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Ryan summoned several magic bows and bombard the creature in front of him. However, for some odd reason, the projectiles stopped a few meters away from the target.

"I can feel the enemy concentrating a lot of mana in front of himself to control the waters," Femradiel said. "... It looks like your attacks aren't heavy enough to surpass that defensive barrier."

There was no barrier, but Ryan agreed with Femradiel. That creature in front of him used the water around to decrease the speed of the projectiles and thus stop them at some point. However, what was really worrying was the fact that the target didn't look even a little bit flustered or target. Meaning that he stopped Ryan's attacks with ease. That was shocking since Ryan was in his draconic form.

While that wasn't his forte, Ryan decided to go for a closed-ranged fight. He could use several tactics to catch the enemy by surprise, but before he could do that. The other enemies finally appeared. They had teleported as well, and Ryan clicked his tongue. Still, once again, he was overcome by surprise. Those individuals were pretty different from one another, but their eyes were basically the same.

"What do you think of this, Femradiel?" Ryan asked while he was turning around and checking the enemies.

"It looks like a certain family of not entirely human beings is working for Poseidon directly," Femradiel replied. "Or... those guys are his children. I can feel a certain type of energy coming from them, and it feels quite like... god-like."

Ryan didn't want to admit that that was the cause, but he couldn't help but agree. Dungeon masters aren't like normal people. They are beings; they reached a crazy level of strength, so it wouldn't be weird if they could pass certain traits to their kids. Even in mythology, that was something that happened. The fact that one of them easily stopped Ryan's attack was good enough evidence.

Although Ryan didn't have time to think about that, the enemies were surprisingly quiet. They were just looking at him with their nonchalant expressions as if they weren't bored or enthusiastic for that fight... and gave Ryan the creeps.

"Let's go, Femradial," Ryan said.

Ryan teleported to behind his first target, the man-like creature called Rhodos. Ryan tried to punch him from behind, but he felt something powerful holding him back. It was the waters around... Despite that, Ryan overcame that and punched his foe, but his attack barely made the enemy flinch. Rhodos just turned around as if nothing had happened.

The other enemies teleported again, but only to assume a circular formation around Ryan. Aside from that, they didn't do anything. Femradial made the spear spin and attacked Rhodos, but he just moved his hand slightly, and the weapon loses all that speed and momentum. It looked like his ability to manipulate ice was also at a high level.

"Ryan, I do not like this," Femradial said.

"You don't say!" Ryan said and then attacked Rhodos with both his arms from above.

This time, Rhodos raised his right hand to stop Ryan, and thanks to it, he stopped. However, Ryan didn't stop there. He made several magic bows appear around the enemy and then bombarded him. This time the bolts approached Rhodos more than before, the reason being that Ryan fired at point-blank range and because he used the Spiritualist's Crossbows.

In the end, Rhodos punched Ryan's arms away when he felt his mana being drained by the attack. Obviously, the enemies were creatures that focused on fighting by using magic, so Ryan wouldn't lose a golden opportunity to drain their mana. However, that punch made Ryan question that...

"I told you that it wasn't a good idea to come to the ocean right now..." Femradial said.

"I hate when people say 'I told you...'" Ryan said.

There was no point in insisting on what was useless, so Ryan teleported too high in the sky in order to escape the enemies' favorite field of battle. However, much to his surprise, the ten creatures followed him without hesitating for even a second.

"Well, this is unexpected..." Ryan said.

Ryan charged toward Rhodos again, and this time the enemy had to use both hands to stop him. The air vibrated thanks to Ryan's attack, and Rhodo's calm expression finally disappeared. Soon after, Ryan bombarded the enemy with bolts from all angles. Still, even though they touched the enemies' skin, they didn't leave a single scratch.

Femradiel attacked the creature from behind by using the double-edged spear. Still, Rhodos stopped the attack once again, this time after creating a layer of ice with his right knee and by hitting the weapon.

Ryan began to like the fight, but he knew that he had to hurry since the others probably won't keep watching for long if Rhodos began to lose the fight. However, it looked like Ryan misjudged their actions... the atmosphere around them changed for some reason, and soon after, all of the enemies pointed their hands toward Ryan.

"Ryan... this isn't good," Femradiel said. "This magic is..."

"What magic?" Ryan asked.

