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It was only obvious due to its size, but the crystal was much sturdier than the layer, and these scales were made of crystal around the monster's body. Ryan's ice and fire Arrow didn't leave a single scratch after heating and cooling its surface. He tried the opposite order, but nothing changed.

Before Ryan could think of some plan to deal with that weapon, the dungeon master dashed toward him, already swinging his sword downward. Ryan dodged by using Flash, but even before the monster could finish the swing, it already changed the direction of the attack and moved toward Ryan. That happened so fast that Ryan only managed to escape since he used Evading Shot since that skill was engraved in his being, and he used it countless times when he was about to be attacked by something. Still, despite that, the gust of wind caused by the sword's swing made Ryan's skin being pierced in several parts. His torso escaped thanks to his armor, but his face and arms started to bleed.

"It looks like two big swings are his limits," Ryan said while he used Heal to stop the bleeding. "At least when it comes to continuous attack."

"I am not much of a sword fighter, but I can see that his movements are just fast but not skilled," Femradiel said.

That was only natural since the mind behind the monster was a mad scientist-like being who creates chimeras. In any case, having a powerful weapon and a powerful body sometimes was more than enough in most situations.

After recovering from the first attack, the dungeon master prepared the next one, but this time the creature just dashed toward Ryan without swinging the sword. Ryan moved to the side to dodge the massive body, only to find the weapon being swung toward him... the monster waited for the last moment to attack. Ryan could escape by using Teleport, but he had a bad feeling about that... in the end, Ryan teleported away from the monster. Still, the creature also repeated Ryan's action, so in the end, nothing changed.

In the end, Ryan was hit by the sword and was completely shattered into pieces... but the dungeon master frowned when he saw that Ryan had become an ice mirror.

“So, he can use Teleport as well,” Ryan said while watching the dungeon master from several hundred meters above the creature. “What a pain...”

“Can I join the fight? If we divide his attention, our chances will improve considerably,” Femradiel said.

“What are you talking about?” Ryan asked. “You are already fighting and doing something even more important: using mana potions for me.”

“You know what I am talking about...” Femradiel said and then sighed. “We will waste too much time in here if things keep going like this, unless you use Draconic Transformation, the chances of you dying in a single strike is pretty high. A single mistake and it is game over.”

“That only makes things more interesting, right?” Ryan shrugged. “Besides, why do you think that he had the advantage in a longer fight?”

Femradiel considered Ryan’s words... now that she thought about it, the dungeon master only assumed control over that body when they found it. The creature certainly didn’t want to fight. It even asked for them to leave... most likely, that body wasn’t ready for real fights yet. That was why the creature changed its strategies so many times, even though Ryan only landed a single critical hit.

“Well, if you want to help even more and all that much, I suppose you can,” Ryan said.

In the end, Femradiel didn’t even try to explain to Ryan what she intended to do. She used Teleport and then appeared right in the back of the monsters and then attached herself to the monster’s body as if she were a cicada.

“So much for teamwork,” Ryan frowned.

After a few moments, the boss noticed Femradiel’s presence when she began to emit a cold aura through her body. It didn’t take long for a thin layer of ice began to spread behind the monster’s body. The dungeon master tried to shake her away, but the creature only looked silly, trying to scratch its back and moving from one side to the other. Hoping that the weight and pressure of his movements would make her fall.

"I see..." Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully.

Ryan activated Perfect Aim and Deadly Aim. At the same time, he selected a frozen area several meters below the point where Femradiel was. Without a hint of hesitation, he fired several fire arrows with his Hydra's Bow. The dungeon master was too busy, thanks to Femradiel, so he didn't notice the projectiles coming. In the end, the arrows landed and caused massive explosions that finally made the massive body tremble for real for the first time in that fight. At the same time, a considerable part of the crystal layer protecting the monster's body cracked and fell... Ryan and Femradiel didn't lose that opportunity and attacked while the beast was in shock. Massive fire arrows and Ice Meteors fell on the monster's back, and then the creature finally began to bleed... that was some progress.

"The heck is that?" Ryan frowned.

The monster's blood was... blue. It was the exact same thing Ryan saw leaving Seth's body when he wounded him. The blood was actually mana in its liquid form... was that a coincidence? While Ryan was busy thinking about why the monster's blood was blue, Femradiel created a container of ice and then put the liquid inside of it. That certainly required some study, or Femradiel just wanted to make Ryan use that since she teleported the object toward him.

"My work... how dare you damage my masterpiece?" The dungeon master asked.

"It looks like this guy see himself like some sort of artist," Ryan frowned and then stored the container in his spatial dimension. "What a joke."

Class: Artemis' Disciple Lv 33 (+ 03 UP) / Frozen Spellcaster Lv 29 (+ 04 UP) / William Tell's Apprentice Lv 21 (+ 06 UP) (-)

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

Rank: 42th

Health: 6710/6710 (12,62/s)

Mana: 8615/8615 (12,62/s)

Stamina: 8910/8910 (12,62/s)

Strength: 831 (+788) (+130)

Dexterity: 6900 (+5555) (+350)

Speed: 1120 (+2850) (+48)

Intelligence: 1181 (+2294) (+33)

Endurance: 1348 (+559) (+160)

Control: 1326 (+2850) (+10)

Mentality: 1258 (+853) (+70)

Luck: 1030 (+90)

Recovery: 3950 (+3600) (+845)

Willpower: 1280 (+899) (+40)

Coins: 43.523.109

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Evading Shot Lv 47 (+ 05 UP), Vital Hunter Lv 37 (+ 10 UP), Magic Sword Lv 12 (+ 11 UP)

Passive Physical Skills: Enhanced Concentration Lv 54 (+ 04 UP), Heroic Archery Lv 74 (+ 10 UP), Dual Wield Lv 55 (+ 07 UP), Critical Focus Lv 11, Crossbow Expert Lv 60 (+ 05 UP), Sharpshooter Lv 60 (+ 05 UP), Health Boost Lv 20 (+ 05 UP), True Sniping Lv 33(+ 04 UP)

Spells: Stamina Restoration Lv 37 (+ 09 UP), Ranger's Awakening Lv 46 (+ 04 UP), Mana Reinforcement Lv 15 (+ 05 UP), Magic Vampirism Lv 19 (+ 10 UP), Anti-Telekinesis Field Lv 01, Freezing Aura Lv 01

Support Skills: Gravity Immunity Lv 12 (+ 11 UP), Cold Immunity Lv 01

Classes:

Combat: Sorcerer Lv 66 (+ 06 UP), Poisonous Archer Lv 42 (+ 05 UP), Hexblade Lv 76 (+ 06 UP), Magic Archer Lv 49 (+ 08 UP), Royal Archer Lv 40 (+ 07 UP)

Non-Combatant: Navigator Lv 17 (+ 04 UP),

Race: Centaur, Lesser Dragon, Kobold,

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The dungeon master tried to prevent the bleeding, but normal healing wasn't working for some reason. Since he also needed some time to repair the damaged crystal layer, things weren't working since Femradiel was damaging other areas.

"This thing can't be healed by healing spells because it is an empty shell," Femradiel said. "I can sense it; Chimeras are a single creature made by parts of dead monsters. While some have a healing factor and

can be healed by some spells, this one is different since the dungeon master created it in order to be a spare body.”

“Or his main body,” Ryan added.]

Those were quite some good news... perhaps it was for that reason the dungeon master wanted to protect that chimera so much. Not only had the best aspects of several species of monsters, but it also had a way to counter the downside of his perfect example of chimera. In any case, the monster kept doing the usual for a while, but when Femradiel and Ryan made the left side of the monster’s back lose its crystal layer and bleed, he decided to go all out.

The dungeon master started to tremble, and its presence increased even more. Something bad was going to happen. It was obvious. Ryan and Femradiel began to attack relentlessly, but they failed at causing damage even on the wounded areas... the monster’s mana level spiked once again.

“Get back here, Femradiel!” Ryan shouted.

Femradiel teleported to safety, but if she had been half a second slower, things could have been pretty bad. Two layers of energy began to cover the monster’s body at a fearsome speed. One of them was dark, and the other had a silver tone. Ryan assumed that the beast decided to use some massive spell that combined the strength of angels and demons.

That problem was one of the highest tier of defensive buffs. After all, the energy was so strong and intense that it could be seen with eyes alone. That was bad... but it was also good. It was bad because the power of the monster spiked, but at the same time, it showed how much annoyed and in a hurry the dungeon master was.

While trying to gain some time to see how he should proceed against that type of skill, Ryan decided to move away from the monster, but much to his surprise, his body was moving toward the creature. The magnetic field changed, and the beast was attracting all things around him. The ocean, the clouds... everything that touched that dark and silver armor made of energy disappeared without a trace. Ryan tried to teleport and use Flash, but even the efficacy of those spells decreased.

“Oh, crap...” Ryan clenched his teeth in annoyance.

“Ryan...” Femradiel said.

“Not now, Femradiel,” Ryan said.

As if being pulled back toward something that would most likely destroy his body at a molecular level wasn't enough, Ryan saw several Light Spears and Shadow Spears forming at the surface of the monster's body. They obviously would be thrown toward Ryan...

“Focus on using mana and DEX potions,” Ryan said and then summoned twelve magic copies of his Spiritualist's Crossbow.

While Femradiel was following what she was told to do, Ryan activated Magic Vampirism and began to bombard the monster's body. Before the spears could be thrown at him, Ryan attacked them, and as expected, due to the effect of his weapons and of the skill, they were destroyed before they could be used.

It lasted for only a moment, but Ryan saw the monster's head tilting slightly. The creature apparently couldn't move while using that skill and had to maintain a crazy level of focus, but even despite that, the monster looked at Ryan, annoyed.

When his firing damage began to increase thanks to the DEX potions, Ryan began to attack the left chest of the monster since he noticed that he was being pulled to that point. For some reason, that was the area with the highest level of mana, and while it took a while, his bolts managed to decrease the power of the Magnetic Field. Still, despite that, at every single second, despite his struggles, he was being pulled one meter after the other toward the monster.

Ryan's heartbeat increased as he approached the creature and began to feel the heat emanated by the dark and silver energy armor. The gravity field was getting weaker, but not enough at a necessary pace... this time, Ryan really could see the reaper with its scythe on his neck.

“Femradiel! Faster!” Ryan shouted.

“Faster? My ass!” Femradiel howled. “Stop being a fucking pussy and use Draconic Transformation already!”

“... There was no need to use such vulgar words,” Ryan said.

Despite that, Ryan still didn't want to use that skill... at least until the very last moment. However, thanks to those words, Ryan had an idea. He summoned from his vault all of his Spiritualist's Spears and then put all of them together by covering them in ice, thus creating a single massive spear.

“Let's hope this will work...” Ryan said.

Ryan's new spear was close enough to hit the dungeon master's chest, and much to Ryan's surprise, he could feel his mana being restored at a fearsome pace. Somehow, at such a difficult time, he discovered a way to cheat with his weapons. While that seemed like a cheap tactic, it was better than relying on Draconic Transformation every single time.

After getting relieved for a few moments, Ryan noticed that his spear was being destroyed by the energy armor as well... in the end, he only brought a few extra seconds.

“You can never catch a break, huh,” Femradiel shook her head.

Femradiel took the words from Ryan's mouth, but in the end, a few seconds and all that extra mana was more than what Ryan needed. His spears managed to create a small crack in the monster's energy armor... it was all thanks to the mana being drained. So, Ryan attacked that single point with all his might.

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After finding a breach in the monster's defenses, Ryan broke the crystal of the area with two massive fire and ice arrows. Only after that Ryan bombarded the area with his bolts that were capable of draining mana. The energy armor tried to cover the unprotected area. Still, whenever Ryan's bolts landed, the hole in the armor only increased in size... eventually, the bolts pierced so deeply that the monster began to bleed from that area as well... the mana liquid touched the energy armor, but that didn't help the creature. In fact, the energy armor destroyed the liquid that probably fueled that massive body.

“See? I didn’t need Draconic Transformation,” Ryan said.

“Maybe my eyes are wrong, but the dungeon master is still standing and your spear is being destroyed faster than before,” Femradiel said.

Although Femradiel was quick to complain, she revested the spear with her ice magic, and thus the destruction of the spear slowed down considerably. Suddenly, the dungeon master’s body began to tremble. While that happened a while ago, Ryan knew that his bolts weren’t supposed to cause such a thing. Still, considering the mana liquid that the creature was losing, he assumed that he was starting to cause critical damage after critical damage. That was only natural since the left chest of the beast was exposed and had become a destroyed mass of flesh since a while ago.

“Die, worms! Die!” The dungeon master suddenly said.

