you won't lose by losing your current position in the rank and thus hand it over forcefully the domain stone to someone else."

"... Yeah," Mia said.

Alissa had control of her feelings; Mia was even more annoying than usual with her lack of energy. In any case, even Alissa was having a hard time lately staying in high spirits with the things that were

happening as of late. First of all, Orgar was sleeping quite a lot, and now Daniel and the others were on a quest to obtain power. If Alissa didn't know any better, it looked like her position in the secret base was losing power and influence over time. While she wasn't that fond of the place, it was where she could find Arthur and Zoe. Besides, that was the home of her followers.

After watching all the work Ryan had to deal with in his domain, Alissa concluded that it was too much of a hassle to keep one. While Alissa still knew that Ryan's approach was kind of messy since he was making enemies left and right, she still didn't feel like having one.

While looking around and trying to find something to do to get rid of the heavy mood in the base. Alissa had an interesting idea. One that would amuse her quite a lot and perhaps make everyone stop wasting time wondering about useless things.

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After Ryan and Femradiel finished the job of checking all states, they found a slimes' dungeon that had never been cleared and, in the end, they killed all the monsters in a couple of minutes when Ryan used Ice Breath and covered in ice several mountains thanks to the amount of mana he recovered.

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: Squire, Thief, and Novice.

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.

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Squire!

You obtained the following skills: Longsword Mastery, Swordsmanship, and Provoke.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Longsword Master.

Effect: It passively increases the power of your attacks when using swords that requires two hands to be used. The extra damage will increase by five points multiplied by the level of the skill.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Swordsmanship.

Since you already have this skill, it will level up five times.

You obtained 01 status point.

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Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Provoke.

Effect: It grants you the chance to provoke a target, increasing their physical attack by decreasing their defense. Each level of the skill decreases the foe's defense by one percent per level.

Cost: 10 stamina.

You obtained 01 status point.

Without wasting any more time, Ryan and Femradiel returned to their domain... only to find some unexpected visitors. This time, even Ryan couldn't help but open his eyes widely in surprise. Alissa brought with her, Mia, Zoe, and Arthur.

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"What is the meaning of this, Alissa?" Ryan asked while glaring at Alissa.

"Wow, what a piercing glare," Alissa said, and despite her words, she was smiling. "I just bring some friends to play in your backyard. That is no big deal, right?"

"Do you have any idea how dangerous and imprudent your actions are?" Ryan asked.

"Don't start a lecture now, Ryan," Alissa said. "Besides, they wanted to see you. You can't complain since by solving a problem, you caused another. The atmosphere in the base isn't suited for women and children."

"Even though you are a woman and also a child, I don't think you are suited to decide that," Ryan said.

"I am twenty!" Alissa protested.

"I think your mental age is even lower than Zoe's," Ryan said.

In the end, Ryan sighed and just accepted what had happened. His glare and harsh words were scaring the visitors, so he took a deep breath to calm down his nerves. Even Zoe who more or less knew Ryan's usual behavior felt like she had done something bad by accepting Alissa's idea.

"I would say for you guys to enter and sit down, but there is no place to enter or sit down here," Ryan massaged his eyebrows.

"That is not a problem. I carry with me many things," Alissa said and then took out a lot of chairs and a table from her storage dimension. "Unlike Ryan, I don't only store weapons in my vault."



“Are you angry, big bro?” Zoe asked.

“Not because of you,” Ryan replied. “You can relax since your nervousness is also making Arthur quite wary of me.”

Mia and Zoe were holding Arthur’s hands. The last time Ryan saw him, he barely could stand alone, but now he was big enough even to run while tripping only a few times. Ryan thought Arthur would grow up to be a cheeky child, but much to his surprise, he looked pretty wary and perhaps scared of Ryan. He was looking at him as if Ryan was the strangest and most suspicious-looking person he had ever seen. Arthur’s instincts were probably right.

“... It has been a while, Ryan,” Mia finally said.

“I don’t think so,” Ryan said. “We met when I caused the dungeon breaks near the base. Anyway, there is nothing to see here, so I have no idea why you guys came. Do you want to clear the dungeons?”

“You are so bad at receiving others,” Alissa said. “When are you going to build some buildings here? What do you do when it rains? Anyway, we have to laugh a little. I am going to share with you some funny things I heard lately.”

Alissa is becoming even more unnerving by the day. That was weird since she was supposed to be fusing with Orgar’s spirits, and he certainly wasn’t that annoying, much less a joker. Regardless, Alissa’s attitude to always do things at her own pace lightened the mood.

In the end, Alissa just told Ryan what she had told Mia and the others regarding the meeting that Mark and the others had. Just like Mia, Ryan told Alissa to fix that bad habit of hers, but it didn’t look like she had any intention of doing that.

“It looks like some idiots think I am stupid enough to join forces with other dungeon masters,” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. “I don’t want to force others to think that I am smart, but it is annoying that they think I am that stupid.”

“So, what happened when you attacked those places?” Alissa asked.

Ryan doesn't owe anyone any explanation, but in the end, he decided to talk about what happened since Zoe looked interested. Arthur's opinion of him was already pretty low. Ryan could tell since the kid was pretty quiet, and at that age, most kids weren't that quiet.

"Elder gods... from Egypt," Alissa said those words while showing a rare serious expression. "Well, this situation doesn't surprise me all that much. Dragons also have their set of values and goals, so it is only natural that such beings would be the same."

After that, things stayed quiet for a while. Ryan was used to that, but his visitors looked pretty uncomfortable with the silence. In the end, they only tried to find something interesting to see in the distance, but they only saw a place that had been devastated by a nuke. There was nothing to see there... aside from his summoned monsters and the Hydra that Ryan killed.

"So, this is one of the Hydras Gustavo and your noisy friends mentioned," Alissa and then approached the body that had been mostly eaten by Furball. "I can see that you had a hard time fighting this."

"How so?" Ryan asked.

"You only brought a single body, after all," Alissa said. "Anyway, you are awfully quiet today, Femradial."

"This mood is too heavy, even for dragons," Femradial said. "I want to resume my training, but I guess that would be too rude to you."

"It looks like someone else also had become a battle-freak," Alissa said. "Anyway, I am bored since Ryan is a terrible host, so I bet I can help you with this training of yours."

"I am grateful for your assistance," Femradial said.

Ryan was one hundred percent sure that Alissa left to make things as awkward as possible for him, but in the end, he only felt thankful for that. The noisy person finally left, and Ryan finally had some peace of mind. That being said, after a couple of minutes, Ryan began to feel that he was wasting time... he

should be hunting monsters, not watching his acquaintances spar. Upon noticing that Mia and Zoe were fidgeting since they didn't have anything better to do, Ryan told them to clear some dungeons. Even if they were only two, they certainly were strong enough to easily clear the tier two dungeons.

“At least they know that they can't waste this good opportunity,” Ryan muttered. At the same time, he watched those three heading toward the dungeons.

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Although Ryan knew that Mia and Zoe could protect themselves in tier two dungeons, he decided to stay behind in order to make sure that things wouldn't get out of hand. Trusting Alissa too much wasn't a good idea since she was too wild, so Ryan spent his days creating potions and increasing the types of potions he could make.