Ryan asked, but he didn't hear an answer. Femradiel suddenly grew silent, and that was weird... He only understood that something was off when he noticed his status decreasing and his big body growing heavy. Ryan tried to teleport since he had no idea what the enemies were doing. However, Teleport didn't work. Ryan tried to run away by flying, but he ended up hitting an invisible barrier.

"Damn, another fucking barrier..." Ryan clenched his teeth in annoyance.

Ryan tried to come up with an answer for that predicament, but in the end, the only thing he could do was to attack the casters. He grabbed his spear that was falling in the blink of an eye since Femradiel was off and then dashed toward the other nine targets, but Rhodos stopped him. This time, with a single hand... since Ryan's status was decreasing at a fearsome pace.

Rhodos kicked Ryan's stomach, and he was sent flying toward the barrier. When his body hit it, he spat blood as he felt his ribs cracking. Suddenly, Ryan felt his body growing hot as if some supernatural force was warning him of something, and then he heard Femradiel moaning in pain as his mana decreased.

"... My bad, Ryan," Femradiel said. "There is no other choice."

Before Ryan could understand those words, he saw his spear glowing. The enemies noticed that, and for some reason, they started to panic. Suddenly, the weapon exploded into millions of small pieces, and a massive wave of mana enveloped the area. Still, Before Ryan could get caught by it, Femradiel teleported him.

Class: Artemis' Disciple Lv 39 (+ 03 UP) / Frozen Spellcaster Lv 37 (+ 04 UP) / William Tell's Apprentice Lv 29 (+ 05 UP) (-)

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

Rank: 41th

Health: 7100/7100 (12,62/s)

Mana: 9075/9075 (12,62/s)

Stamina: 9380/9380 (12,62/s)

Strength: 831 (+858) (+130)

Dexterity: 7300 (+5955) (+550)

Speed: 1120 (+3060) (+48)

Intelligence: 1181 (+2514) (+33)

Endurance: 1348 (+669) (+160)

Control: 1326 (+3090) (+10)

Mentality: 1258 (+953) (+70)

Luck: 1030 (+90)

Recovery: 3950 (+4100) (+845)

Willpower: 1280 (+989) (+40)

Coins: 52.523.109

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Hawkeye Lv 107 (+ 05 UP), Deflect Lv 01, Blade Dance Lv 01

Passive Physical Skills: Eagle Eyes Lv 115 (+ 03 UP), Concentration Lv 115 (+ 03 UP), Archery Lv 115 (+ 03 UP), Accuracy Lv 115 (+ 03 UP), Stealth Lv 115 (+ 03 UP), Stamina Boost Lv 33 (+ 08 UP), Discipline Lv 01, Sea Wolf Lv 01, Sea Expert Lv 01, Mariner Specialization Lv 01,

Spells: Magic Bow Lv 60 (+ 05 UP), Magic Vampirism Lv 31 (+ 06 UP), Invisibility Lv 07 (+ 06 UP), Blood Manipulation Lv 01 (+ 06 UP), Magma Storm Lv 01, Snow Storm Lv 01, Thunder Storm Lv 01,

Support Skills: Cold Immunity Lv 15 (+ 07 UP)

Classes:

Combat: Storm Caster Lv 01, Dark Slayer Lv 27 (+ 07 UP), Hexblade Lv 88 (+ 06 UP), Champion Lv 19 (+ 09 UP), Magic Archer Lv 65 (+ 08 UP), Royal Archer Lv 54 (+ 07 UP), Swordmaster Lv 01

Non-Combatant: Blacksmith Lv 78 (+ 05 UP), Alchemist Lv 81 (+ 03 UP), Mariner Lv 01

Race: Centaur, Lesser Dragon, Kobold,

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Ryan woke up while feeling his face being licked by something, and when he opened his arms, he saw Furball near him covered in blood. While his eyes weren't showing any violence or hunger, he sure looked ominous.

"Hey there, buddy," Ryan said. "I hope that you aren't trying to make my meat tender by licking me all that much."

When Ryan got up, he noticed that his clothes were almost gone. Thanks to it, he recalled the last events... he even recalled Femradiel using Teleport. Still, it looked like he didn't escape unscathed.

"It looks like you saved our asses, Femradiel," Ryan said. "... It is hard to admit, but I messed up this time. To think that Poseidon would have minions powerful as that..."