“After you,” Ryan said.

Ryan thought the dungeon master wouldn’t surprise him again, but much to his annoyance, the monster still had a trick up his sleeve. Upon noticing that his last strategy wouldn’t work as well, the beast decided to use his last resort. That became obvious when the monster’s energy armor began to glow.

“Ryan... I think we should leave,” Femradiel said.

“I want to... but as you know, we are trapped in a gravity field,” Ryan said.

Ryan and Femradiel began to sweat bullets. The monster would self-destruct, and at that distance, they wouldn’t have more than a few milliseconds to escape once the explosion starts. It was hard to believe that such a dungeon master would go that far and destroy the body of such a rare species, but in the end, even a mad scientist was smart enough to understand that his life was more important than a single body.

Femradiel began to pour several INT and SPE potions on Ryan’s body since he would need them when the explosion happened. At the end, when Ryan was only twenty meters away, the last glow of the energy armor increased exponentially. At the same time, Ryan saw a glimpse of a bluestone inside the

monster's left chest. That was probably what the dungeon master used to control that massive body, but before Ryan could think of any of that, the monster exploded.

Ryan saw his life pass through his eyes while he waited for the gravity field to dissipate. That only happened when that massive amount of energy already started to eat away the flesh of his body, but in the end, despite the shocking pain, he used Teleport and escaped at the last moment.

Ryan and Femradiel suddenly saw themselves in the first place they found of that world. Thanks to the INT potions, Ryan managed to return up to that point and even had some mana to heal his wounds. However, it looked like the situation wasn't over yet. The entire world began to tremble as if a massive meteor had hit it.

"Hey, hey.... Seriously?" Ryan muttered in shock.

Although Ryan prepared to escape, he soon stopped because he didn't receive any notification that he had gained coins... in the end. The trembling also stopped before anything more absurd could happen. The dungeon master somehow managed to fool Ryan and Femradiel, but not for long.

After recovering from his wounds, Ryan returned to the place where he fought the massive crystal tyrant dragon, and there, he found nothing, only a massive crater of hundreds of meters below him. Even the ocean and the clouds had been dissipated thanks to the massive attack.

"What a pity... I kind of wanted to guard that body and then study it," Ryan said.

"It looks like the dungeon master influenced you quite a bit," Femradiel said. "You shouldn't follow his example. While he managed to create a chimera in which he could control manually, such a method to obtain strength has too many demerits."

Ryan could only nod at that, but in the end, he didn't want to change his fighting style, only improved it by studying others. Regardless, now he had to find the dungeon master, and he didn't have a single clue as to where to go.

“Hey, Femradiel,” Ryan said. “Did you notice if the mana of the monster was moving too much in a single direction or something? The dungeon master used a mana crystal in the heart of the monster to control it, I assume that he emitted his mana from some direction to control it.”

“... Now that you mentioned,” Femradiel said. “I felt a slight movement of mana coming from your three o’clock when the island began to tremble. I guess the dungeon master sent his mana from that direction.”

Ryan and Femradiel hurried in that direction since, most likely, the dungeon master was hidden in another island or something similar. That being said, the explosion caused so many tsunamis that they found another continent instead of finding another island after following that direction.

“There is something below us,” Femradiel said.

“Yeah, another abandoned city,” Ryan said.

“No... I can feel a magic presence below us,” Femradiel said. “It is the dungeon master’s presence... but it is a bit odder compared to before.”

First fake islands and now an underground hideout... the dungeon master sure likes to use flashy strategies. In any case, Ryan didn’t have time to look for an entrance to the underground hideout, so he just dug using magic and his weapons.

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Ryan had to dig for quite a while, but eventually, he found a hidden building that was located two hundred meters below ground level. The place was similar to the facilities he found in the sake islands. Many machines were used to keep creatures sleeping, but he didn’t find a single monster.

“I am sensing some mana coming from those monitors,” Femradiel said.

Ryan frowned when he heard that and frowned even more when he didn’t see anything on the monitor. It was on, but at the same time, it wasn’t showing anything. Ryan looked for some cables to unplug and

turn off those machines, but he didn't find any. In the end, he decided to freeze the entire place, only to hear a voice coming from the monitor.

"Please, stop," The dungeon master said. "If you do this, I am going to die."

"What the hell..." Ryan said.

"You have defeated me, I accept my defeat," The dungeon master said. "I swear that I won't touch your planet again."

"... It looks like he transferred his spirit to those machines," Femradiel said. "His interest for Chimeras probably came from that since a machine can't grow stronger."

"Well, it doesn't matter," Ryan said. "We have come to defeat the dungeon master and we can't stop now. I can't say I am sorry, though. How many humans did you kill to create those five chimeras? I am pretty certain even someone like you wouldn't be able to upgrade a human body that much on your first try."

"... I told them the risks and they accepted it," The dungeon master said. "Regardless, I am begging you. I will give to you all my knowledge and all the coins I am obtaining right now as the dungeon master of six dungeons."

"No can do," Ryan shrugged. "Don't you remember? You called me a worm and tried to fry me alive with energy beams several times. I won't say that I am in the right here since I invaded your planet, but you did it first... as childish as this argument sounds."

At least the dungeon master didn't try to plead for his life again by telling Ryan about his past tragic life or as to how that world ended, and he wanted to restore it to its former glory. He asked twice to be spared, but not three times... in the end. Ryan felt some respect toward him thanks to that, but not enough to spare his life. In a few instances, Ryan froze the entire facility with his Ice Breath, and in the end, not only all the machines stopped working, but Ryan also received a notification that confirmed that the job had been completed.

You obtained 23.362.852 coins.

"I thought you would spare him," Femradiel said.

"I have come too far to start forgiving those that tried to fry me alive now..." Ryan said. "I can't say what I would have done if he had invaded my body at the last minute."

"I guess I should consider myself lucky," Femradiel shrugged.

Ryan took a deep breath. The job was finally over, and he finally could focus his attention on Poseidon again. Now he just had to receive his rewards and hope that forging a new weapon with the materials that Isis mentioned wouldn't be that hard.

"Well done," Isis suddenly said. "You completed your task much faster than I had imagined. Do you want to trade the ownership of this dungeon as well?"

"It will depend on what you are going to offer," Ryan said.

"Naturally, I intended to give you another skill that would help you fight Poseidon, but I changed my mind since I noticed that you complained about Mind Armor," Isis said. "Thus, I decided to give you a tome that will teach you a skill that will let you see the status of all enemies. Even that skill can be countered by another, but if your skill level is higher, then it will always work."

Absolute Appraisal Tome

Effect: It grants you the ability to see all the skills and status of a determined target. It can't be countered by low-level defensive mental skills.

Cost: 1000 mana.

Ryan waited to see what Femradiel had to say about that, but the expression of shock had been more than enough. That certainly was enough. It wouldn't be weird if that tome costs half-billion or even one billion coins.

“I accept it,” Ryan said.

“Well then,” Isis said. “I once again thank you for accepting my offer. I told you before that I would grant you the chance to come to my world and mine for the material you want yourself, but I can give you the stock that I have since you are in a hurry.”

“You really want to see me fighting Poseidon, huh,” Ryan said.

“I can’t say that isn’t the case,” Isis said. “I don’t want Poseidon doing whatever he wants until other dungeon masters return to Earth. The balance of power will crumble if that happens. Besides, my followers and all the others who decided to follow other dungeon masters will also be in danger.”

Considering what she said, Isis wasn’t that much worried about those who weren’t her followers. In the end, Ryan could only feel grateful for her sincerity. Besides, he would feel suspicious if she suddenly says that she is worried about the fate of all humans.

“If you have enough materials for me to use them for a while, I will accept it,” Ryan said. “But if you don’t mind, I would like a steady supply as well.”

“That can be done. However, my troops also make use of those materials pretty often,” Isis said. “So, you won’t be able to receive the amount I am about to give you every week. Return to Cairo, Mohammed will give you the materials.”

In the end, that was something that couldn’t be helped. If anything, Ryan felt grateful that someone working for Isis would refine the ores for him.

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When Ryan returned to Egypt, it was dark again. Despite that, he found Mohammed waiting for him at the entrance of the city. When one works for a dungeon master, they must be prepared to be called at any given moment...

“Sorry about this,” Ryan said.

“It is fine,” Mohammed said. “I am more than willing to help someone who helped us this much. Thanks to you, we won’t have to worry about slowing down on our progress. Crossing the desert for even longer distances in search of dungeons is quite tiresome, after all.”

“I can imagine,” Ryan said.

Mohammed guided Ryan to one of the special warehouses of the city. Fortunately, since most of the survivors were sleeping, they quickly arrived at their destination. In the end, Ryan couldn’t help but frown when he saw the materials that he would carry back home with him.

Oridecon Bar

A magic metal that is perfect in the creation of magic weapons. It can be used to upgrade all kinds of weapons, even without monsters’ spirits.

Elunium Sphere

A magic petal that can make fearsome defensive equipment. It can also be used to upgrade all types of defensive gear without the use of monsters’ spirits.

“This is...” Ryan said.

“A metal that is common in games and certain books,” Mohammed said. “I was as surprised as you the first time I saw them.”

Ryan didn’t know that such metals had been mentioned in some stories, but that wasn’t surprising. Regardless, Elunium had been refined into spheres that were as big as Ryan’s head. He tried to pick one of them and noticed that it was really heavy.

As for the Oridecon, they had been refined into bars, and even though they apparently had the same mass, Oridecon was visibly lighter, and yet, Ryan could tell just by touching that the material would make any weapon look amazing.

“How many do you have here?” Ryan asked.

“This is what we managed to produce in the last two weeks,” Mohammed replied. “It is more than enough to forge two hundred weapons that need to be wielded with two hands and one hundred sets of armor. You can make one hundred breastplates, helmets, gloves and boots.”

“While that is the case, I would advise you to select a weapon and pieces of armor and upgrade them with those materials,” Isis suddenly joined the conversation. “I can see that you already have a vast collection of weapons, so it would be more efficient to do that. As for defensive gear, you are seriously out-leveled if compared with the attack power of the enemies you have faced until now.”

Ryan was fully aware of that, but since he focused on dodging and stealth attacks, that couldn't be helped. Besides, he didn't want to use another armor aside from his Black Steel Armor. He couldn't forget his failure with Lucia and her friends, after all.

“How can I upgrade weapons and armor with those? What is the limit?” Ryan asked.

“It is the same as you enchant a weapon with a monster's spirit,” Isis replied. “You just need to have one bar or sphere in hand and it will work. However, you will need to sacrifice a lot of mana. After all, spirits have mana and only their essence is used to enchant a weapon.”

“How much mana per upgrade?” Ryan asked.

“You multiply the level of the upgrade by five hundred,” Mohammed replied. “While that is quite a lot of mana, you only need one piece of Oridecon or Elunium per upgrade.”

While that was convenient, the cost of mana was just too high. In the end, even with those metals, Ryan will only upgrade his items up to a certain point... unless he begins to focus on increasing his mana once again or finds a way to cheat his way out of that dilemma.

Although Ryan only spent three days in Egypt, he was in a hurry to return. There were many things to do and too little time, after all. So, he quickly stored the metals inside his spatial storage.

“I will come now and then to obtain more of those metals, if I take my time, or something happens, please separate mine from the others,” Ryan said.

“All right,” Mohammed said. “It was a pleasure to meet you, Ryan.”

“If you need help with something again, you know where you can talk to me,” ISIS said.

“I will make sure not to bother neither of you too often,” Ryan said.

After saying that, Ryan used Teleport and left Cairo in the middle of the night. While Ryan was returning to his domain, he wondered what he should do now that he had the metals that he wanted. Isis said that upgrading an equipment to its limits would be the best option, but Ryan didn't have a bow or crossbow that would be partially good against Poseidon.

“Maybe I am getting ahead of myself,” Ryan said. “First, we need to deal with the Hydras and only after that can we worry about Poseidon.”

“You say that you want a proper weapon to face Poseidon, but I don't think you will find one,” Femradiel said. “He might be the Greek god of the oceans, but I highly doubt he will have only one way to attack. Instead of aiming for a single weapon to miraculously do all the work, you should prepare a plan.”

That seemed reasonable, but Ryan couldn't help but wonder if he actually couldn't forge such a weapon. He certainly wouldn't find a McGuffin hidden somewhere that will increase his chances exponentially against his foe.

After thinking for a while, Ryan decided to select his main weapons that would come in handy against the Hydras and focus on upgrading only them. While he did have a lot of Oridecon and Elunium, something unexpected might happen, or Ryan might find or have a new idea for a weapon to upgrade. Having a supply of useful things certainly wasn't a bad idea.