Based on Ryan's estimations, when the Alchemy skill reaches level one hundred, Ryan will be able to make potions that boost all status. Knowing that Ryan couldn't help but wonder: what will happen if he continues to level up the skill while using Draconic Transformation?

“That is certainly something I look forward to,” Ryan muttered to himself. “I only need to do something about my pride.”

While Ryan was thinking about that, he saw Mia, Zoe, and Arthur leaving the dungeon. Ryan decided to use Appraisal on the kid, only to see that Arthur had already more than three classes. As if that wasn't enough, all of his statuses were pretty high for a kid of his age. To the point where he could cause a lot of destruction if he were to try some mischief. Despite that, it didn't look like Mia and Alissa had problems with that.

“I suppose they concluded it would be good for him to have some classes, at least from the dungeons that can be easily cleared,” Ryan nodded to himself. “While they probably won't let Arthur join the fights anytime soon, it will only become harder to obtain more classes and skills in the future.”

Ryan considered the possibility of using the Teacher class and teaching Arthur some skills, but others probably did that. Besides, Ryan didn't want to grow overly attached to the kid. Most of his thoughts considered his and Zoe's safety, after all, and Ryan certainly didn't want to think more about them.

"I forgot to mention it, Ryan," Alissa said in her draconic form while she was blocking Femradiel's Ice Spears in her Ice Phoenix form. "I obtained two of those special classes. They were pretty awesome."

"Is that so..." Ryan said. "As you already know, I don't accept thanks, only coins."

"Actually, I wanted to exchange information with you about those classes," Alissa said. "That way, we will learn the right classes to sacrifice, and then obtain the classes and skills we want."

That was interesting and a pretty good idea. So, Ryan couldn't help but think why he didn't consider that before... probably because few people could reach at that level of progress in a few months. Besides, even fewer people would feel compelled to exchange such valuable pieces of information.

Without making much of a fuss, Ryan told Alissa the classes he sacrificed to obtain Artemis' Disciple class. Although he didn't think it would be much useful to her, he also told her about the ones he used to obtain Frozen Spellcaster.

"Somehow, I don't feel like learning Lunar Arrow. That skill kinds of traumatized me," Alissa said. "Anyway, by sacrificing the classes Knight, Sorcerer, and Priest, I obtained the Valkyrie class. Also, by sacrificing Combat Ranger, Thief, and Demon Hunter, I obtained the Demonic Trapsmith class. My two classes are cooler, so I win."

Ryan had no idea what Alissa was trying to win, but he couldn't say that she was wrong. After she explained the skills she got, Ryan truly believed that she had won in all sense. With Valkyrie class, she could buff a large-sized army and even prevent deaths while leading the attacks. The Demonic Trapsmith class could do exactly that, trap demons. However, the skills only worked in demons much weaker than Alissa. She thinks that she will be able to seal a high-leveled demon in a trap in the future. Still, Ryan wasn't so sure about that.

"I am pretty sure only women can become Valkyries, so I don't think this piece of information will be that useful," Ryan said.

In the end, Alissa kicked Femradiel's ass for a while, but then she decided to stop since it was getting late, and she was smart enough to understand that things might become problematic if she doesn't return Mia, Zoe, and Arthur to the dungeon as soon as possible.

"I guess it is time to go," Alissa said. "Next time, I will bring my guys to clear the new dungeons, and then we will train again. Look forward to having your ass kicked nicely."

"Bye, big bro," Zoe said.

Ryan hesitated in saying anything, but at least he managed to wave his right hand. Mia also hesitated in saying anything, but since Ryan didn't have been that difficult, she mustered her courage.

"Until next time, Ryan," Mia said.

"Yeah," Ryan nodded.

Alissa and the others soon disappeared in the distance since she had put some type of high movement speed spell somewhere around. Things finally got quiet again, and Ryan sighed in relief. Despite that, he felt slightly troubled due to a weird feeling inside him. It was annoying to admit, but Ryan felt refreshed since he truly managed to forget about fighting for an entire day.

"I can't relax even for a second, huh," Ryan said and then sighed. "Hey, Femradiel. What are you going to do now? Keep another dungeon in check?"

"That was the idea. The Banshee's dungeon already is causing a lot of problems," Femradiel said. "That being said, my Wyrms and Drake form already are powerful enough to be of some assistance to you, so we can leave those two dungeons in the hands of your golems if the necessity arises."

"Ryan," Gustavo said via telepathy. "We are planning to attack the Hydra's dungeon. Are you going to help us?"

It looked like Ryan was going to face some action again, but in the ocean, Femradiel wouldn't be of any help.

Class: Artemis' Disciple Lv 15 (+ 03 UP) / Frozen Spellcaster Lv 13 (+ 03 UP) / Monk Lv 16 (-)

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

Rank: 48th

Health: 5615/5615 (12,62/s)

Mana: 7405/7405 (12,62/s)

Stamina: 7725/7725 (12,62/s)

Strength: 831 (+588) (+130)

Dexterity: 5600 (+4555) (+350)

Speed: 1120 (+2250) (+48)

Intelligence: 1181 (+1854) (+33)

Endurance: 1158 (+449) (+160)

Control: 1326 (+2220) (+10)

Mentality: 1208 (+583) (+70)

Luck: 1030 (+75)

Recovery: 3800 (+3000) (+845)

Willpower: 1230 (+589) (+40)

Coins: 12.252.333

Status: 150

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Arrow Shower Lv 54 (+ 10 UP), Provoke Lv 01

Passive Physical Skills: Magnet Lv Max (+ 05 UP), True Sniping Lv 13 (+ 04) Cold Blood Lv 09 (+ 03 UP), Killing Spree Lv 11 (+ 03 UP), Longsword Mastery Lv 01

Spells: Search Lv 25 (+ 09 UP), Radar Lv 49 (+ 09 UP), Teleport Lv 49 (+ 10 UP), Lunar Arrow Lv 14 (+ 03 UP),

Support Skills: Nocturnal Eyes Lv 57 (+ 04 UP), Fast Conjunction Lv 19 (+ 10 UP),

Classes:

Combat: Beastmaster Lv 79 (+ 06 UP), Sorcerer Lv 56 (+ 06 UP), Sniper Lv 93 (+ 08 UP), Weapons Master Lv 81 (+ 06 UP), Sentinel Lv 84 (+ 08 UP), Ranger Lv 69 (+ 08 UP), Dark Slayer Lv 14 (+ 05 UP), Silent Killer Lv 19 (+ 03 UP), Hexblade Lv 42 (+ 06 UP), Brawler Lv 01, Iron Fist Lv 01, Squire Lv 01

Non-Combatant: Blacksmith Lv 54 (+ 04 UP), Alchemist Lv 64 (+ 06 UP),

Race: Centaur, Lesser Dragon, Kobold,

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“Did something happen?” Ryan asked. “I find it hard to believe that you guys came up with a plan so quickly.”

“Yeah, about that... we are losing too much mana and coins thanks to the continuous attacks of the Hydras,” Gustavo replied. “At any moment, we might end up losing our final line of defense. Everything is ready for evacuation if that is to happen, but we can’t let things reached that point.”