Ryan expected to receive a scolding, but he didn't hear anything. The silent treatment was something... However, Ryan soon realized that something was off.

"Come to think of it, buddy, why are you outside of the dungeon?" Ryan asked as he turned around and saw hundreds of corpses of monsters.

Furball was covered in blood because of those monsters. It looked like he protected Ryan while he was unconscious. As expected of his loyal squire... such thoughts disappeared from Ryan's mind when he saw the corpses of Banshees nearby. Femradiel didn't reply, the banshees managed to move quite a bit away from their dungeon, and lastly, Ryan recalled that he was losing power in his draconic form when those weird guys erected a magic barrier.

Ryan checked his status, and he still had Draconic Transformation and the other things he received when he made a pact with Femradiel. Still, for some reason, only Draconic Transformation couldn't be used. He tried to summon Femradiel's familiars, but Ryan failed. He couldn't even feel their presence, not even Femradiel's.

"Shit... don't tell me," Ryan bit his lips in annoyance. "Their plan was to capture Femradiel and make me lose my powers? No, their ultimate goal was to kill me by weakening me, but... Shit! Shit!"

Ryan not only lost a reliable ally but also a massive boost in his powers. His first thought was to invade Poseidon's domain and then kick his ass. Still, since he failed at defeating a single one of his minions, that was impossible.

"Shit, why... didn't I lose those skills?" Ryan suddenly frowned. "The pact hasn't been severed when they managed to take away Femradiel?"

If the skills were there, then it means that Femradiel still was alive. That was weird... why those guys didn't kill her? Ryan recalled that she didn't have a physical body, so that was probably the reason. She couldn't be killed because she wasn't exactly alive. Regardless... those guys made sure to take away her spirit since Ryan couldn't talk to her.

"Fuck... such a mistake from my part," Ryan said and then kicked the ground. "It is okay, buddy. I will bring back our friend, but for the time being, you will be the one to guard this place... it seems you are already strong enough to do that."

Furball

Health: 45.852/45.852

Mana: 25.632/25.632

Stamina: 33.523/33.523

Strength: 4523

Dexterity: 5522

Speed: 5486

Intelligence: 3512

Endurance: 4451

Control: 4632

Mentality: 2563

Luck: 7536

Recovery: 7562

Willpower: 2452

Coins: —

Status: 00

Skill List



Offensive Physical Skills: Charge Lv 123, Body Slam Lv 99...

Passive Physical Skills: Improved Strength Lv 88, Improved Speed Lv 81, Improved Recovery Lv 73...

Spells: Fire Bullet Lv 118, Electric Bullet Lv 103

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 145, Cold Resistance Lv 92, Electric Resistance Lv 75...

“You grew a lot since the last time I saw you, and you will grow even more,” Ryan said. “You can eat those fuckers as much as you want. Now, I just have to make sure that you have an environment good enough for you.”

It has been a while since Ryan checked the dungeon master’s system, so he had a lot of coins and mana to use. That being said, he even left the level up of his dungeon behind and focused only on increasing the size of his army and the level of the barrier.

Area Lv 27: 75 square miles

Level UP cost: 690.000 coins or 6.900.000 mana

Monsters Book Lv 10

Level UP cost: 5.500 coins or 55.000 mana

Barrier Lv 29

Level UP cost: 89.000 coins or 890.000 mana

Army Lv 41

Level UP cost: 750.000 coins or 7.500.000 mana

Dungeon T1 Lv 85 (71%)

Level UP cost: 104.000 coins or 1.040.000 mana

Coins stored: 333

Mana stored: 541

At some point, the price to level up his army and barrier skyrocketed. Still, Ryan didn't mind that since it was within his expectations. Besides, he gained a lot from it. Now he could register more than twenty thousand creatures in his domain.

“That is all very well and good, but first, I have to summon enough creatures for that,” Ryan said. “With all that many monsters, the barrier should obtain enough mana to withstand the attack of even massive armies for a few hours.”

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

Ryan messed up once, so he couldn't mess up again. While Furball was probably strong enough to deal with all the monsters Femradie's familiars were fighting, the bosses were another matter. Not to mention, Ryan's most powerful skill was sealed, so he will to make up for it with strategy since brute strength wasn't in his favor against Poseidon.