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Although Femradiel used her other bodies to keep things checked in the domain, Ryan only relaxed when he arrived and confirmed that everything was all right.

“I am going to meditate,” Femradiel said. “I need to increase my intelligence and then gather some mana as well, since I feel I didn’t help all that much in the last fight.”

Before Ryan could say anything, Femradiel left. In the end, he decided to stay quiet since it was good for Femradiel to work and build her next body as soon as possible.

“I guess I will clear a dungeon that I didn’t clear and get a new class before upgrading the weapons that I will need to hunt the Hydras,” Ryan said. “Come to think of it... I probably can cheat the downside that Mohammed mentioned by equipping items that increase my mana. Let’s look for a new dungeon while I find the best type of item that increases mana.”

Although Ryan couldn’t equip many of them, he discovered that earrings were the best accessory to grant mana. However, Ryan also managed to find a new dungeon that spawned monsters that increased the mana of items when they were used to enchant items. They were the Giant Crabs.

Aquatic Ring

Effect: None

Mana + 300

Durability: 40/40

Aquatic Shield

Effect: None

Endurance: + 50

Durability: 100/100

“My guess was correct,” Ryan said. “When crafting items and enchanting them, the highest attributes of the monsters play a major role.”

Ryan noticed that thanks to the previous mission. Regardless, that made his job of clearing a new dungeon to last longer, but at least Ryan obtained a set of rings that increased his mana by six hundred points each. That was the limit of his Magic Upgrade, and while he could solve that with Elunium, it would be a waste to use them on something so cheap.

“... Come to think of it, my mana increases exponentially when I use Draconic Transformation,” Ryan said and then facepalmed. “That skill could easily solve the problem of the upgrades.”

Ryan felt as if he could die of embarrassment, but in the end, that was something only he knew. Even Femradial completely forgot about it.

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: Warrior, Bard, and Fire Mage.

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 Warrior!

You obtained the following skills: Hot Blood, Defiance, and Inner Release.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Hot Blood.

Effect: It increases your strength by five points per level at the cost of your stamina.

Cost: 50 stamina per second.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Defiance.

Effect: At the cost of your stamina, it grants you the power to decrease the effectiveness of negative effects based on the skill level.

Cost: 200 stamina

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Inner Release.

Effect: It increases all of your physical related status at the cost of your health. The amount increased will be to the level of the skill multiplied by ten.

Cost: 100 health per second.

You obtained 01 status points.

“All right, now I need to upgrade some of my crossbows,” Ryan nodded to himself after getting another class. “My Hydra still is around, but it doesn’t mean the number of others has decreased.”

After checking all his weapons, Ryan concluded that four crossbows would come in handy when fighting against the Hydras. He had already used two of them before. Still, the other two would also be useful since, this time, he was going solo for a while. They were the Amphibian Crossbow that doesn't let the bolts lose speed underwater, the Aquatic Crossbow that increases his intelligence per shot for a set amount of time, Immobilizing Crossbow that decreases the enemies' speed, and the Revenge Crossbow that causes extra damage when he is wounded.

Suppose Ryan decides to fight while Draconic Transformation is active. In that case, the Amphibian Crossbow will become useless since, with his increased dexterity, even Hydras can't dodge his projectiles. That was a tougher question. While he already used that skill to face those creatures, he did it to help others, but since things would be riskier now, not using it would be stupid.

"I guess I don't have a choice here," Ryan said. "I can only upgrade my weapons so many times with the materials that I have and the more weapons I try to use, the fewer times I will be able to upgrade them. Come to think of it, upgrading the Spiritualist's Crossbow would help a lot since with each level of upgrade, that weapon will drain more mana from my foes."

Ryan considered that and then decided to take out the Amphibian Crossbow and then add the Spiritualist's Crossbow. While Magic Vampirism would make such a weapon eventually become useless, it certainly wasn't something that would happen anytime soon.

"I guess I will give that crossbow to Zoe once the time comes," Ryan said. "Those guys said that she is a pretty good archer and since she needs mana, this will be a perfect weapon for her."

Spiritualist's Crossbow (+ 30)

Effect: fire bolts at the cost of fifty points of mana that will drain 150 points of your foes mana and recover yours.

Dexterity + 400, Intelligence + 160

Durability: 250/250

Immobilizing Crossbow (+30)

Effect: at the cost of fifty points of mana, it grants you the power to fire crossbows that put your enemies under the slow status for thirty seconds when they are hit by the bolts. Each projectile will decrease their speed by twenty points.

Dexterity + 300, Intelligence + 300

Durability: 200/200

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The result of Ryan's first upgrades was pretty impressive. However, he could have upgraded each weapon at least until level sixty. Still, Ryan didn't do it for the previous reason he mentioned... for in case he finds or thinks of a better weapon and needs to improve it.

Aquatic Crossbow (+ 30)

Effect: At the cost of one hundred points of mana, it temporarily increases your intelligence after using this weapon for ten seconds. The bonus in intelligence will be fifteen points per shot and can stack.

Dexterity + 300, Intelligence + 300

Durability: 220/220

Revenge Crossbow (+40)

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 + 500, Intelligence + 250.

Durability: 300/300

“All right...” Ryan said with a frown of surprise on his face. “I guess I am ready to cause some damage to those fuckers... Still, didn’t I become quite strong with those four weapons? No... this isn’t my strength. This is an extension of my strength, something that I obtained when I didn’t focus on improving my skills and tried to look for outside options to deal with Poseidon... I can’t get carried away after looking for something like this.”

It was time to do some serious hunting, and Ryan was determined to bring the Hydra’s back to extinction. While that was probably impossible since magical powers were spawning them, Ryan had to at least show that much determination. In any case, Ryan decided to ask Femradiel if she was planning to go with him, so he returned to his domain. Still, he found Alissa there, so he quickly assumed his hunt would be delayed for a few hours, at least.

“You have a lot of time in your hands, Alissa...” Ryan said and then sighed.

“I heard that you went to do some interesting things and you didn’t even call me, so I have come to give you my complaints,” Alissa said. “Anyway, Femradiel told me that you are dead set in delaying Poseidon’s return. Despite that, you didn’t even try to ask for help.”

At least she didn’t waste too much time complaining. Regardless, Alissa came alone this time, so Ryan assumed that she didn’t intend to stay for long. Ryan’s guesses weren’t too off the mark, and she quickly got in the business.

“Did something happen?” Ryan asked.

“No, things are as good as they can be in the base. Arthur and Zoe are as good as they can be, thank you very much,” Alissa said. “I have come to talk about someone else. It is about Daniel.”

“You took interest in someone unexpected this time,” Ryan said.

“Well, to be honest, he has become quite interesting as of late,” Alissa said. “His team and him are dead set in becoming as strong as they can be and it looks like they got in their hands some interesting special

classes. I could read his status before, but now that is impossible since he learned about Mind Armor. Despite that, I can tell that they became insanely strong. He even had the nerve of asking to spar with me.”

“You are not much better, since you also asked to spar with me,” Ryan said.

“Anyway, while I didn’t think that I underestimated his strength, he somehow managed to cause much more damage than expected,” Alissa said. “Orgar explained to me that he probably used some dragon slaying skills.”

“Interesting... I can’t say that I have seen many dragons these days, so I am not sure if those skills are of any use right now.”

“You sure are laid back, while there aren’t many dragons out there, there are still us, people who can use their powers,” Alissa said. “Considering your talent at getting on other people’s nerves, I assumed that you might become Daniel’s target pretty soon. Whenever you are mentioned and he hears it, he becomes quite pissed, after all.”

“If you really want that, then you should tell him to come and visit me anytime,” Ryan smiled. “I am crazy to have a single reason to kick his ass. A spar will be the perfect excuse and if he attacks my first without warning, it will be even better.”

“Did you hit your head somewhere?” Alissa frowned. “Anyway, if that fight happens, don’t underestimate him. You aren’t exactly sturdy, so you might be split in half on the first strike.”

“Don’t worry, unlike I don’t feel the need to let the enemies land any attack on me,” Ryan shrugged. “I am smarter than that.”

“Let’s hope that your brain is bigger than your ego,” Alissa said. “Anyway, I am leaving since I only came to warn you about that, I am a busy person after all.”

Alissa quickly vanished after using Flash several times. While Ryan wasn’t so sure of that, he was pretty sure that Alissa would come and waste a few hours of her time to warn about something useless.

“... I forgot to use Absolute Appraisal on her,” Ryan said.

“It is kind of amazing that you can worry about that in a situation like this,” Femradial said.

“Anyway, I am going to hunt some Hydras, do you want to come?” Ryan asked.

“Do you think that is the right time?” Femradial asked. “Things are changing around these parts and you are not paying attention to your country.”

“I am trying to look in the big picture, someone like Daniel and his friends are the last of my worries,” Ryan replied. “If there are no enemies behind, we can and should proceed onward and face the real enemies before they become too troublesome.”

That also seemed logical from Femradial’s perspective. Still, she couldn’t help but worry that Ryan was focusing too much on the big mountain ahead and not paying attention to the occasional holes and stones on his path.

Chapter 608

While only a few days had passed since the seventh dungeon break, Ryan noticed that the number of Hydras in the North of the Atlantic Ocean increased. However, that wasn’t the only thing that increased. Some underwater dungeons appeared as well. Ryan only didn’t notice that because the monsters didn’t have much time to spawn before going to Egypt. However, instead of the new dungeons, an older one caught his interest.

Kraken – Lv 700

Health: 65.000/65.000

Mana: 55.000/55.000

Stamina: 50.000/50.000

Strength: 3500 (+ 200)

Dexterity: 3500 (+ 800)

Speed: 2.000 (+ 500)

Intelligence: 5600 (+ 800)

Endurance: 4500 (+ 900)

Control: 2500 (+ 600)

Mentality: 4500 (+ 1600)

Luck: 2000 (+ 300)

Recovery: 20.000 (+ 5.000)

Willpower: 4500 (+ 1600)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Cold Entanglement Lv 600, Blind Shot Lv 600...

Passive Physical Skills: Enhanced Speed Lv 400, Enhanced Recovery Lv 300, Swim Lv Max...

Spells: Water Tornado Lv 400, Whirlwind Lv 400, Frost Nova Lv 400...

Support Skills: Cold Resistance Lv 600, Water Breathing Lv 900, Hydromancy Lv 500, Electric Resistance Lv 400, Shock Resistance Lv 350, Cryomancy Lv 300...

Before anything, Ryan felt shivers while looking at those tentacles. However, he relaxed a little since the monster wasn't that strong... He had faced a lot of more formidable enemies, and his strength increased thanks to that.

After the uneasy feeling of disgust, Ryan opened his eyes widely in surprise when he used Absolute Appraisal. Even at level one, Ryan could see all the skills the monster had. That was beyond surprising... but in the end, they focused only on the first ones since they were the most high-levelled skills the beast had.

"Why every single time you think of a Kraken, you tremble like a leaf?" Femradiel asked via Telepathy since they were underwater. "You trembled, even more, when you saw one for the first time."

"You don't feel anything while looking at those tentacles?" Ryan asked. "You are pretty weird."

"You are the weird one with suspicious instincts," Femradiel said. "Anyway, while they weren't as troublesome as the Hydras, you can't leave them alone either. The Hydras are about to reach the level nine hundred, but if they are left alone, even those creatures will make their dungeon reach the max level in less than two months."

Ryan didn't have to hear that twice. In the end, he truly believed that a good tentacle monster was a dead tentacle monster. After he summoned twelve copies of his Spiritualist's Crossbow, Ryan bombarded the monster with bolts. Much to his surprise, the beast didn't last even two seconds and barely could react to the surprise attack.

“... As expected, my firepower increased a lot thanks to the upgraded weapon,” Ryan said in amazement. “Maybe I can even defeat a Hydra’s Boss without using Draconic Transformation without giving the monster the chance to wound me.”

After the first Kraken had been killed, several others came and tried to attack Ryan. They probably felt the blood of one of their skin being spilled. Despite that, the number of monsters that Ryan had to face had been pretty low. It looked like the Hydra made sure to keep the Kraken’s population as low as possible.

Since the ordinary krakens were twenty meters long, their dungeon was supposed to be pretty big and spacious, so it was deep underwater... deeper than Ryan could reach with his human body.

“I suppose it can’t be helped...” Ryan said and then sighed.

Ryan used Draconic Transformation since it would be a waste to leave a most likely tier-three dungeon behind. Besides, Ryan’s goal was to delay Poseidon’s return as much as possible, so he had to put his pride aside in order to achieve his goal and give even more time for the humans to prepare for the unavoidable fight.