“You didn’t tell me what your plan is yet,” Ryan said.

“There is no plan involved. We will fight the Hydras in their terrain,” Gustavo said. “Winning this fight is probably impossible since they had the chance to level up and grow in numbers for seven months, but we need to at least decrease their strength before the next dungeon break. The plan is simple, we will fight underwater in our draconic forms together.”

“You weren’t joking when you said there is no plan involved...” Ryan frowned. “Are you guys seriously that desperate?”

“Yeah, like I said, we even prepared a total evacuation, but then Alissa mentioned that you can use Teleport, so I decided to take this chance and at least try something,” Gustavo replied.

Ryan sighed. Alissa and her big mouth... while he couldn’t see much sense in hiding that skill from people like Gustavo, Ryan still wanted to keep certain skills as hidden as possible from monsters and dungeon masters. Draconic Transformation was at the top of that list, but if Ryan uses that to fight the Hydras, then his plan will fall apart.

Despite the seriousness of the situation, Ryan wasn’t that interested in participating in that mission. A trump card like Draconic Transformation wasn’t something that comes around that often. Then again, what would be the use of a trump card if he never uses it? As Gustavo said, winning that fight before the next dungeon break is probably impossible, but delaying Poseidon’s plans was absolutely necessary.

“I suppose it can’t be helped. Count me in,” Ryan said.



“Great, having you around will definitely decrease our chances of failure,” Gustavo said. “Our objective is to let you focus on using Teleport if things get dicey and save our asses, but you can attack as you see fit.”

“What about Lucas and Alissa?” Ryan asked.

“Lucas is too busy with the arrival of some new dungeons in his country,” Gustavo said. “As for Alissa, we understand that she is the strongest of us, and she isn’t the type who holds back, but we decided to let her out of this in order to keep her true power hidden. We have six days before the next dungeon break, so when are you planning to come?”

“I will probably arrive before sunrise tomorrow,” Ryan said while he was watching the sunset.

“Great, we will be waiting for you,” Gustavo said.

Ryan sighed when the call ended. Although fighting with the other five that could use Draconic Transformation was better than fighting alone, he still felt like sighing.

“It looks like I will have to stay on guard duty,” Femradiel said.

“Yeah... your three forms aren’t suited for underwater combat,” Ryan nodded. “If only you had created a Tyrant body instead of an Ice Phoenix...”

“It wouldn’t change anything. Such a body would probably sink and would be too slow for close-ranged combat,” Femradiel said. “Well, despite that, someone will have to keep an eye on things while you are away.”

Ryan nodded. That was unavoidable. He couldn’t leave his domain defenseless while he will stay several days away. Even if he rushes, Ryan couldn’t just go back and from Brazil in just a couple of minutes, and that was enough time for any dungeon master to cause beyond repair damage.

“Look on the bright side, while using Draconic Transformation, you will have the chance to level your classes faster,” Femradiel said. “With some luck, you might obtain two or perhaps even more special classes.”

Femradiel wasn't that optimistic, so Ryan couldn't help but frown. Regardless, before departing, Ryan bought several potions and then began to summon thousands of golems that Femradiel will use in case something happens. Guarding ten dungeons wasn't something easy, after all.

In the end, Ryan even let some of his potions that could temporarily boost the status and gave them to Femradiel to use in case of emergency. Despite everything, she was a prideful dragon, so there was a chance that she wouldn't use it. Still, she would do everything necessary not to let Ryan down, so she would be forced to use it if she doesn't have any other choice.

“I don't think anything troublesome will happen while I am away, not even I can be that unlucky, but you should contact me if anything out of the ordinary happens,” Ryan said.

“Why are you so sure about that?” Femradiel asked.

“Because the dungeon break is happening, and all dungeon masters probably are saving some coins to have enough in case they succeed,” Ryan replied. “Anyway, I am going. Don't do anything I wouldn't do.”

To make sure no one would follow him by using Clairvoyance or anything else, Ryan waited until the sky got clouded at midnight. After using Teleport, he reappeared dozens of kilometers above ground level and kept using Teleport at that altitude. Even dungeon masters probably will have a hard time feeling his presence there.

For the first time in a good while, Ryan felt nervous before a hunt. The enemies this time were several levels beyond anything else he had faced thus far. Despite that, Ryan was quite excited. To the point where he was questioning his sanity since the chances of him dying were pretty high.

“Although this feeling is quite worrisome, everything will be fine as long as I don't get carried away,” Ryan muttered to himself. “Just to make sure, I also need to capture some of the Hydras and make some equipment that might be used in our draconic forms. It will be a pain to make them, but it will be useful during the mission.”

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Just as expected, Ryan arrived one hour before sunrise in Rio de Janeiro. Fortunately, he still remembered where he could find the building which Gustavo and his friends used during their meetings.

Much to his surprise, despite the time, things were already pretty intense in the area. While only Ryan and Gustavo's group would actively participate in the battle, others would have to guard the dungeons nearby and prepare for a fight in case the attack group suddenly retreats.

Fortunately, when Ryan suddenly arrived, Carlos was nearby to notice him. The middle-aged man who was losing the fight against baldness quickly welcomed Ryan and guided him toward where the others were.

"I am grateful for your assistance and for coming to help us at such short notice," Carlos said.

"No problem," Ryan said. "It is not like I am not going to gain anything in exchange for this work."

"So, you are really looking forward to some rewards," Bianca said.

Unfortunately, Ryan and Carlos had arrived at their destination pretty soon, and Bianca heard that. She was a difficult person, and she was as annoying as Anna. That was probably why Ryan never wondered too much as to why he never liked her.

"Thanks for coming, Ryan," Gustavo said. "Our supplies will be distributed soon. You can rest while you wait for it. Aside from that, everything else is pretty much ready."

"Is that so?" Ryan asked. "Anyway, are we just going to move in a straight line toward the dungeon, or will we defeat the Hydras close to the coast and then proceed slowly as we kill them?"

"We never tried to face them underwater, so we thought taking things slowly to gain experience and see how battles underwater can proceed, but since you have experience fighting them, we will hear it."

"I don't have much experience fighting them, and I never fought them in Draconic form, so I can't say anything useful," Ryan said. "I fought the Hydra like this, and the beast pretty much kicked my ass even after I filled its mouth with spears and exploded it with a Fire Golem. What I can say for certain is that they won't let any of us go if we damage them to a certain extent. Those creatures are extremely prideful and won't let their prey go away. They will wait in the shadows until we make a mistake."

"I see... it seems taking them down as fast as possible seems the most efficient way to deal with them," Gustavo said.

"If that is the case, we should attack smaller groups and immobilize them while some of us will focus on causing damage," Paulo said. "Those who have powerful magic that can paralyze or even slow down some foes should focus on immobilizing the Hydras."

"I guess that should work, but only Fernanda and Ryan can use that type of magic," Gustavo said. "Besides, to make sure that the ambushes will always surprise the monsters, Ryan should focus solely on teleporting us before the start of the fights."

That seemed logical, but it looked like Ryan won't have much time to create items or even enchant them with Seal. Hydras had a pretty long tracking range, so before and after the battle, Ryan would have to focus on teleporting everyone around to decrease the chances of things going South. At least at the beginning of the fights while everyone obtains some battle experience.