While Ryan was summoning golems, he recalled the events before his defeat. Mostly, he focused on the actions of those ten weird humans. Despite everything, they gave Ryan plenty of time to act, so it wasn't like they were that good at tracking. Also, despite everything, their strength wasn't absolute, not even underwater.

“In the end, things happened just as expected,” Ryan shook his head and then sighed. “I overused that skill and then ended up ignoring my real strength that comes from my stealthy attacks... I won’t make that mistake again and it looks like I will have to rely on that kind of strength to solve this issue.”

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Before doing anything, Ryan decided to swallow his pride and ask Alissa a few questions. While he decided to keep her away from the real problem that was the issue of Femradie’s... kidnapping? In the end, Ryan looked really suspicious.

“Alissa, I want to ask you if you know any dungeons that can grant me the necromancer class aside from that one in Mexico,” Ryan said. “If you have the location of any other tier three dungeon, it will help me. I can pay you if you want as well.”

“Did something happen? Or do you think the world is ending now that Poseidon returned and he is playing with the oceans?” Alissa asked. “Anyway, I can’t help but feel creeped out when you ask me a favor with such a serious tone.”

“... Just answer the question, Alissa,” Ryan said after a long sigh.

“All right, all right,” Alissa said. “Geez, how can you be so boring all the time?”

In the end, Ryan discovered the location of four other tier-three dungeons, and the fifth one would grant him the necromancer class. He was one hundred percent certain that such a class would be a trump against Poseidon’s troops. Regardless, four of them were in Canada, and the other was in Alaska.

“You have my thanks; how much do you want to for this information?” Ryan asked.

“It is okay, this will be just another one you will owe me,” Alissa said. “I am kind of busy with the training of my soldiers, so I will end the call here. See ya.”

In the end, increase his tab didn't make Ryan all that bothered. It was for a good reason, after all. Without wasting any more time, Ryan activated Invisibility and then used Teleport.

The first dungeon was naturally the place where Ryan would obtain the Necromancer class. Although it was a tier-three dungeon and the monsters being spawned Trolls that could regenerate at fearsome speed and had steel-like skin, Ryan still easily cleared the place. The number of monsters nearby was low since Alissa and her allies cleaned the place, so Ryan couldn't help but frown a little. Since he always had a hard time clearing those levels of dungeons.

"I remember I ignored this dungeon before... Still, how can my luck be so bad?" Ryan asked after a long sigh. "I would have an easier time until if I had cleared this place before."

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, Demon Hunter, and Necromancer.

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 Necromancer!

You obtained the following skills: Summon Skeleton Knight, Summon Skeleton Archer, and Summon Skeleton Wizard.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Skeleton Knight.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon a skeleton specialized in melee combat.

Cost: 200 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Skeleton Archer.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon a skeleton specialized in ranged combat.

Cost: 200 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Skeleton Wizard.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon a skeleton specialized in magic attacks.

Cost: 200 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

Ryan immediately summoned the skeletons, one of each type. They were basically the same as he remembers at that time. He cleared that other skeletons' dungeon. Archers were more dexterity and speed-oriented; knights were more strength and endurance-oriented, and mages were intelligence and willpower oriented. Truth to be told, Ryan was disappointed, primarily because of the cost of the skill since that more or less determined their potential.

"... Let's see if this can work," Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully after he had a certain idea.

Ryan took one crossbow out of his storage space and gave it to the skeleton archer. The monster not only received but is also used the weapon as soon as Ryan gave the order. As expected, the cost was a bit too high for a level one monster, but the potential was there.

“This is much better than relying on bone weapons that are just there for show,” Ryan smirked. “Let’s hope these bad boys will actually be useful underwater.”

Since that worked for the archers, it also worked for the skeleton knights and skeleton wizards. However, while giving real weapons to them was an excellent way to power them up, it wasn’t that achievable of a goal. Ryan couldn’t produce so many weapons, the only way for him to arm an entire arm of skeletons was to keep clearing massive dungeons non-stop. Not to mention, he couldn’t just summon the skeletons away. So, mobility was also a problem.

“Well, whatever,” Ryan shrugged. “It will take a while to level up those guys. Besides, I can always summon another skeleton once one falls. As long as the weapon isn’t destroyed, it can always be reused.”