After heading down to the dungeon that was five hundred meters below sea level, Ryan entered the dungeon that was big enough even for him to swim across. In the end, Ryan found an even bigger Kraken guarding the purple crystal...

“I guess that is the reason why I managed to enter this dungeon in this form,” Ryan thought.

The dungeon boss tried to grab Ryan’s arms with its tentacles, but magic bolts repelled those. In the end, since the tentacles crept out Ryan so much that he didn’t hold back and he stuck the monster in the dungeon walls. It looked like Ryan had stuck the monster there with nails, but that couldn’t be further from the truth.

You obtained 90.000 coins.

“What the hell... already?” Ryan frowned.

“Sometimes, your naivety baffles me,” Femradiel said. “Why are you so surprised? Did you forget that you defeated dozens of Hydra’s bosses? The beings who are keeping those creatures in check?”

“... Lately, you are too aggressive in your comments, Femradiel,” Ryan frowned. “Maybe I should forbid you from meeting Alissa for a while. She is clearly a bad influence on you.”

“Whatever you say, Dad,” Femradiel said. “I can’t believe you are trying to treat me like a kind in a rebellious phase.”

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: Royal Knight, Marksman, 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 Marksman!

You obtained the following skills: Ballistic Shot, Impulse Shot, and Hookshot.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Ballistic Shot.

Effect: It increases the damage caused by your next attack the closer you are to your foe.

Cost: 50 stamina

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Impulse Shot.

Effect: It increases the power of your next attack, and when in midair, it will increase your altitude by five meters per level

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Hookshot.

Effect: it grants you a ten percent bonus in damage per level of the skill and also pulls the target toward you. The distance pulled will be equal to the level of the skill multiplied by five meters.

Cost: 50 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

Before that conversation could become even weirder, Ryan proceeded to open the treasure chest. Fortunately, he finally found once again an archery-related class that he hadn't seen before. Even better, the skills he obtained were awesome.

“Hehe, this certainly will increase the number of things I can do to my enemies,” Ryan said.
“Regardless, onto the next dungeon.”

Femradiel could sense many underwater dungeons up North and East. However, the number of Hydras that they would find in there would be too low. So, instead of going there, they headed toward the South. For quite a while, Ryan only passed by the dungeons he had already found. However, around the time he passed by Cuba and consequently, the last dungeon that he had cleared, he found a new dungeon with numerous enemies... A mermaid's dungeon.

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Unlike the Succubus, the Mermaids weren't using illusions to look more beautiful. That was probably why Ryan saw hundreds of Triton bosses guarding their dungeon and the underwater city they had created in the area.

“That is odd... why are they protecting other species that certainly don’t look like warrior species?” Ryan frowned.

“They must be a species of creatures that work for Poseidon,” Femradiel said. “They aren’t warriors, but Poseidon considers them his own people and thus made them create a base in these parts.”

Sea Nymph – Lv 800

Health: 25.000/25.000

Mana: 153.000/ 153.000

Stamina: 22.000/22.000

Strength: 1500 (+ 200)

Dexterity: 3500 (+ 800)

Speed: 1500 (+ 500)

Intelligence: 9800 (+ 1800)

Endurance: 1500 (+ 200)

Control: 5500 (+ 1600)

Mentality: 4500 (+ 1100)

Luck: 2000 (+ 400)

Recovery: 25.000 (+ 5.000)

Willpower: 4500 (+ 1100)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Frozen Touch Lv 400...

Passive Physical Skills: Augmented Intelligence Lv 400, Enhanced Intelligence Lv 300, Swim Lv Max...

Spells: Crystal Creation Lv 400, Crystal Manipulation Lv 300, Ice Spear Lv 800...

Support Skills: Cold Resistance Lv 900, Water Breathing Lv 800, Hydromancy Lv 600, Electric Resistance Lv 200, Shock Resistance Lv 250, Cryomancy Lv 500...

“Nymph? Aren’t they mermaids?” Ryan frowned.

“I can sense some active mana in their legs... maybe they used some transformation technique to increase their movement underwater,” Femradial said.

Ryan watched a movie in the past where Hercules had a son with a Nymph, and that was why he knew some things about them. Though he didn’t know if that knowledge was actually true. The nymphs were usually associated with fertile, growing things, such as trees or with water. They were not immortal but were extremely long-lived and were on the whole kindly disposed toward men. They were distinguished according to the sphere of nature with which they were connected.

“According to Greek mythology, many of their gods had offspring with Nymphs, but...” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. “I didn’t think they were that many.”

A few hundred meters ahead of them, Ryan and Femradiel could see an underwater city made of crystal. It was astonishingly beautiful since pretty much everything was so transparent. In any case, none of that actually mattered. Ryan couldn’t let such a base that obviously belonged to Poseidon so close to his country. However, not only thanks to the Tritons, Ryan noticed that he had to beware of, but he found some of Hydra’s bosses in the area, making sure that no enemy would approach that city.

“It looks like Poseidon values this place quite a bit,” Ryan said while grinning. “Maybe I should try to hit him where it hurts.”

“What Alissa said is really true... you have a talent at getting on other people’s nerves,” Femradiel said. “In any case, you should prepare yourself if you really plan to destroy this place. “

Weirdly enough, Femradiel didn’t try to stop Ryan... probably because he was in his Draconic form. His weapons suffered a severe upgrade in the last few days. In any case, usually, Ryan would try to get rid of the small fries first since he would have to deal with a massive barrage of attacks, but in that situation, getting rid of the big guns would be wiser.

“Femradiel, can you track the positions of all Hydras in a fifty kilometers radius?” Ryan asked.

“Yes, but the very moment I notice them, they will probably notice me as well,” Femradiel replied.

“That is fine,” Ryan said. “Just focus on finding them one after the other. After that, we will kill all of them as fast as possible.”

That seemed like a pretty bold strategy, but Femradiel realized that probably was the best one. After dealing with the Hydras, nothing a single creature in the area would bother Ryan once he attacks the underwater city. The perimeter that the Hydras created to keep the Nymphs safe from external attacks would be used against them.

Ryan gave Femradiel the task of finding the Hydras and using Teleport to face them before they try to alert the city's inhabitants. Their first target showed a look of surprise when Ryan, in his draconic form, suddenly appeared in front of itself, and that gave Ryan a chance he had been looking for. Ryan bombarded the creature with magic copies of his Spiritualist's Crossbow. While the beast resisted for a while, in the end, it failed at charging at Ryan and at using any spell since the monster's mana had been drained completely.

"Next," Ryan said.

"Shouldn't we get rid of the body first?" Femradiel asked.

"If there isn't anyone to notice, no one will notice," Ryan replied. "If we get rid of all enemies in the area before they find anything weird, it doesn't matter if they get rid of the bodies or not."

"I guess that does make sense," Femradiel said. "I feel embarrassed knowing that you realized that and I didn't."

"What is that supposed to mean?" Ryan frowned.

Instead of replying, Femradiel used Teleport and reached the next target. This time Ryan used Absolute Appraisal and confirmed what he more or less knew... that he was running out of time.

Hydra Lv 903

Health: 415.000/415.000

Mana: 272.000/272.000

Stamina: 261.000/261.000

Strength: 13.900 (+ 2200)

Dexterity: 9100 (+ 1800)

Speed: 10.400 (+ 1500)

Intelligence: 7900 (+ 1800)

Endurance: 8100 (+ 900)

Control: 4900 (+ 1600)

Mentality: 7900 (+ 1600)

Luck: 2000 (+ 300)

Recovery: 128.000 (+ 20.000)

Willpower: 7900 (+ 1600)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Devour Lv 760, Paralyzing Bite Lv 680

Passive Physical Skills: Enhanced Strength Lv 470, Enhanced Recovery Lv 370, Swim Lv Max

Spells: Haste Lv 460, Tsunami Lv 450, Sea Storm Lv 490

Support Skills: Cold Resistance Lv 900, Water Breathing Lv 950, Hydromancy Lv 690, Electric Resistance Lv 480, Shock Resistance Lv 420

“Oh, boy...” Ryan said and then sighed. “I’d better pick up the pace.”

After saying that, Ryan made his bolts rain over the Hydra’s face that was swimming toward him.

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Although one of those bosses almost ate Ryan alive a few months ago, now he was strong enough to kill one of them without suffering a single scratch in less than a minute.

“Yep, I am cheating,” Ryan nodded to himself after he killed twenty of those bosses. “Combining Spiritualist’s Crossbow, Immobilizing Crossbow and Vital Hunter aren’t fair. Still, I have no intention of stopping using these.”

“This was the last one,” Femradiel said.

Ryan and Femradiel noticed that the monsters began to head toward the underwater city when a nearby Hydra was killed. Still, since their senses weren’t that good, they didn’t warn the inhabitants of that place. They didn’t have the chance.

“Suddenly, I feel like I am about to do something bad,” Ryan said. “Is it too late to give any attention to my conscience?”

“Why are you asking me? I am not your conscience,” Femradiel said. “If you are feeling that bad about it, you just have to follow your morals, and at least you will be able to sleep peacefully at night.”

Until now, Ryan didn’t have the time to consider such a thing, but since he was about to start a massacre, perhaps he should. Even in a war, some things shouldn’t be done. While Ryan didn’t know

what was considered a war crime and what wasn't. He at least decided not to attack unarmed monsters or those who were running away.

"I guess this should be enough," Ryan said and then sighed. "In the end, all I need is to clear the dungeon and destroy this base. Poseidon will be pissed anyway. There is no need to annoy him even more by killing those that don't want to fight."

"Fair enough," Femradiel said.

Ryan suddenly teleported to above the center of the underwater city where the dungeon was located. Without wasting time, he attacked the Tritons guarding the dungeon. In an instant, dozens of those were killed. Those who managed to react in time to protect themselves only ended with minor injuries.

After the first attack, everyone in the city finally noticed Ryan. He could tell by the look of disbelief on their faces how come they didn't see such a dragon approaching. In any case, just as Ryan had expected, some Sea Nymphs fired Ice Spears toward him, and others fired lightning bolts through their hands. Still, Ryan not only stopped their attacks with his bolts but also killed those who had attacked him. Dozens of them died in a second moment, and that had been more than enough for the others to lose their fighting spirit.

"As I had expected, they don't belong to a warrior race," Ryan said as he watched thousands of Nymphs spreading around in the ocean. "Just what the hell is Poseidon thinking by creating a dungeon to bring those creatures to Earth? Is he seriously thinking that taking over will be a cinch?"

"Maybe, but it isn't time for you to worry about that," Femradiel said.

Ryan nodded after clicking his tongue since the Tritons were swimming toward him... typical brain-dead warriors. Why would charge so vigorously against someone who could have easily crushed them silently? Before the monsters could get close enough to do anything, Ryan massacred the monsters with a barrage of magic bolts.

While fighting without worrying about mana was quite refreshing, Ryan was feeling more annoyed than satisfied with that fact. The more he tried to get on Poseidon's path, the more pissed he felt. To the point where Ryan began to wonder if he shouldn't chase those Nymphs and kill them anyway.

“... Let’s try not to forget the honor code that I created just a few hours ago,” Ryan said after taking a deep breath.

Before entering the dungeon, Ryan attacked and destroyed the whole crystal city. Although that was unnecessary, Ryan did so in his draconic form in order to save some time. In the end, Ryan destroyed a city that was the size of Shreveport by himself in just a few minutes...

The entrance of the dungeon wasn’t that deep, and since the place was also quite small, Ryan returned to his human form to explore the place. While inside the dungeon, Ryan found some Nymphs that spawned and tried to attack him since he didn’t look as powerful as in his draconic form, but they made a mistake by judging a book by its cover. In any case, Ryan didn’t forget to use some of them to create and upgrade a new crossbow.

Glacial Crossbow (+ 05)

Effect: At the cost of one hundred points of mana, it grants you a small chance to put an enemy automatically under the Freeze status for two seconds when causing critical damage.

Dexterity + 225, Intelligence + 180

Durability: 200/200

“Not bad, I guess,” Ryan said.

Although Ryan found some Nymphs spawning, he didn’t find a single one guarding the treasure chest. Even the bosses had so little will to fight that they escaped with the others... After letting out a long sigh, Ryan opened the chest and chose his next class.

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

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 Druid!

You obtained the following skills: Hibernate, Heat Wave, and Poisonous Roots.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Hibernate.

Effect: It grants you the power to enter deep slumber and increase the power of your recovery by five percent per level.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Heat Wave.

Effect: It increases the temperature in a certain area around your targets that can burn them as a whole.

Cost: 100 mana per second.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Poisonous Roots.