"Most elemental attacks won't work underwater, so you guys have other means to attack from a distance and cause some real damage?" Ryan asked.

"We forged some special spears that we will use alongside with Throw since we don't have other long-range weapons that will fit our hands in the Draconic form," Gustavo replied. "Still, before properly using them, we should see if the first strategy is useful. Fernanda will be Teleported behind a Hydra, and then we will attack with punches and kicks."

Seeing dragons punching and kicking probably will be something funny to see. Still, Ryan would be lying if he says that he doesn't want to see a dragon fighting up close without relying on mana.

In any case, when the potions arrived and they were divided among those six, Ryan noticed that he was the only one who could use long-ranged attacks without elemental spells. Ryan literally took all the DEX potions for himself since he was the only archer of the group. Things will be complicated if their spears break since only Fernanda could use an element underwater that wouldn't lose any power. Carlos was a specialist in Earth magic due to his dragons. Gustavo was in a similar situation, but he was good at fire magic. As for Bianca and Paulo, they actually had dragons that were good at poison magic.

“Shall we get going then?” Gustavo asked. “We need to see how things will proceed as soon as possible and then make the necessary adaptations.”

Ryan and the others nodded. After jumping several meters skyward, they turned into their draconic forms. Even Ryan couldn't but frown since he readily transformed... that was weird. He thought that at the last moment, he would hesitate a little more. Regardless, it was quite a sight to see six dragons together. So, the people near the coasts couldn't help but gasp in shock and admiration.

Since he never saw their draconic forms before, Ryan finally had the chance to confirm something: his transformation was indeed an ominous one. While Gustavo and the others didn't have a body that has scales of a single color, their body was pretty uniform, and the main color still was predominant. Unlike Ryan's body, which was full of sharp-looking dark-blue scales.

“All right, let's try to erase our presence as much as possible,” Gustavo said. “Ryan, if you find a lone target, you can teleport Fernanda to behind them. If you find more than one, I will trust your judgment as to how to proceed.”

Ryan wanted to say that his role was being more important than he had imagined, but he didn't complain and just began to work in the end.

## Chapter 554

It didn't take long for Ryan to find the first Hydra. As he already knew, those creatures were pretty vicious. While the monsters watched them from the ocean, Ryan approached Fernanda and then tried to touch her shoulder, but she slightly flinched. Even in her draconic form, she was shy of strangers, that kind of hurt Ryan a little.

“Sorry...” Fernanda forced a smile.

In the end, Ryan decided to ignore her to prevent any more waste of time. When he touched her shoulder, he immediately teleported to behind the Hydra, and she grabbed the creature with her arms and legs. It was kind of weird to see a dragon doing that. Still, it had been highly effective when Fernanda covered her whole body in electricity and began to shock the Hydra. Some damage was being caused, but not nearly enough to kill the monster in less than a single minute.

Ryan approached Gustavo and Carlos, who were the strongest physically, and then teleported both to in front of the paralyzed Hydra. Without a hint of hesitation, they began to kick and punch the monster, and even though they were dozens of meters underwater, their movements caused massive splashes on the surface of the ocean. While Fernanda's electricity damaged them a little, it wasn't nearly enough to slow them down. She was so good at her magic that she could focus her spell on the neck of the Hydra.

Despite the fact that the Hydra couldn't resist, Gustavo and Carlos had to attack for fifteen seconds before they managed to surpass the monster's scales and then kill the beast. Even though their Draconic Transformations had leveled up much more than Ryan's, the Hydras were that much of a difficult foe.

Before any more blood could be spilled and warn the other monsters, Ryan teleported those three and the body back to the beach. Ryan didn't use as much mana as he thought he would, but as expected, just doing a support job was boring and not very rewarding.

The survivors on the beach opened their mouths in admiration when they finally saw a Hydra up close. Not only were they almost as big as a dragon, but they also looked equally fearsome. Ryan felt something similar when he used Appraisal on the creature and saw that the monsters had gained thirty levels in the last few days.

"That took longer than expected," Gustavo said.

"You guys can create magic weapons, right?" Ryan asked. "You should make some of the people on the beach work to dismantle the Hydra's body. I bet using their bodies as materials to forge new weapons will save us some time."

"I will do that," Gustavo said. "Anyway, did you guys notice anything strange? It is hard to focus on our surroundings while fighting that intensely."

“You took too long, and a lot of blood was spilled,” Paulo said. “That way, sooner than we want it, dozens of Hydras will come to attack us.”

“We have to prevent that, naturally,” Bianca said.

“I guess it is time to test the power of our weapons, then,” Gustavo said. “We will cause more damage and faster with them.”

“Let’s try that, but let me offer a slight change in your plans,” Ryan said.

They frowned when they heard that. It was just too soon to make any changes. As usual, Bianca seemed highly displeased by that, but Ryan told them his idea anyway. The plan was simple, Ryan would work as bait to speed up things. Instead of teleporting Gustavo and his friends to the ocean, he would teleport the Hydras to the air where they couldn’t move all that well. In such a position, they would become a punching bag for Gustavo and his friends. Even better, they would be able to use their magic with no restraints. However, they decided to take things slowly since they didn’t want to alert all the Hydras in the area.

Just as proposed, Ryan stayed underwater while everyone else was waiting for several hundred meters above sea level. Unlike the first time, Ryan didn’t feel slow or heavier. If anything, he felt much more powerful than before. That feeling really was worrisome... but in the end, Ryan focused his senses when he felt the approach of a Hydra.

“Things are proceeding quite fast... probably because those creatures took over the entire Brazilian coast for themselves,” Ryan thought.

Unlike last time, Ryan saw the monster’s approach, and he was fast enough to react to it. When the beast tried to bite him, Ryan used both arms to stop the beast. As expected, he wasn’t strong enough to completely stop the Hydra, but he was strong enough to prevent the monster’s mouth from closing. Ryan smirked and then teleported himself and the beast to the place where Gustavo and his friends were ready to attack.

Once Ryan and the Hydra began to fall, he let the monster’s mouth go, but not before trying something... a single punch. In the end, Ryan didn’t cause much damage, but he gained a lot from it.

Congratulations! Your class: monk has reached level 26.

Your health and strength have increased by eighteen points. Your stamina, mana, speed, and endurance have increased by nine points.

Nine levels up in class thanks to a single point... no wonder Ryan was grinning while Gustavo and his friends were preparing to impale the monster with their massive spears. Draconic Transformation was indeed useful to level up classes, just as it was to face powerful monsters.

Regardless, as expected, when Gustavo and his friends skewered the Hydra with their spears at the same time, the monster only lasted for a few seconds. It would be weird if they couldn't do at least that much together when using Draconic Transformation.

"This was surprisingly easy," Gustavo said, visibly perplexed. "Maybe clearing the Hydra's dungeon in five days isn't that impossible."

"It looks like someone is getting carried away..." Ryan said.

In the end, Gustavo could only laugh since he let that small progress boosted his morale a bit too much, but at least he recognized that fact and recovered his focus.