Effect: It grants you the power to snare your foes and poison them by using underworld roots.

Cost: 100 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

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While Ryan achieved his goal... more or less, he left the area feeling like he had wasted his time. While the Druid class was useful, at the moment, he was more worried about how to use his time meaningfully to slow down Poseidon.

"I have wanted to ask this for a while..." Femradiel said. "When are you planning to use the coins that you have?"

"When I find something interesting to buy in the dungeon shop," Ryan replied.

Ryan didn't forget the coins he earned after defeating three dungeon masters. While skills like Vampirism and Stamina Vampirism certainly will help him a lot, Ryan didn't feel the need to buy them for the time being. However, considering how fearsome they will become after reaching a certain level, he was having a hard time keeping that kind of thought. Unless he finds an exciting tome to buy in the next few days, he probably will spend those coins on one of those options.

In any case, while he left the area to look for another dungeon to clear and Hydras to kill, Ryan found a group of Hydras heading toward the crystal city's direction. Naturally, he got on their way, but Ryan was caught off guard when he failed at stopping the charge of six ordinary Hydras even though he had twelve magic bows.

The monsters got close enough to try to bite Ryan, but he escaped by using Evading Shot. After that, they suffered too much damage to have that chance again.

"Oh, right... mt power decreased since I deactivated Draconic Transformation," Ryan shook his head after a long sigh. "That was why I calculated wrong."

"While fighting with the weapons you have and without worrying about how mana you use is good, maybe you should think of a good way to use all the extra mana and increase how much damage you can cause per second," Femradiel said. "Using the mana to train some skills is fine as well."

Ryan had just thought about that. While in his Draconic form, several copies of his Spiritualist's Crossbow will be enough to stop a Hydra boss, but not in his human form. Ryan will have to find another way to achieve that.

Since the Hydra's dungeon is about to reach the max level and Poseidon will probably appear in less than a month, Ryan assumed that he would find many traces of places like the crystal city. Still, much to his surprise, he didn't.

"I suppose even Poseidon wouldn't have many chances to build that type of underwater city..." Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "While that dungeon was near Cuba, it didn't have many neighboring dungeons... it was the perfect place to build a base for non-warrior species."

"Should I focus on searching for places like that?" Femradiel asked.

"Nah, I don't need to deal with any more situations where I have to think if I should kill or not the monsters in the area," Ryan replied. "While letting Poseidon build these types of places kind of annoys me, we will gain a lot more by decreasing his armies."

Since that was truly their goal, Ryan and Femradiel skipped along the way several tiers, two dungeons since they were spawning monsters that were being hunted by Hydras. Still, since they were quite far from the Hydra's dungeon, their numbers were too low.

"Should we really skip the tier two dungeons?" Femradiel asked.

"Focus on the mission, Femradiel," Ryan said. "We will lose too much time if we stop in every single dungeon."

Although he said that, Ryan was telling himself whenever possible to focus on the mission as well. Despite the fact that he was thirsty for new classes. Around the time Ryan was passing the nearby Dominican Republic, he and Femradiel finally found another tier three dungeon that apparently belonged to Poseidon, in a sense. They found several Hydra's guarding the place. While they weren't bosses, their numbers were surprisingly high...

"What are they doing here?" Ryan frowned.

Ryan soon got his answer. A Megalodon left the dungeon only to be bitten all over its body by the Hydras... it looked like they wanted more protein in their diet. The Megalodons were big enough to provide nutrients for dozens of Hydras.

“Is it a coincidence that we found another tier-three dungeon near a country on this side of the ocean?” Ryan asked.

“It is hard to say,” Femradiel replied. “If there were another underwater city nearby, I would say yes, but I can’t see any strategic point in guarding this dungeon with so many monsters. They certainly can’t clear the dungeon, and with those numbers, they certainly can’t suppress all the monsters that will come out during a dungeon break.”

“Yet, here they are, and we didn’t see an army of Megalodons in the last few days,” Ryan said.

From Ryan’s perspective, it seemed like a waste to allocate so many monsters in a single area when each one of them was obviously stronger than a Megalodon. Then again, Poseidon wasn’t controlling them directly or didn’t give them the order to stay in that area. In any case, Ryan decided to act since he couldn’t wait to understand the actions of monsters or beings that lived for thousands of years.

Since Ryan wanted to potentialize his attack pattern with the extra mana that he had, he decided to summon six Spiritualist’s Crossbows and six Titanium Storm Bows. When the monsters felt his presence, Ryan bombarded them with his projectiles, and this time he completely put the creatures at bay, even in his human form. The monster’s died without barely having the chance to move.

“The efficacy of the Titanium Storm Bow increased...” Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully.

“Your piercing power increased, so it is only natural that their effects will be more powerful,” Femradiel said.

Ryan nodded after hearing that since it made sense... there was no point in having a weapon that could stun or petrify an enemy if the said weapon can’t pierce a monster’s hide.

Class: Artemis' Disciple Lv 36 (+ 03 UP) / Frozen Spellcaster Lv 33 (+ 04 UP) / William Tell's Apprentice Lv 24 (+ 03 UP) (-)

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

Rank: 41th

Health: 6920/6920 (12,62/s)

Mana: 8825/8825 (12,62/s)

Stamina: 9130/9130 (12,62/s)

Strength: 831 (+828) (+130)

Dexterity: 7150 (+5755) (+550)

Speed: 1120 (+2960) (+48)

Intelligence: 1181 (+2414) (+33)

Endurance: 1348 (+599) (+160)

Control: 1326 (+2960) (+10)

Mentality: 1258 (+893) (+70)

Luck: 1030 (+90)

Recovery: 3950 (+3900) (+845)

Willpower: 1280 (+929) (+40)

Coins: 67.523.109

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Sting Lv 65 (+ 05 UP), Hawkeye Lv 102 (+ 05 UP), Ballistic Shot Lv 01, Impulse Shot Lv 01, Hookshot Lv 01

Passive Physical Skills: Eagle Eyes Lv 112 (+ 03 UP), Concentration Lv 112 (+ 03 UP), Archery Lv 112 (+ 03 UP), Accuracy Lv 112 (+ 03 UP), Stealth Lv 112 (+ 03 UP), Firing Posture Lv 102 (+ 03 UP), Crossbow Expert Lv 65 (+ 05 UP), Sharpshooter Lv 65 (+ 05 UP), Archer's Faith Lv 20 (+ 04 UP), Perfect Shot Lv 12 (+ 03 UP), Secret Arrow Lv 10 (+ 03 UP),

Spells: Ranger's Awakening Lv 52 (+ 05 UP), Lunar Arrow Lv 28 (+ 07 UP), Clairvoyance Lv 38 (+ 05 UP), Magic Vampirism Lv 25 (+ 06 UP), Freezing Aura Lv 07 (+ 06 UP), Absolute Appraisal Lv 04 (+ 03 UP), Hibernate Lv 01, Heat Wave Lv 01, Poisonous Roots Lv 01

Support Skills: Cold Immunity Lv 08 (+ 07 UP)

Classes:

Combat: Beastmaster Lv 92 (+ 03 UP), Summoner Lv Max (+ 03 UP), Weapons Master Lv Max (+ 01 UP), Poisonous Archer Lv 47 (+ 05 UP), Silent Killer Lv 31 (+ 06 UP), Hexblade Lv 82 (+ 06 UP), Magic Archer Lv 57 (+ 08 UP), Royal Archer Lv 47 (+ 07 UP), Demolisher Lv 13 (+ 06 UP), Marksman Lv 05 (+ 04 UP), Druid Lv 01,

Non-Combatant: Blacksmith Lv 72 (+ 03 UP), Alchemist Lv 78 (+ 03 UP),

Race: Centaur, Lesser Dragon, Kobold,

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While Ryan was crossing the dungeon and occasionally killing a megalodon that would get on his way, he checked his status, skills, and classes list. Somewhere during the previous mission, he managed to reach the max level with the Summoner and Weapons Master class. While they didn't have anything to do with each other, Ryan will have to sacrifice them in the near future. The Beastmaster class was already at level ninety-two, so it probably would be a good idea to sacrifice those three.

"I guess I won't obtain a spectacular class by sacrificing a magic and two-hybrid classes," Ryan thought. "Still, it can't be helped."

Classes like Hexblade quickly approached the max level since Ryan was constantly using crossbows, so he would have to tame a few beasts before that happens. Regardless, that was a problem for later. Right now, Ryan had to defeat a Megalodon boss. Ryan quickly found the beast, but in the end, a species that got their ass kicked by the Hydras wouldn't prove to be much of a challenge to Ryan. He quickly defeated the monster by using the same tactic he used to deal with the previous Hydras. Since Ryan didn't have to focus on several targets, the boss lasted only for a couple of minutes.

You obtained 75.000 coins.

"Alright... this is just too weird," Ryan said. "It doesn't make any sense that someone who almost got killed by slimes several times seven months ago can do this so easily?"

"You are the weird one here..." Femradiel said and then sighed. "You are preparing to face Poseidon, and you find this weird?"

"I knew it... I should have used Draconic Transformation," Ryan said.

"Now you are blaming me, huh," Femradiel said. "You seem to forget that you are a boring guy who didn't do anything aside from hunting monsters in the last seven months. You are a battle freak. I just accepted that, Ryan. This is the result of you pursuing power single-mindedly for so long."

“I don’t think seven months is that long, but... whatever,” Ryan shrugged. “Let’s not get ahead of ourselves. I will only feel satisfied once I put some arrows up Baal, Lilith, Mephisto, Beelzebub, Poseidon’s asses.”

Femradiel couldn’t even bring herself to say anything after hearing that. Even dragons weren’t supposed to be that greedy and foolish. Regardless, she just stared silently at Ryan when he opened the treasure chest.

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: Holy Knight, Ranger, and High 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 Holy Knight!

You obtained the following skills: Judgement Blade, Holy Sword, and Holy Aura.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Judgement Blade.

Effect: Summons a magic sword from the skies that causes massive damage to the target and paralyzes undead and demon monsters for two seconds.

Cost: 200 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Holy Sword.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon a magic sword enchanted with holy magic that can be fired as a projectile.

Cost: 100 mana.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Holy Aura.

Effect: It boosts the holy power of your allies against undead and demons by five percent per level of the skill.

Range: skill level multiplied by ten meters.

Cost: 100 mana per second.

You obtained 01 status points.

“No, luck this time, huh,” Ryan shrugged. “Well, I suppose it can’t be helped.”

Ryan already had plenty of skills that were supposed to be highly effective against demons and undead monsters. Still, the chance to use them was quite rare. Although he could face the banshees for that, Ryan wasn’t the type to wait in a single dungeon. In any case, Ryan and Femradiel were getting closer to the area that Ryan had previously explored alongside Gustavo and his friends, so he began to wonder if he shouldn’t just use Teleport and get as close as possible to the Hydra’s dungeon. However, Femradiel stopped him.

“It looks like something is happening in your domain...” Femradiel said.

“What now...” Ryan said and then sighed.

“I can sense an army of monsters heading in a straight line to our base,” Femradiel said. “They are quite strong... almost at the level of the Hydras.”

Ryan immediately used Draconis Transformation and then used Teleport. There was no time to hesitate... suppose an army of monsters at the level of the Hydras attacked his domain. In that case, the result will be catastrophic, even though Femradiel was making sure to keep a lot of resources in the defense measures of the domain.

After a couple of minutes, Ryan returned to his domain. Still, the army of monsters Femradiel mentioned was yet to arrive. Fortunately, she recognized the threat in time for Ryan to assume a defensive instance.

“How weird... they are coming from the East, and they are...” Femradiel hesitated.

Before Femradiel could finish her sentence, Ryan used Clairvoyance to check everything in that direction. For quite a while, he didn't find anything. Still, he eventually found a weird army of dark dogs seventy kilometers away from his domain. For a moment, Ryan barely saw the creatures in the army. Their numbers were so massive, and they were so clustered together that they seemed a single being made of shadows.

In the distance, Ryan saw that just by passing by above a place, their presences were enough to destroy everything. Their shadows turned even the greenest land into a dead wasteland. At first, Ryan assumed that they were some monstrous version of wolves covered in shadows and with red eyes, but that wasn't the case... they were hellhounds.

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Hellhound Lv 820

Health: 75.000/75.000

Mana: 55.000/55.000

Stamina: 43.000/43.000

Strength: 7500 (+ 1200)

Dexterity: 3500 (+ 800)

Speed: 4400 (+ 500)

Intelligence: 7900 (+ 1000)

Endurance: 5500 (+ 900)

Control: 300 (+ 600)

Mentality: 5000 (+ 1000)

Luck: 1000 (+ 300)

Recovery: 25.000 (+ 10.000)

Willpower: 5000 (+ 1000)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Dead Aura Lv 690, Voracity Lv 680...