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Ryan thought that he wouldn't level up his skills a lot since he was only doing some support work. Still, much to his surprise, Draconic Transformation leveled up three times in a single hour. After wondering why that happened, Ryan considered that it was due to the massive mana he was using to teleport himself and the monsters around.

"While that is good and all, I want to level up my main classes," Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "Still, since we are only facing lone targets so far, maybe I shouldn't hurry."



Or maybe Ryan should hurry since things were proceeding too well, and that could change at any minute. However, since the mission's goal was to decrease Poseidon's army, Ryan decided to stick with the plan.

"I guess we should try to move more around the coast," Gustavo said. "I think we will have better chances of finding other Hydras by doing that. What do you guys think?"

"What if the Hydras attack while we are away?" Bianca asked with her arms crossed.

"That is a problem, isn't it?" Gustavo said and then scratched the back of his head.

"If we capture some Hydras and use their spirits to enchant some Ballista, the people who will stay in the city will have the means to fight back," Ryan said. "Killing them will probably be impossible by using such a weapon alone, but at least it will make the monsters leave to recover their wounds."

Gustavo looked at his friends, and they nodded at him. That seemed like a plausible plan, and since the survivors dismantling the corpses weren't fast enough, that was the only thing they could do. Gustavo and his friends also had plenty of experience crafting weapons, so they quickly created several Ballista. Due to their size, only those who had more than five hundred mana points would be able to use them, but they would need at least projectiles at least that big to pierce the Hydra's skin, so it couldn't be helped.

After forging those weapons and spreading them around the coast of Rio de Janeiro, Ryan returned to his work as a bait. Although it took a while, around noon, the city survivors had some crazy Ballista at their disposal. Even better, those weapons were specialized and good at hunting aquatic monsters.

Heroic Fisherman's Ballista

Effect: At the cost of five hundred points of mana, it grants the user the chance to fire a massive spear that causes thirty percent more damage at enemies in the ocean.

Dexterity + 700

Durability: 500/500

Just like Ryan, Gustavo and his friends could use Magic Upgrade. Still, after testing the weapons a few times, they concluded that was unnecessary for the time being. Besides, they needed a break, so they stopped for lunch since all the tension of the fights wore down their nerves.

“What do you want to eat, Ryan?” Gustavo asked. “I think we should eat whatever we want and as much as we want to celebrate and to recover our energy. I never thought we would be able to kill one hundred of those beasts in a single morning.”

“Whatever is fine, I am not picky with food,” Ryan said while he was trying to relax while floating. “I will accept your recommendation.”

“You don’t seem that excited, Ryan,” Gustavo said while he furrowed his eyebrows. “Did something happen?”

“As far as I know, he is that kind of guy, right?” Bianca asked.

“Since when can you answer for me?” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. “It is nothing. It is just that I don’t feel that excited since we didn’t face a single boss until now.”

While Ryan was only realistic, he ended up darkening the mood on the beach. Everyone knew that bosses were at least five times stronger than any mob. Considering that the Hydras dungeon has been left alone for six months, thousands of those are somewhere in the oceans.

Although Ryan killed the mood, Gustavo and his friends recovered pretty quickly since they were that type of people. In fact, even Ryan couldn’t stay in a bad mood on the beach and under that crazy hot sun. It was almost hellish, but it was refreshing as well.

After lunch and while Gustavo and the others were making the final preparations to return to work. Ryan decided to make a massive spear for himself as well. While he would rather use a bow, storing such a weapon inside his storage dimension was impossible. Besides, Ryan needed to keep his hands free to protect himself and to teleport others. So, a spear added with the power of Telekinesis would do the trick.

“Let’s see... I need new material, one that can last longer and still be relatively light,” Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. “I have plenty of iron ores, so I just need to refine and transform them into something else. The question is: what type of material do I need here?”

To transform dirt in any type of metal, a certain quantity of mana was necessary. If Ryan doesn’t keep his focus, he might end up creating a weapon that will have several types of material, and that was disastrous. Titanium was the material that Ryan had a certain affinity, but just creating a big ass spear made of titanium wouldn’t be efficient.

Ryan didn’t have much free time, so he ended up creating a fifty meters long titanium spear. However, he also made a mental note to research new types of metal in the future. Perhaps Femradiel knows some. Or Isis... though Ryan would hate to owe her any favors.

Lord of the Sea’s Spear

Effect: It grants you an extra speed and physical damage of ten percent while underwater.

Strength + 550, Speed + 330

Durability: 350/350

Ryan soon had the chance to enchant his weapon with a Hydra’s spirit. As expected, just increasing the size boosted its power quite a bit, but in terms of how much mana Ryan had used, it wasn’t as nearly as efficient.

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Ryan, Gustavo, and the others began to look for Hydras while moving along the Brazilian coast. Just as expected, they found several of them near other coast cities. Maybe it was due to that, or perhaps it was due to their actions, but eventually, the fights against lone targets came to an end.

Suddenly two Hydras appeared and began to swim at high speeds toward Ryan. Gustavo and the others decided to approach, but using the telepathic channel, Ryan stopped them. One of the Hydras was attacked in the chest by Ryan's spear and was forced to come to a halt, and the other was stopped by Ryan's draconic arms. As usual and as quickly as possible, Ryan teleported the one who was trying to bite him to where Gustavo and the others were.

The second Hydra finally managed to overpower the spear and Ryan's Telekinesis, but only to be attacked by a massive stream of magic bolts. Ryan made several copies of the crossbows that could decrease endurance and speed, and thanks to it, when the monster tried to block the attacks with its arms, it only sped up its doom. Ryan quickly weakened the beast and then teleported to where the others were before too much of its blood could spread around the ocean.

Congratulations! The class: Sniper has reached level 93.

Your dexterity and stamina have been increased by six points. Your health, mana, speed, and control have been increased by three points.

Congratulations! The class: Sentinel has reached the level 84.

Your dexterity and stamina have been increased by six points. Your health, mana, speed, and control have been increased by three points.

Ryan couldn't help but smirk while he received those notifications. All the extra bonuses in statuses he had while using that skill were just too awesome. Then again, after getting excited, he began to worry. That was the usual pattern of his behavior when that skill was involved... worried about if he wouldn't stop growing truly by over-relying on that skill.

"Are you all right, Ryan?" Gustavo asked after the second Hydra died.

"Yeah, what are you going to do with those corpses?" Ryan asked. "We are too far away from Rio de Janeiro. While I can teleport to an empty space on the beach, I will have to use a lot of mana."

"Our territory is pretty much one hundred percent secure, so we can leave near the coast and work to transport them back to our base once we complete the mission," Bianca replied.

Although no one disagreed with Bianca, Ryan couldn't help but worry about that. As if that wasn't enough, someone else put another worry in Ryan's head.

"Hey, I have been thinking," Paulo said. "Aren't Hydras supposed to be near immortal creatures that can only be killed when their heads are cut down, and their necks are burned? How come we managed to defeat hundreds of them just by causing direct damage while we pierced their vitals with our spears?"

"While that is indeed weird, we can't assume that all the mythological stories are true," Carlos replied. "If the Hydras had that much regenerative ability, we would be able to see a skill in their skill list that would represent that."