Passive Physical Skills: Enhanced Strength Lv 5200, Enhanced Recovery Lv 470, Steel Skin Lv 400...

Spells: Shadow Armor Lv 350, Shadow Spear Lv 450, Summon Zombie Lv 150...

Support Skills: Cold Resistance Lv 400, Electric Resistance Lv 400, Shock Resistance Lv 330, Fire Resistance Lv 540...

“What the heck...” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows in surprise. “I didn’t know we had this type of monster around these parts.”

“They are a new species...” Femradiel said. “If they were here before, I would have noticed. The smell of death they emit is almost unbearable. There is no way I would have missed that.”

“There is no way that a new species would reach level 820 that quickly,” Ryan said. “... If there isn’t a dungeon where they spawn in this country, where did they come from?”

Thanks to Draconic Transformation, Ryan had enough mana to keep using Clairvoyance and follow the trail the monsters left. Still, in the end, he didn’t find anything. The first mark that those creatures left was on the country’s East Coast, specifically on a California beach.

“They didn’t come from underwater, so... how?” Ryan frowned. “This doesn’t make any sense.”

Their first answer had been Teleport, but if someone or something teleported that army of monsters, why stop at the beach? Why not summon them near Ryan’s domain since that was obviously their target? Those answers could be answered later... Before anything, Ryan had to face those fuckers.

“Femradiel, try to read their minds and see if you can find anything about this sudden attack,” Ryan said. “An attack at such a time is too weird considering that I spent three days in Egypt.”

“I will try, but I won’t promise anything. Those hellhounds are a different species of monsters,” Femradiel said. “It is hard to explain, but it is like they are spectral monsters, but still possess a physical form.”

In any case, while it was challenging to know the enemy who prepared that attack, Ryan still decided to fight in his human form. Some enemies knew about his draconic powers, but their numbers weren’t that high. Besides, those who knew wouldn’t share such valuable information with their competitors.

In the end, Ryan left his domain to face the monsters... in a manner of speaking. Instead of approaching, he just began to fly above his domain. From such a place, he would be able to fire without having to worry about obstacles. However, much to his surprise, the monsters were taking their time to show up.

“It looks like their speed decreased a little, probably because they noticed our arrival,” Femradiel said.

“Shouldn’t they hurry up now that the dungeon master is here?” Ryan asked.

“Normally, that would be the case, but...” Femradiel said.

Even Femradiel couldn’t explain the oddness of the situation. There were too many inexplicable things about the attack... as usual. They concluded that those weird factors were part of someone else’s plan to fool or make them hesitate.

Ryan considered facing the monsters somewhere away from his domain, but there was a chance that there was a trap waiting for him ahead. Something like that happened before, after all. In the end, the Hellhounds reached a point where they began to move at a marching speed... Ryan bit his lips in annoyance until they started to bleed.

“Relax, someone is obviously trying to get the better of you,” Femradiel said.

“You think I don’t know that?” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows.

“For someone who likes to piss others, you certainly are easy to taunt,” Femradiel said.

After he was forced to wait for four hours, Ryan had it. Something snapped inside of him when for no reason at all, the Hellhounds stopped advancing and just stood still in a place twenty kilometers away from Ryan's domain. There was no mistake. Someone who knew Ryan relatively well had planned all that to make him waste time. It was obvious since the monsters stopped just outside his range and behind a mountain that was blocking the path of Ryan's projectiles.

"All right, this is it," Ryan said. "They made me lose half of a day waiting in here for nothing. I will make sure to make them pay for it."

"At least come up with some sort of plan to surprise them instead of just rushing ahead and attacking them with your archery skills," Femradiel said. "Try to annoy them the exact same way they annoyed you."

"... I like that," Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "You are pretty shrewd, Femradiel."

"That certainly isn't a compliment," Femradiel said.

Ryan crossed his arms and then began to think, what would be the best way to eliminate those fuckers and then make them feel as much annoyed as him? He had an idea, but it didn't seem good enough, so Ryan decided to think about it for a while longer. However, all the ideas he had would only make him waste more time and mana than necessary.

To save some mana, Ryan used only four skills, they were Draconic Transformation, Earth Creation, Teleport, and Deadly Aim. He was so pissed at those creatures that he decided to keep Draconic Transformation active... even though that wasn't something he would usually do. Regardless, thanks to that, he managed to make something pretty unexpected happen... he replicated a meteor rain.

Since the hellhounds were so close to each other, that worked pretty well in making Ryan's attacks be as deadly as they could. In just a matter of seconds, dozens of massive rocks fell from the sky and hit the enemies' camp.

You obtained 800 coins.

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“I hope you like that... damn group of dirty dogs,” Ryan said.

While magic wasn't his specialty, Ryan still managed to take down thousands of those creatures. Still, thanks to that, he noticed that he didn't kill a single boss... someone send an army of minions just to make him waste time. That became evident when the hellhounds scattered around the area, but not to escape from Ryan's range, but to increase his work.

“That is obvious now... someone doesn't want you to try to slow down Poseidon's return,” Femradiel said.

That became obvious a while ago, and Ryan couldn't help but curse his own carelessness. Why he didn't consider that other dungeon masters would cover for Poseidon? It was only natural that something like that would happen since he was a Greek god... most likely other Greek gods were helping him since he will probably do the same for them. Not to mention, Ryan has been a pain in so many dungeons masters' side that it was evident that certain groups would know of him and come up with plans to at least stop him. After all, he survived battle against many dungeon masters that were considered to be at the same level as the Elder gods.

“I had imagined that we would have a hard time striking at the enemies while we had to guard this place, but at some point, I forgot about it,” Ryan said. “In any case, whoever sends those creatures, probably will need some time to organize another army of this size, so we need to kill them as fast as possible.”

“Let's split up. We will deal with them faster that way,” Femradiel said.

“Do you have the strength to deal with a smaller group of hellhounds?” Ryan frowned. “Your status shows me that certainly isn't the case.”

“If the result of fights were decided by status alone, humans would have gone extinct by now,” Femradiel said, and then she began to fly. “If you maintain your draconic form, I will be able to use my power more freely, thus defeating them will be easier as well. Don’t think about canceling the skill, Ryan. Just think that this is an extension of the real fight against Poseidon.”

After saying that, Femradiel used Teleport and disappeared. It didn’t take long for Ryan to receive the notifications of the coins he was receiving. As expected, Femradiel could show power beyond the limit of her status.

“I suppose I can’t hold back either...” Ryan said and then sighed. “It is time to go all out.”

Ryan used Teleport and then appeared above a group of one hundred Hellhounds. The monsters immediately tried to open their mouths and attack him. Still, they failed at doing so since Ryan impaled them through their mouths with his Hydra’s bow. For a short while, the magic arrows made the monsters get stuck on the ground, at least the ones that survived. However, soon after, Ryan dealt the killing blow. In less than five seconds, Ryan killed the whole group.

“Next,” Ryan said and then used Teleport.

Even from a distance, and even though he actually couldn’t be seen, the Hellhounds felt Ryan’s presence and tried to move away from him. As expected, when they didn’t have any other choice, they would fight, but when they had, they didn’t even try to ambush him. They really had come to make him waste time...

“These guys... they can’t stop pissing me off,” Ryan said after a long sigh. “Still, while their plan is annoying, the level of the enemies is actually good for me.”

Congratulations! The skill Draconic Transformation has leveled up.

Ryan’s status in his draconic form was increasing non-stop, so whoever made this plan, it certainly wasn’t a tactical genius. Regardless, Ryan and Femradiel moved from one place to another and hunted down all the fifty thousand hellhounds. While that took a good part of their day, it didn’t look like it was over.

“I am sensing another army of monsters approaching...” Femradiel suddenly appeared and then said. “They are coming from the West.”

“At this rate, we will stay here until Poseidon returns to Earth,” Ryan said.

Although he said that while he maintained a neutral expression, Ryan’s first was clenching. As expected, it pained Ryan to admit that, but he needed more allies. He couldn’t show his true power by reacting to those kinds of attacks.

“Femradiel, it looks like we have been overlooking some assholes,” Ryan said. “It is time to find them. I don’t know for how long this will last, but I am starting to think this will help in the long run.”

“What do you have in mind?” Femradiel asked.

“While I protect the domain, with your skills, you will try to find out the dungeons those monsters came from,” Ryan replied. “After that, we will clear the dungeons of Poseidon’s friends.”

“I suppose that is the only way, but unlike you, I am not good at stealth, so I will need some help,” Femradiel said.

“I suppose it can’t be helped,” Ryan said and then opened the dungeon shop.

Invisibility tome

Effect: by using the light element, it grants you the power to absorb all sources of light and make you invisible.

Cost: 30 mana per second

Price: 10.000.000 coins.

It was surprising that Femradiel didn't have that skill, but in the end, it kind of made sense. Dragons were proud of their strength, so they wouldn't use that kind of skill for hunting. Ryan had plenty of coins, so he didn't hesitate to buy them. While the cost was pretty high, Ryan didn't have a problem when he uses Draconic Transformation.

"You know, there is always the option of asking for help," Femradiel said. "While they aren't many, there are some people who would help you if you ask them."

"I would rather not lose a good chance to level up my skills," Ryan said. "While it seems like I am wasting my time, it is not like I am the only one trying to stop Poseidon. You can think that my presence in the ocean will only slow down the inevitable for a day or two."

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Without wasting any more time, Femradiel and Ryan activated the skill and began to move. Ryan headed West while Femradiel went to East. It didn't take long for Ryan to find his targets, the reason being the fact that they were huge... those creatures were taller than the giants. Still, they also looked less humanoid if compared to them. Their skin was gray and completely devoid of any hair. In some aspects, they looked like trolls since they had clubs in each hand. However, the most distinguished feature in their bodies was the fact that they only possessed a single eye.

Cyclops Lv 750

Health: 135.000/135.000

Mana: 15.000/15.000

Stamina: 73.000/73.000

Strength: 8000 (+ 1500)

Dexterity: 1500 (+ 300)

Speed: 2200(+ 400)

Intelligence: 1000 (+ 100)

Endurance: 6500 (+ 900)

Control: 400 (+ 200)

Mentality: 5000 (+ 1000)

Luck: 1000 (+ 500)

Recovery: 40.000 (+ 10.000)

Willpower: 5000 (+ 1000)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Concentrated Strike Lv 650, Rage Lv 600...

Passive Physical Skills: Enhanced Strength Lv 520, Enhanced Endurance Lv 510, Steel Skin Lv 300...

Spells: Scream Lv 150, Earthquake Lv 110...

Support Skills: Cold Resistance Lv 600, Electric Resistance Lv 600, Shock Resistance Lv 450, Fire Resistance Lv 500...

“That is some level of endurance...” Ryan said when he found the enemies. “It looks like they didn’t feel me, but I don’t know if a surprise attack will be that useful against enemies so tough.”

The real troublesome thing about the cyclops was that they weren’t bosses. Just their minions had much health, endurance, and recovery. That was just insane... following their traces, Ryan also ended up seeing a beach on the other side of the country. It looked like those guys had been teleported too.

After thinking for a while, Ryan decided to use the same strategy he used in Egypt to destroy that army of monsters. Fly high in the sky beyond the enemies’ reach and then bombard them with bolts. Even though he was invisible, the very moment he used Draconic Transformation was the moment the cyclops felt his presence.

“I see now... they were tracking me only when I used Draconic Transformation,” Ryan said after a long sigh. “Who could have thought that this convenient skill would cause that kind of problem.”

The very moment Ryan summoned his magic crossbows, he bombarded the cyclops. The monsters tried to throw their weapons at him, but the difference in speed was too big, and they never hit him. When they noticed that killing Ryan was impossible, the monsters assumed defensive stances. First, they used their weapons to block Ryan’s bolts, but that only worked for so long. After all, each of Ryan’s attacks was powerful enough to create a crater on the ground.

Whoever had the idea to make Ryan waste time probably didn’t know that he had upgraded dozens of times certain crossbows. Thanks to it, even though they were monsters in which their strength was their ability to endure attacks, the Cyclops failed at their job of making Ryan waste any time. Every second, dozens of them died due to the rain of bolts, and those that tried to run away were turned into ice status thanks to Ice Breath. They also became an obstacle that prevented others from escaping.

“While I am obtaining coins like crazy, this still is a waste of time...” Ryan said. “I guess I need to buy some other skills that might help me solve this kind of problem.”