From Ryan's perspective having one hundred twenty thousand points in recovery alone was already more than enough. Still, now that he thought about it, it was weird that they were never forced to cut down the Hydras' heads before. After thinking for a while, Ryan imagined that their high recovery was to make them able to fight for long periods of time, even against the most troublesome opponents. However, the status of a spawned beast was beyond the control of a dungeon master. Considering all that, Ryan felt that things were going way too favorable for Poseidon.

"I guess that is the problem of using the same tool my enemies have been using for thousands of years," Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "Our knowledge compared to them will always be pretty basic.

They know much more than any human. Thus, they could put into action and make several things that Ryan couldn't understand. Therefore, he was forced to think that things were way too favorable to his enemies.

Instead of focusing on things he didn't know, Ryan focused on his job. He had no idea if Gustavo and his friends were planning to hunt at night, so he decided to speed up even more. To the point where he refused the help of Gustavo when three Hydras finally appeared and swam toward him.

"Don't worry, I got this," Ryan thought via the telepathic channel.

As usual, Ryan made his spear spin and then attacked one of the monster's mouths. While the beast was losing its bad teeth, it was forced to slow down. As for the other two, Ryan bombarded one of them with

his Magic Bows and its effects that could decrease speed. The beast suffered a lot of damage and was slowed down as well, and then the last tried to bite Ryan's neck, only to face his draconic claws.

This time Ryan didn't waste time and teleported the beast toward Gustavo and his friends since the second monster was about to attack from his left side. Ryan took a quick glance at the first enemy and saw that it was almost stopping the spear's spin.

"Maybe not..." Ryan thought.

Ryan opened his mouth and then used Ice Breath. At all that many monsters they had killed, Poseidon probably already discovered that someone was hunting his golden fish. So, Ryan went all out. His Ice Breath underwater froze everything between him and the two Hydras, and while he froze them, he could see life in their eyes. The damage being caused wasn't enough either...

While Ryan was thinking about what to do, he felt the presence of two other Hydras approaching. He immediately used Clairvoyance to check the monsters, and he cursed when he saw their status. They were two Hydra bosses.

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Ryan probably will regret that later, but in the end, he touched the block of ice that he created by using Ice Breath and then teleported it alongside with the Hydras to where Gustavo and the others were. That cost him a decent amount of mana, but that was a problem for later.

After summoning several magic copies of his Titanium Storm Long Bow, Ryan fired a massive barrage of arrows that hit the Hydras and paralyzed them for a few precious moments. Even underwater, those beasts barely could stay shocked for more than a blink of an eye.

"Well, might as well get used to this..." Ryan thought once he noticed that Gustavo and the others still were busy fighting the three hydras.

When the bosses got close enough, Ryan prepared his hands. The monsters noticed that he wanted a fistfight. Still, much to their surprise, Ryan made several Spiritualist's Spears appear out of nowhere and fired at the monsters' eyes. Despite that, the Hydras moved their arms to block the projectiles.

For a fraction of a second, the monster lost sight of Ryan, and he punched the monster's arms and made the spears pierce their flesh even further. Ryan recovered some mana and caused a lot of damage, but as expected, his weapons lost a lot of durabilities. They were like toothpicks when compared to Hydras and Dragons, after all.

When the monsters moved their arms, Ryan was no longer in their field of vision, but then one of them suddenly began to tremble when the monster felt its tail being pulled by something. Only one creature was able to turn around and see what was going on, and found Ryan pulling the second Hydra by the tail and then gaining a moment to use it as a whip or whatever the hell he was thinking.

"This fucking thing is too damn heavy..." Ryan clenched his teeth and then thought.

Even with the strength of Draconic Transformation, Ryan failed at using the monster to attack the other. Still, fortunately, before he could be attacked, a massive lightning bolt fell from the sky and hit the free monster. The creature was paralyzed just for enough time, and then Ryan made the Hydras' heads hit against each other.

Congratulations! Your class: monk has reached level 32.

Your health and strength have increased by twelve points. Your stamina, mana, speed, and endurance have increased by six points.

"I really... like... this!" Ryan thought, and then he made the Hydra spin again before making the heads of the beasts collide again.

Thanks to the second impact, the monsters lost consciousness for a few precious moments. Ryan gladly used that chance to fill their mouths with poisonous bolts after he summoned several copies of his pestilence crossbow. At least that way, the monsters wouldn't bleed that much. Regardless, soon Gustavo and his friends came to help Ryan.

Congratulations! The class: Sentinel has reached the level 86.

Your dexterity and stamina have been increased by six points. Your health, mana, speed, and control have been increased by three points.

“Well, this certainly ended faster than expected,” Ryan said once he left the oceans to take a break and teleport the corpses to land.

“That was too risky,” Gustavo said. “As expected, we can’t let Ryan stay underwater alone.”

“Nah, I got this,” Ryan said.

“I am pretty sure you thought that you didn’t. The telepathic channel was open when the bosses appeared,” Gustavo said. “Fernanda, your electric attacks are probably the best option we had to stop the monsters if another big group appears. Can you give Ryan a hand?”

“Okay,” Fernanda said while she nodded.

In the end, Ryan couldn’t even say that Gustavo had imagined things since pretty much everyone heard his thoughts. Putting that aside, Fernanda certainly had a sweet voice. Ryan felt that it was a pity since she rarely talked. He could easily picture her as some sort of singer.

In the end, Gustavo made the right call by asking Fernand to assist Ryan underwater. The fights became more frequent, and the number of monsters increased in number as well before sunset. While nothing major happened, Gustavo decided to call it a day since everyone was pretty much exhausted.

“I guess this is enough for today,” Gustavo said. “We killed more than one thousand Hydras and two bosses, and this is more than enough for our first day here.”

Ryan certainly didn’t feel that was enough. Basically, they didn’t even kill the number of monsters a dungeon could spawn in a single day. Despite Gustavo’s words, everyone knew that things only proceeded well because they didn’t face many bosses. After teleporting everyone back to Rio de Janeiro, Ryan decided to take a nap in one of the barracks that had been set near the beach, and he slept until around midnight. When most people went to sleep, he woke up and then teleported back to the ocean, and no one spotted him.



“I can’t let this chance go to waste,” Ryan thought while he was swimming in his draconic form. “Hunt only for twelve hours? What a joke.”

Although he knew it was risky, Ryan wasn’t the type to sit around and lose half of the time he had just because of the danger. Besides, that was a rare opportunity for him to train his classes, now that he didn’t have to worry if he should use Draconic Transformation or not. That being said, even Ryan wasn’t stupid enough to fight two bosses at the same time and alone. When that happened, he retreated since the signs of the fights would alert other monsters and the people near the coast.

“In the end, I am at Gustavo and his friend’s backyard. I can’t do whatever I want since it might cause some issues later,” Ryan scratched his chin in his draconic form and felt that was quite relaxing despite his frozen claws. “Regardless, it is time to focus on the grinding.”

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Congratulations! The class: Sniper has reached the max level. Reach the max level with two other classes to sacrifice them and obtain a special class! Don’t worry. You won’t lose the bonuses in status and skills you acquired by sacrificing those classes.

Your dexterity and stamina have been increased by six points. Your health, mana, speed, and control have been increased by three points.