Unfortunately, Ryan didn’t find a solution to that problem. As expected, it wouldn’t be easy. Ryan only finished off the last remaining cyclops after several hours. At that point in time, he couldn’t help but

ponder as to why Femradiel hadn't called him yet. Considering her skills, it shouldn't be impossible for her to locate which direction the hellhounds came from, even if they had come by using Teleport.

Ryan checked the loot that the cyclops left behind, but he didn't find anything worthwhile. That was only natural, given that his best weapons had been upgraded so many times. Fortunately, when he finished that task, Femradiel finally contacted him.

"Sorry, I took my time here," Femradiel said. "It looks like the hellhounds came from another continent, the traces of mana left by Teleport were faint, but they can't be tracked underwater. Considering the direction and the traces of mana, I would say that somewhere in Europe, we can find the hellhounds' dungeon."

Ryan sighed when he heard that. That was the worst outcome possible... not only he couldn't give Gustavo and his friends a hand because his base would be constantly attacked, but he also couldn't attack those who were bothering him since their bases were too far away.

"... Let's return to our base," Ryan said.

Femradiel also didn't have any idea how to solve that issue, so she just returned to the domain as well and then watched Ryan work. Before doing anything else, Ryan created a massive hammer of earth and then proceeded to smash all the Hydra's bones he had in his domain. Since Ryan did it in his draconic form, he finished turning the bones into fragments almost as small as dust.

"Femradiel, do you know how to create ice that is impossible to melt?" Ryan asked.

"... No, unless you want to move to areas where the cold is truly intense," Femradiel replied. "The colder the ambient is, the more durable the ice in the ambient also is. So, in a country like this, it is probably impossible to create that type of ice."

"So, in the end, if we were to create a weapon made of ice, we will have to constantly repair it, right?" Ryan asked.

"Yeah, but why don't you make something out of the earth as usual?" Femradiel asked. "You just need to use Earth Transformation and turn the material into whatever you want."

“I was planning to do that. I have been studying Oridecon and Elunium for that reason. Still, it looks like a high level in Earth Transformation is necessary for that. Even in my draconic form, I can’t make a single grain of Oridecon and Elunium.”

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Femradiel frowned since she was pretty sure that a living being couldn’t create those types of magic ores. Still, that probably had been Ryan’s plan all along.

“So, do you think with ice you will be able to create more powerful weapons than with other metals?” Femradiel asked.

“You said it, didn’t you?” Ryan asked. “The colder the ice, the more durable it becomes. We can use several skills that increase the durability of ice, so you can imagine how well a blade made of sturdy ice will cut.”

“I can, but... it won’t be that simple,” Femradiel said. “I don’t know which ones, but you will need several skills to make a weapon that can be properly used like that.”

“For the time being, it is fine, even a weaker version of the one I imagined,” Ryan replied. “I was thinking about buying new tomes, so if you have any idea which ones I should buy, then I am all ears.”

“... If you are planning to use Hydra’s bones to make the weapon, perhaps you should learn Blood Manipulation as well,” Femradiel said. “If you combine those with your ice skills, then you can create a weapon that will last for a while without being repaired.”

Ryan had seen that skill on the dungeon shop, but he didn’t think that would be much more powerful than any other. Not to mention, Ryan would have to use his own blood or touch the enemies’ blood to manipulate it... it wasn’t a feasible tool of fighting. The cost was also pretty high... thirty million coins. After thinking for a while, Ryan understood that the price was high for a reason. The skill had more potential than he had imagined.

“Why use blood, Femradiel?” Ryan asked.

“All creatures have mana now, and their blood will also have mana,” Femradiel replied. “So, the blood of a powerful creature will be a good addition to the construction of any weapon, just like the Hydras’ bones.”

“What about using mana liquid instead of blood?” Ryan asked. “Some of our enemies had that for their blood, and that makes their vessels incredibly powerful.”

“They just didn’t use regular mana liquid. They probably mixed with the blood of those bodies, not to mention, it is probably a high-quality mana liquid,” Femradiel explained.

“Come to think of it, I stored some of the blood of that giant, but I forgot to study it,” Ryan said and then took out the container Femradiel previously made.

First of all, Ryan tried to feel the smell. He compared it with the regular potions and noticed that mana potions almost had the same scent as citric fruits like lemons. Ryan wasn’t crazy enough to drink the liquid that came from a monster’s body, so he skipped that part. As for the last test, Ryan confirmed that his mana could be recovered when he touched the liquid.

“Maybe you should try this mana liquid...” Femradiel said.

“Nah, it is not enough,” Ryan replied. “I want to make a big ass spear that will decimate hundreds of small fries at the same time and use it on my draconic form,” Ryan replied.

“Then mix your blood and that liquid,” Femradiel said. “I forgot to mention, but the bodies of living beings aren’t the only thing that can absorb mana. The mana liquid will work as a battery inside of a weapon. It is more or less the same procedure when you use a spirit to create a magic weapon.”

“That is kind of complicated...” Ryan said and then sighed. “Anyway, I guess that means that I will need to find a way to power up my mana potions later on. Still, let’s go with your first advice.”

While that had been the first time he did something as crazy as that, Ryan used Draconic Transformation and then opened a wound on his right arm. By using Telekinesis, Ryan mixed the fragment of the Hydras’ bones. Once he made the base of the spear that was one hundred meters long, he expanded it

by creating ice within. It didn't take long for Ryan to frown while looking at his new weapon taking shape. It wasn't a semi-transparent blue-like weapon... the ice was turning red thanks to Ryan's blood.

"Well, it is turning more ominous than I imagined..." Femradiel said.

"I am starting to wonder how come I can lose so much blood, and where does that blood come from and goes once I use and deactivate Draconic Transformation?" Ryan asked.

Not even Femradiel could explain that, after all, Draconic Transformation didn't have a cost. Regardless, despite the weapon's size, Ryan managed to finish it before his health could reach dangerous levels.

Double Edge Mutant Spear

Strength + 750, + 500 Speed.

Durability: 1500/1500

"Woah... that is a lot of durability," Ryan frowned.

"That is the effect of adding your blood to the weapon," Femradiel said. "Your blood will prevent your weapon from melting. Let's see... the weapon will be lost on the point of durability per minute. You can repair by using ice magic or the skill Repair. However, a weapon this big will also lose a lot of durability while in action."

"Well, this is just a minor detail," Ryan said while he watched the blades on both sides of the spear. "This is sharp enough with what I have in mind."

Ryan immediately disappeared with Teleport, and then he began to hunt the Hydras' again. However, just as he had expected, Femradiel warned him of the arrival of a new army of monsters. Ryan didn't return this time while showing an annoyed expression, but with a grim on his face. He didn't even return to his domain. Instead, Ryan headed in a straight line toward the new army that appeared on California's coast. It was another army of hellhounds, but those beasts didn't last long. The very moment

Ryan teleported his weapon and made it spin in the enemies' camp, thousands of them were cut into thousands of pieces.

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That situation repeated itself for two other days. Still, once the enemies realized that Ryan was unstoppable with his new spear, they gave up on it.

"That is disappointing. I imagined that they would try to send the big guns," Ryan frowned. "Well, let's return to our real job."

"Ryan, are you busy?" Gustavo suddenly used the telepathic link.

"... I just finished a certain job," Ryan replied. "I was going to give you guys a hand."

"Well, it looks like that won't be necessary anymore..." Gustavo said. "In the last two days, the levels of the Hydras' skyrocketed for some reason. They are at level 990."

"What? How?" Ryan asked, visibly astonished.

"It is hard to say since we can't check it with our own eyes," Gustavo replied. "But our guess is that they finished Poseidon's castle, and now they are killing each other to level up the species as a whole."

Ryan already knew that Poseidon doesn't do things by half, and considering Femradiel's impression of him, it was very likely that the Greek god of the seas would go as far as that. Regardless, it wasn't time to be exasperated.

"Are you guys planning to do something?" Ryan asked. "I was trying to help for the next four days, but my domain had been attacked several times by armies of monsters whose sole goal was to make me waste my time. My guess is that some Greek god is covering for him."

“Is that so... I can understand that some points of our coast had also been attacked by armies of monsters that appeared out of nowhere,” Gustavo said. “That was why we didn’t have the chance to check anything. Still, truth to be told, I don’t know anything that we can do in this type of situation. That is why, right now, we are evacuating Rio de Janeiro. We can’t fight without knowing the power of the enemy. It is too dangerous not only for us but for our people as well.”

Ryan couldn’t help but nod at that. Even he wasn’t feeling that confident in trying to do anything at such a moment. He had expected that he would use Seal on some Hydras and make his spear into a weapon specialized in hunting aquatic monsters. Still, it looked like he wouldn’t have time, even for that.

“I will try to keep in contact and inform you if something happens,” Gustavo said. “If I were you, I would alert your friends. But, unfortunately, the only thing we can do right now is preparing for the unavoidable.”

After that, Gustavo cancelled the telepathic link. While his reasoning was sound, Ryan still saw himself hesitating amidst that mess. His usual self would try to fight, but as expected, that was a waste of time since the monsters’ levels increased dozens of times in just a few days. Most likely, the human race has only ten hours before the first dungeon master puts his feet on Earth. After making up his mind, Ryan used the telepathic channel to contact Alissa.

“I already know, Ryan,” Alissa said. “You don’t have to tell me. I am going to stay near the kids and see how things will play out.”

“I am glad to see that you are getting smarter,” Ryan said. “Did you already inform the others?”

“Yep, they didn’t believe me, though,” Alissa said. “That is why I brought them to the ocean to fight against a Hydra. They almost wet themselves, not with the ocean’s water.”

“All right then,” Ryan said. “Keep me informed if something happens.”

Daniel’s group wasn’t near the base by the look of things, so Alissa made some random survivors confirm things with her. Regardless, that was only a small detail. Ryan also had to prepare for the arrival, but he didn’t know what he could do... aside from strengthening himself. Instead of thinking about it while he was standing still, he decided to clear some underground dungeons and make sure that Poseidon will have a hard time rebuilding the army he was destroying right at that moment.

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: Swordmaster, Sentinel, and Caster.

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 Swordmaster!

You obtained the following skills: Deflect, Discipline, and Blade Dance.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Deflect.

Effect: it grants you the chance to fire back projectiles throw at you.

Cost: 100 stamina

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Discipline.

Effect: It passively increases your strength and speed by five points per level.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Blade Dance.

Effect: A storm of sword strikes that causes critical damage even when the attacks are blocked.

Cost: 250 stamina.

You obtained 01 status points.

“Not the best options or skills considering my fighting style, but I guess it is better than nothing,” Ryan shrugged.

When Ryan decided to look for another dungeon, all the ocean began to tremble. Ryan thought he would have ten or so hours, but only two had passed... his luck was really terrible... Femradiel warned him to stay away from the ocean for the time being, and Ryan followed her advice.

After teleporting toward the nearest beach, Ryan and Femradiel decided to see with their own eyes if things would change that much and sooner than they expected, things began to change. The ocean waves turned more violent, and little by little, they began to invade the lands... Ryan thought that something big would come that would destroy the remaining of human civilization. Still, instead of that, something steady but equally intense came... the ocean level began to grow, and all the beaches in the distance began to disappear.

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“You can’t be serious... not that,” Ryan said.

“Poseidon is even more serious than I imagined...” Femradiel said. “More than two-thirds of this planet’s surface is covered in water, but it looks like he isn’t satisfied with that.”

It was kind of hard to believe that the planet would have to deal with a global-size scale flood, it was even weirder that it was raining, but Poseidon apparently could do that without relying on rain. Regardless, Gustavo and his friends did the right thing... even Poseidon probably won’t have the power to submerge all the continents. Still, he certainly will decrease their size, and the cities near the coasts will be the first ones to disappear.

“Can you imagine how many monsters he will kill just like that?” Ryan asked. “All the dungeons near the coasts will become trees that day will give him coins a day in and day out.”

“It certainly is an interesting method to power up himself and decrease the number of places humans can obtain power,” Femradiel said. “Regardless, what is the plan now?”

“I have no idea what I have to do,” Ryan shook his head. “I guess we will have to learn how to live with even less land than usual.”

Ryan and Femradiel accompanied the waters, expanding and invading the land at a fearsome pace, but the more the waters advanced, the less speed and power they had. After advancing for fifty kilometers or so, the waters began to return to their rightful place, and that left Ryan puzzled.

“I see now... let’s return to our domain,” Femradiel said. “I think I understand what happened here.”

Upon returning, Femradiel asked Ryan to make her unable to enter the domain. After that, she created a water tornado and attacked the barrier. As expected, the barrier repelled the attack and made the water disappear, and Ryan understood why Poseidon waters returned.