Although Ryan decided to return one hour and a half before sunset since he achieved his goal pretty early, he still found someone unexpected in front of his tent’ ı even though he closed the place in order that no one noticed the fact that Bianca was there.

“’ ı Do I need to expect that something might happen today?” Bianca asked.

“What do you mean?” Ryan frowned.

“Did your night hunting cause something in the oceans? Will the monsters be wary of us?” Bianca asked.

"I don't think so," Ryan replied. "I made sure to hunt mostly lone targets, and when I fought them, I teleported too high in the sky in order to prevent alerting other monsters. Are you the only one who noticed that I left?"

"Unlike me, the others are pretty relaxed," Bianca replied. "Anyway, I won't say that you shouldn't do that, but you will take full responsibility if something happens due to your reckless behavior."

"Naturally," Ryan shrugged.

Much to Ryan's surprise, Bianca left after only saying that much. While she was similar to Anna, she wasn't that noisy. Or maybe it was due to the fact that Ryan was helping them a lot thanks to Teleport. Either way, it didn't matter. Ryan decided to take another nap before the sun could rise.

When Ryan woke up, everything was ready for the next day of the hunt since they had to refill only a few potions that they used during the day, and most of them were mana potions. It looked like everyone underestimated the might of those who could use Draconic Transformation.

"Yesterday we went South, so let's try to go North today," Gustavo said. "While the number of fights might change, I believe we can handle after all that combat experience we obtained. Are you fine with that, Ryan?"

"What do you mean?" Ryan frowned.

"We are taking our time here, and you are away from your home country and domain," Gustavo said. "Can you stay with us for a bit longer without worrying about how things are back there?"

"That is no problem," Ryan shrugged. "Someone relatively trustworthy is watching my domain, and I am not the only one protecting my country."

"Relatively trustworthy?" Gustavo frowned while smiling.

"That is my highest tier of how someone can be trustworthy in my eyes," Ryan said. "I have high standards."

Gustavo couldn't help but laugh after hearing that, too bad that Ryan wasn't joking. Regardless, Ryan thought that they would depart immediately, but much to his surprise, some soldiers stopped them. When Ryan turned around, he saw some vehicles approaching. They were carrying some crazy things' | they were weapons made of bones, Hydras' bones.

Gustavo and the soldiers talked about something in Portuguese. After a while, Gustavo explained that the people who stayed behind worked all night to craft some weapons to be used in their Draconic forms. While Ryan would gladly accept any gift, he felt a little troubled, even more, so the valuable ones, since he didn't have much space in his storage dimension. He could increase it since he didn't do it since the very first time, he used Spatial Manipulation, but that seemed like a pain.

### Gigantic Hydra's Bow

Effect: it grants you the power to fire arrows that, at the cost of three hundred points of mana, causes twenty percent more damage against aquatic monsters and restores your health by fifty points per aquatic monster killed.

Dexterity + 600, Speed + 300

Durability: 500/500

For some reason, the people there knew that Ryan was a bow user. Even though he wasn't as popular as Gustavo and his friends, he didn't receive a different treatment.

"I guess increasing my storage dimension is worth a shot due to this," Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully.

Ryan didn't intend to use the bow with his hands, but he stored it anyway. If anything, he could always sell it later now that he could make a magic copy of it. As for the others, they gained a sword, hammer, a spear, staff, and even gloves. Weirdly enough, Gustavo and his friends used those kinds of weapons each, even though Ryan never saw them fighting in human form.

“With those, I bet I will be able to fight while taking some risks,” Gustavo said. “Letting Ryan Teleport the Hydras to the air is convenient, but that is starting to get too easy.”

“You are getting carried away again, Gustavo’!” Bianca said and then sighed.

“While that is true, he has a point,” Paulo said. “We should do some tests, but we should fight underwater more frequently to improve our fighting style underwater and because the blood spilled by the monsters will attract other monsters. Thus, we will kill more of them and waste less time.”

Either if it was risky or not, Ryan couldn’t care less. He would be able to focus on attacking, and that was what he truly wanted. Everyone agreed to fight underwater while using their weapons, but to avoid problems, they divided themselves into three groups of two. Ryan would work with Fernanda again, and their job was to support the others who would fight up close. Fernanda would help Paulo, and Carlos and Ryan would help Gustavo and Bianca. Since they looked like a pain, Ryan wanted to trade places with Fernanda, but he decided to stay quiet.

“You can attack as you see fit, Ryan,” Gustavo said. “However, once the Hydras enter within reach of our melee attacks, you will need to step back and keep an eye on our surroundings.”

That was only natural since everyone was just too big in their Draconic forms, so Ryan only nodded.

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Since Ryan and the others never moved too far away from the coast, they didn’t find a single underwater dungeon the previous day. However, things changed when they entered the ocean and began to move up North. They quickly found some that were spawning Giant Crabs and Azure Seahorses. Naturally, the Seahorses were hunting them down to extermination.

“Should we clear these dungeons?” Gustavo asked.

“We should do that later, once the Atlantic Ocean is calmer,” Bianca replied.

As soon as Bianca said that, all of them felt the approach of some Hydras. Immediately, they divided into groups, and Ryan was the first to attack since he found four Hydras due to Clairvoyance. With the

magic copies of his new bow, Ryan caused a lot of damage in the four beasts and slowed down as well. Even though his sole goal was to test their firepower.

When her eyes finally found the monsters, Fernanda fired several Electric Spears. Still, in the end, since they were too eager to test their weapons, Gustavo, Bianca, Carlos, and Paulo dashed toward the monsters and made them split as well.

Ryan changed his position, and from above, he could quickly attack the monsters while making sure Gustavo and the others wouldn't be hit, but in the end, he didn't do it since that wasn't necessary. Although they never used weapons in their draconic forms, they were overpowering the Hydras with their attacks.

"As expected, it is just too weird to see dragons wielding weapons," Ryan thought. "In any case, thanks to those weapons, I noticed that my weapon creation ability reached a level where I can make decent materials that can rival the bodies of monsters such as Hydras, but it isn't enough since they are just Poseidon's pawns."

Just as Paulo had predicted, they managed to defeat the monsters while conserving some energy. Still, the fight and blood spilled attracted other Hydras. This time, Ryan attacked the beasts while using Immobilizing Crossbow and Vital Hunter. He didn't have much time to cause much damage and due to the fact that he focused on attacking all the monsters at the same time. But Ryan did notice that Gustavo and the others killed the monsters a bit faster.

"I guess if I focus on detection and using Immobilizing Crossbow and Vital Hunter, things will proceed faster here," Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully.

That seemed pretty boring, but Ryan was fully aware that he wasn't fighting enemies that he could kill in a couple of seconds, not even while using Draconic Transformation. Besides, he always knew that archers mainly played a support role in large-scale battles when both sides of a fight have more or less the same level of strength.

Once the fight was over, Gustavo stored the loot and asked Ryan to teleport Hydras's bodies to land. It was probably a waste to do that since it would take months to dismantle all those bodies and turn them into a weapon at that point in time. Still, at least he didn't want to enrage other Hydras by letting their dead bodies exposed in the ocean.

“As expected, the number of flights increased, but thanks to the weapons and our teamwork, things are proceeding well,” Gustavo said. “Since that is the case, let’s focus on hunting two thousand Hydras today instead of one thousand.”

“You are getting carried away again’!” Bianca said.

“Hahaha, my bad,” Gustavo laughed and then scratched the back of his head.

Although it was kind of unnerving from Ryan’s perspective to see those two acting like a stupid couple, it looked like that was a normal occurrence in that group. The others didn’t feel annoyed. They only laughed and shrugged. Regardless, even though Ryan expected that at some point that day, they would face dozens of Hydras at the same time due to the increased number of fights, that never happened. In the end, the largest number of Hydras they faced was only six’!

“It is probably because they are too fucking huge, and they need a lot of meat to sustain themselves,” Ryan concluded. “Working with others would mean less food for them, after all.”

Things got a bit complicated when once again, two bosses showed up to fight. However, thanks to Fernanda’s lightning magic and Ryan’s debuffs, nothing serious happened. In the end, Gustavo achieved his goal for the day: hunt two thousand Hydras.

Aside from Ryan and Bianca, pretty much everyone looked relieved and satisfied with the result of their hunt. While they knew things would be a bit riskier, Gustavo’s party more or less knew now that they could fight back the Hydras, even without Ryan’s help. Still, deep down, everyone also knew that their goal to clear the Hydra’s dungeon and stop Poseidon’s plans seemed too far away from them.

Once again, Ryan toasted some Hydra’s meat, ate, and then prepared to sleep for a couple of hours before he left in the middle of the night to hunt again. Despite the power that they obtained in the last two days, Gustavo didn’t want to risk his friends’ lives hunting at night. In the end, Ryan recognized that as the right choice since there weren’t many Hydras to hunt at night. It looked like those monsters liked to let the dungeons spawn monsters throughout the entire night, and then the next day, they would have a reinforced breakfast.

Before Ryan could fall asleep, he noticed Bianca's presence approaching. That was weird. While he didn't talk with others all that much aside from Gustavo, it was obvious that she was the one who certainly wouldn't get along with him.

"Are you going to hunt at night again?" Bianca asked.

"I don't know yet," Ryan replied.

"So, you are planning to go," Bianca said.

"What is it?" Ryan asked after a long sigh.

"Tell me, what are our chances of clearing the dungeon in time?" Bianca asked. "Considering the strength that you are obtaining by hunting at night as well."

"None," Ryan readily replied.

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Ryan's quick response didn't surprise Bianca. As expected, she truly wanted to clear the Hydras' dungeon. Still, she was realistic enough to understand that do that in three days was probably impossible.

"At this pace, it is impossible, huh?" Bianca said.

"That is right," Ryan nodded. "Even if we increase our pace by five times, it won't be enough," Ryan said. "That is just my speculation, but Poseidon is looking down on us. He probably already knows about what we are doing. Still, he didn't send or organized a team of bosses to wipe us out because he knows that we can slow down his return more than a little bit."

The idea of killing ten thousand Hydras every day seemed like madness from Bianca's perspective, but she had faith in her friends in the end. Maybe in two weeks, they will be enough to do that, even

without Ryan's help. However, that won't be enough. In less than ninety hours, the seventh dungeon break will happen. Everyone knew that the Hydras' level would increase by at least fifty. During the day, the Hydras' level increased by three, so there was a clear chance that their dungeon would reach the max level even before the eighth dungeon break! Everyone's predictions were way off the mark. Even Ryan's who was the worst one!

"What do you plan to do in case we fail?" Bianca asked.

"I will make the most out of the situation," Ryan shrugged. "If I obtain at least two special classes before the dungeon break, I will be satisfied with it. Speaking of which, how many times you guys obtained special classes, I don't think those will prevent the dungeon break, but it will certainly improve our prospects."

"Two times! we are a bit far away from reaching the third time since we rarely change our fighting style," Bianca said.

It looked like Ryan would be the only one who would obtain a special class the next day. It was only natural since Gustavo's team didn't have the leisure to try new skills and classes. Each one of them had a role in the team, and trying new skills would decrease their performance in each role, thus causing problems to others.

In the end, Bianca left while biting her nails. It looked like it would increase their chances of slowing down Poseidon's return even for a few days to her friends. She would have to adapt to the situation. That seemed like madness since they never tried new things, even against weaker targets. So, trying that against Hydras was the same as asking to get hurt. Still, that wasn't Ryan's problem, so he quickly fell asleep since he already knew what he had to do.

As usual, around midnight, when things got really quiet, Ryan left to hunt again. However, this time he looked for Hydras more carefully. While he had a certain image of Poseidon, it doesn't mean that he couldn't be more wrong and that the dungeon master could be preparing some trap to get rid of them.

Congratulations! The class: Sentinel has reached the max level. Reach the max level with another class to sacrifice them and obtain a special class! Don't worry. You won't lose the bonuses in status and skills you acquired by sacrificing those classes.



Your dexterity and stamina have been increased by six points. Your health, mana, speed, and control have been increased by three points.

However, in the end, nothing truly happened. At that point in time, Ryan couldn't help but feel slightly pissed at his own theory. If Poseidon was looking down on them, Ryan would make sure to fire one very sharp arrow up his wet ass.

Once again, Ryan returned a bit earlier than expected to take a nap. However, things were a bit different the next day. While Ryan was expecting to receive some defensive gear made of bones or scales of the Hydras, no one showed up to give that, not even to Gustavo and his friends.

“Making weapons out of bones is easy, but the same thing can't be said about armor and shield,” Gustavo explained once he noticed that Ryan was looking around and waiting for that. “Besides, it is not like we are in dire need of equipment, right?”

“Not yet,” Ryan said.

“Come on, don't be pessimistic,” Gustavo slightly hit Ryan's back.

“Pessimism and stubbornness were the only things that helped me survive this far,” Ryan said.

Much to Ryan's surprise, Gustavo didn't say anything after that. He doesn't remember sharing his life with anyone, but it looked like from some outside source, they knew more or less about Ryan's footsteps. That outside source is probably a flat-chested, silver-haired girl who has the bad habit of reading other people's minds.

Things changed in the ocean as well, the very moment Ryan and the others began to search for Hydras, they noticed that the number of fights had decreased. Even after Ryan teleported them up North for quite a while, that didn't change.

“It looks like the Hydras are truly concentrated in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, between South America and Africa,” Gustavo said. “That is where their dungeon is'!”

“Despite their lack of concern for our attacks, they still have some sort of defensive strategy,” Bianca said. “The more we approach, the more we will fight and tire. That will give plenty of chances to other groups of Hydras to finish us off.”

“What are we going to do?” Paulo asked. “Our main goal was to clear the Hydras’ dungeon, but that is beyond our abilities. We can return and feel satisfied with our achievements, Gustavo. Our domain is safe now.”

“Yeah’! but until when?” Gustavo asked with an unusually serious expression on his face. “Even if we focus single-mindedly on increasing the strength of our domain, it won’t be enough when Poseidon obtains the power to manifest himself and show his true power on Earth. We will definitely be his first target, but before that happens, we need to decrease his forces as much as possible’!”