“The barrier of the domains is a natural counter for that kind of tactic, huh,” Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. “I guess there are many dungeon masters that are humans on our planet, more than I had imagined.”

Ryan thought that many humans had lost their domains to monsters, but that prediction was a bit off. Countries like China and India had a vast population, so probably a good number of the strongest humans were there. That was good. It means that Poseidon won’t be able to drown the entire planet... at least for the time being.

“I think we should seal the dungeons that are close to the coasts,” Femradiel said. “If we fill them with Ice Golems, we can make a thick layer of ice that will withstand the pressure of the ocean waters, at least for a while.”

“Yeah... good idea, not to mention, golems don’t need to earth,” Ryan said while he furrowed his eyebrows.

Ryan teleported back to the coast, he will have to work a lot to seal those dungeons, but it couldn't be helped. Besides, that would help him keep his mind busy. That was what Ryan needed since his blood was boiling when he things that Poseidon was destroying the few things that managed to withstand the last eight months of the never-ending conflict between humans and monsters.

Ryan and Femradiel imagined that Poseidon would try to flood the world several times in a single day, but he didn't. That was weird... However, after thinking for a while, Ryan understood why he didn't. Poseidon was the god of the seas. Considering what Femradiel told before, he probably thinks too highly of himself. The human race, from his perspective, wasn't worthy of the hassle, so he won't leave his castle. At the same time, he wasn't foolish enough to use all his power several times a day. After all, many other dungeon masters wanted to come to Earth, and they had powerful minions to do their binding.

In the middle of all that headache, something good finally happened. While it wasn't much, Ryan would gladly accept any chance to obtain power...

Congratulations! The class: Beastmaster has reached the max level.

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

Congratulations! You have reached the requirements to obtain a special class. Do you wish to sacrifice the classes: Beastmaster, Summoner, and Weapons Master? Y/N?

Congratulations! You received the class Storm Caster. You learned the skills: Magma Storm, Snow Storm, and Thunder Storm. Your intelligence and mana have increased and will increase by eight points whenever this class level up. Your health, stamina, mentality, and recovery have increased and will increase by four points whenever this class level up.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Magma Storm.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon a powerful storm that burns everything in a massive area around the caster, causing damage equal to your intelligence and applying for the burn status.

Cost: 500 mana per second

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Snow Storm.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon a powerful storm that freezes everything in a massive area around the caster, causing damage equal to your intelligence and applying the freeze status.

Cost: 500 mana per second

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Thunder Storm.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon a powerful storm that shocks everything in a massive area around the caster, causing damage equal to your intelligence and applying the shock status.

Cost: 500 mana per second

You obtained 01 status point.

“... As expected, since those classes have close to no relation to one another, the special class actually isn't anything special, and the result is random,” Ryan said after a long sigh. “Well, at least those skills will help when I fight against a large number of enemies.”

Ryan knew that hard times were approaching, so he truly needed all the power he could get. It has been a while since he played defensively, but now it was time for that, while the human race tries to see what changes Poseidon will bring.

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Even while he was fighting indirectly against Poseidon, Ryan couldn't pull his punches, so he flew around the country in his draconic form since he would have access to more mana and recovery. Thus, he would be able to summon more golems and faster. Considering how effective they had been until now, there was no point in wondering if they would surpass the level cap of Ryan's human form. Thanks to that, Ryan also began to imagine if he shouldn't wall the entire continent with those golems. If he gives them the order to emit a cold breeze, they will be able to freeze everything around, even the ocean. However, that kind of strategy was flawed. The first reason was that it would take too long. The second reason was that Ryan would essentially give fuel for Poseidon to increase his powers even more. Every time his golems are defeated, Poseidon will grow stronger. They will be defeated since the monsters in the oceans will undoubtedly try to destroy the said wall.

"While I was the one who said you should do this, I believe this is only a temporary solution," Femradiel said. "Other dungeons around the world will be submerged, and Poseidon will gain more power, and his army will be the same."

"I know that," Ryan said. "Every day, he will be able to flood even more land, so the scope of his actions will increase."

That was the afternoon of the second day since Poseidon's dungeon reached the max level, and on that morning, Poseidon tried to drown the world again, and this time his waster invaded the land for one hundred and twenty kilometers before they were forced to go back. It was hard to believe that Poseidon grew twenty percent stronger in a single day, but other methods could become stronger.

Ryan only found a couple of dungeons that he hadn't cleared yet, and all of them gave him classes that he already had. Still, fortunately, he got lucky in one... to some extent.

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: Knight, Mariner, and Wizard.

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 Mariner!

You obtained the following skills: Sea Wolf, Sea Expert, and Mariner Specialization.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Sea Wolf.

Effect: It grants you a bonus in all status while fighting over platforms in the ocean. The bonus in attributes will be equal to the level of the skill multiplied by ten.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Sea Expert.

Effect: While fighting in the ocean, it grants you extra resistance against negative effects. The negative effects decrease by one percent per level.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Mariner Specialization.

Effect: It restores your health, mana, and stamina whenever a sea creature is defeated. The amount restored will be equal to the level of the skill multiplied by five.

You obtained 01 status points.

“It looks like fate itself is telling you that you should fight in boats...” Femradiel said. “You can’t deny that, considering this skill and the fact that Poseidon is the first dungeon master to arrive.”

“I really can’t hear the voice of fate...” Ryan shrugged.

“You can deny that as much as you want, but I guess it is a fact,” Femradiel said. “Anyway, look at the bright side, you just gained three passive skills, and you like them a lot.”

Before Ryan could try to argue with Femradiel even more, he received a call from Gustavo. He certainly took his time, considering that his base was the one who suffered the most since the previous day. Still, it looks like things went well with them since he didn’t forcefully open the channel...

“Sorry, Ryan... we messed up,” Gustavo said after a long sigh.

“Did something happen?” Ryan asked.

Gustavo sounded pretty down, and that was weird. Not to mention, Ryan couldn’t imagine reason as to why Gustavo would have to say sorry for him. Still, Ryan had more or less an idea as to why he was apologizing.

“We lost our domain,” Gustavo said. “While two of us still have another domain stone, we lost our first to the monsters. While they will obtain full control over it once I die, things are as bad as they could be.”

Ryan took some time to absorb that piece of information. Domains were the only ace on humanity’s side. Without them, they couldn’t attack or defend properly. Now that Poseidon was trying to submerge the continents, Gustavo and his friends could only run away from their previous home.

“It was unavoidable,” Ryan said while he was massaging his forehead. “Just make sure not to give too many chances for the enemy to kill you. As long as you stay alive, we can always recover the domain later.”

“All right... how are things on your end?” Gustavo asked.

“For the time being, we didn’t lose much since we don’t have any camps near the coasts,” Ryan replied. “Femradiel and I are trying to seal some dungeons and prevent that this flood gives Poseidon even more power and coins. You guys should do the same. Summon Ice Golem will do the trick.”

“Yeah, the last thing we need is to let Poseidon keep doing whatever he wants,” Gustavo said. “I will talk to you later. Good luck, Ryan.”

After saying that, Gustavo ended the call. As for Ryan, he let out a long sigh. The reason being was that he could only think of a single method to stop Poseidon now... defeating him was probably impossible, but tiring him out would make him unable to cause the flood.

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“Hey, Femradiel,” Ryan said. “I don’t like to give you orders as to how you should increase your powers, but you should power up your intelligence and Telekinesis. Right now, using the spear will be the only way for you to cause as much damage as me on my draconic form.”

“With that spear, I am almost at your level already,” Femradiel said. “So, you don’t have to worry about it.”

“Why? How can that be?” Ryan frowned.

“A good part of the weapon is made of ice; thus, Ice Manipulation and Telekinesis can work well together,” Femradiel replied. “Didn’t you notice that you used too easily a weapon that is twice as big as the previous one?”

“Not really... I just assumed the continuous level-ups of Draconic Transformation did that,” Ryan replied. “Anyway, if that is the case, then... we can face Poseidon’s army.”

“As usual... you rush ahead without thinking...” Femradiel said and then sighed. “Are you sure this is a good idea?”

“No, but I can’t think of any other way to stop him from flooding the world,” Ryan replied. “While he is the god of the seas, his power is probably limited out of it.”

“Even while limited, you still probably are out of his league,” Femradiel said. “Even considering Draconic Transformation.”

“If you have a better idea, I am all ears,” Ryan said.

Femradiel just stayed silent while she shrugged. While Ryan also wasn't confident in his plan, he knew that just letting Poseidon do as he pleases won't make things any easier for him. So, Ryan decided to bet that he would become a thorn on his side and annoy him so much and force Poseidon to make a mistake somewhere. While that wasn't a direct strategy like the ones he uses usually, again... it was the best one he came up with.

“Since you are such a worrywart, let's start while being careful,” Ryan said. “Focus on learning more about his actions and patterns.”

“Let's hope we will time to do that,” Femradiel said.

“Holy Freya... why are you pessimistic today?” Ryan frowned.

“I just have a feeling that things won't go as you planned,” Femradiel said. “Since you barely planned anything, after all.”

“Again, if you have a better idea, I am all ears,” Ryan said.

Ryan teleported to the ocean and then noticed that several things changed. The population of monsters skyrocketed, and it looked like the big guns weren't hunting the small fries anymore. Femradiel quickly wiped them out by making the Double Mutant Spear spin. While underwater, a lot more mana was required to do that. The small fries quickly were chopped into pieces.

“Their levels increased... it looks like Poseidon doesn't want to hunt the ocean monsters,” Ryan said.

“My guess is that he wants to make other aquatic dungeon masters come to Earth and subjugate them,” Femradiel said. “By doing so, he will obtain control over the domains as well.”

That seemed like a pretty crazy plan, but Poseidon had confidence that he could pull it off. Regardless, it wasn't time to wonder about such things. Ryan and Femradiel could come up with their conclusions once they investigate more.

Ryan and Femradiel thought they would see a lot of Hydras. After all, there was no reason to make such monsters stay in a single place when they served their purposes. However, after a couple of minutes, their opinions changed. They didn't find a single Hydra, but they found several Krakens and Megalodons. Those were killing each other to increase their power and then try to challenge the Hydras.

"I feel like I am going to lose a lot of brain cells trying to understand him..." Ryan said.

"Maybe that is his goal from the very beginning," Femradiel shrugged.

Although she looked serious, Ryan decided to keep his guard up. He valued Femradiel's experience, even though she mostly relied on instincts actually since she lost her memories. Still, even though he couldn't confirm that, Ryan felt that every single one of Poseidon's actions had a goal.

For several hours, Ryan didn't find anything that could confirm what he was thinking, but Ryan's instincts didn't fool him in the end. However, the same could be said about Femradiel's... after they moved away quite a bit from the coast, Femradiel noticed that some presence suddenly appeared around them.

"We are surrounded," Femradiel said. "And those guys are... pretty powerful."

"Is that so..." Ryan said. "Watch my back while using the spear, Femradiel. If Poseidon sends some minions, then it is a good time to decrease his forces."

Instead of waiting to be attacked, Femradiel teleported both of them to the nearest enemy. It would be better to get rid of them one at a time, but in the end, Ryan couldn't help but lose some precious moments when he saw the creature in front of him.

Rhodos Lv Max

Health: 209.000/209.000

Mana: 300.000/312.000

Stamina: 250.000/250.000

Strength: 8700 (+ 1500)

Dexterity: 6300 (+ 1100)

Speed: 4500 (+ 400)

Intelligence: 5500 (+ 100)

Endurance: 6800 (+ 900)

Control: 3200 (+ 600)

Mentality: 7600 (+ 1000)

Luck: 1000 (+ 500)

Recovery: 60.000 (+ 30.000)

Willpower: 7600 (+ 1000)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Concentrated Strike Lv 750, Rage Lv 650...

Passive Physical Skills: Enhanced Strength Lv 690, Enhanced Endurance Lv 680, Steel Skin Lv 450...

Spells: Water Manipulation Lv Max, Water Transformation Lv Max, Water Creation Lv Max, Hydromancy Lv Max...

Support Skills: Cold Resistance Lv Max, Cold Immunity Lv Max, Cold Absorption Lv 700, Electric Resistance Lv 600, Shock Resistance Lv 450, Fire Resistance Lv 300...

“What the hell...” Ryan muttered.

Those status and skills were at a crazy level. However, what surprised Ryan was the appearance of the creature... it was exactly like a human. The only real difference was the blue tone of his eyes. There were so clear that from a certain angle, it kind of looked like glass. That was the only thing that made Ryan understand that his first target was no ordinary foe...