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

It would be great if the skeletons actually could work alongside Magic Vampirism. Still, after just a couple of minutes, Ryan realized that wasn’t possible. It would be way too convenient... While Ryan was heading toward the next dungeon, he couldn’t but realize that Furball really was the perfect ally. While he could be killed, he could be resummoned later. Ryan wanted more skills like that, but as expected, find them would be hard. Discovering if they exist or not would be already an accomplishment in itself.

“... Things are too quiet,” Ryan said after a long sigh. “I don’t remember disliking silence... oh, boy...”

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While Ryan was clearing the next dungeon, he came up with a way to level up his skeletons as fast as possible. It was simple... he just had to use his golems and even Furball for that. A real fight was always the best answer for a sudden power-up, but a fake also could help.

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: Brute, Ranger, and Sorcerer.

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 Brute!

You obtained the following skills: Chaotic Punch, Dragon Rising, and Proudful Roar.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Chaotic Punch.

Effect: A powerful attack that can cause damage to several enemies in the area.

Cost: 100 stamina.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Dragon Rising.

Effect: A powerful vertical strike that paralyzes the enemy hit while you still move upward.

Cost: 100 stamina.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Proudful Roar.

Effect: A roar that increases the strength of your allies in an area and decreases the endurance of the enemies in the same area.

Range: 30 meters per level.

Cost: 100 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

“Well, this one will be useful for the Skeleton Knights,” Ryan nodded to himself in satisfaction. “The question is: how can I use the Proudful Roar underwater?”

That was a question Ryan probably won't be able to find an easy answer to. Regardless, as usual, he will have some time to think while he levels up his skillies. Although Ryan could clear those tier three dungeons with relative ease without his draconic powers, he could feel that his growth had slowed down more than a little bit.

While Ryan was looking for the third dungeon, he also noticed the changes that Poseidon's arrival brought to the northern lands of the continent. He thought the cold would freeze the ocean waters and thus create a natural barrier, but in fact, Ryan's guesses were completely off the mark. Poseidon's power made the ice actually melt. Coast cities in that region that were covered snow now were completely free of the ice, thanks to the rise of the ocean levels.

“I guess this is due to the fact that Poseidon is using mana to raise the oceans' level,” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. “It should be harder to freeze water created by mana, than ordinary water. Don't you think... Shit.”

It looked like Ryan developed some questionable habits. Thinking aloud was one of them since Femradiel had been nearby for quite a while to comment about his actions and thoughts. Still, it looked like he didn't value her enough since he ignored her opinion about the previous job and her instincts as well. In the end, both of them lost a lot thanks to Ryan's actions. Still, Femradiel lost much more... Hopefully, Ryan will be able to solve that. Still, he had no idea if Femradiel was fine or if he would fast enough.

“Keep your mind on the game, Ryan,” Ryan shook his head. “Wondering what might happen won't help you prevent any sort of trouble.”



Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

As soon as Ryan reached the third dungeon, he felt that something was off. It was that odd feeling that he was being watched by something... Still, that was weird since he was using invisibility.

“My apologies for bothering you,” Isis suddenly said. “I couldn’t help but notice that you are alone now, so I have come to talk about it.”

“You don’t need to beat around the bush,” Ryan said. “If you have anything to say, just say it.”

“You failed... despite everything,” Isis said. “I can’t say that is unexpected, given the current circumstances. Still, it looks like you lost a lot more than I expected. What happened to your partner?”

“I can’t give such valuable information for free,” Ryan said.

“Well, I can guess what had happened, I just didn’t want to talk as if I were underestimating you now that she isn’t helping you,” Isis said. “Regardless, I decided to contact you and say that Poseidon is doing more than I imagined, he is going as far as sacrificing his troops to level certain dungeons.”

“I imagine the dungeon masters are other Greek gods,” Ryan said.

“You guess is correct,” Isis said. “I am trying to prevent that as much as possible since that will make things as bad as they can be, but there is only so much I can do. I believe we can work together to delay the others.”

“I failed once. Why do you believe I will succeed this time?” Ryan asked. “Not to mention, I can’t waste time with that. I have another goal in mind.”

“Rescuing your friends, isn’t it?” Isis asked. “Well, you should know that the other Greek gods won’t just watch you attack one of their own. Even less so a team player like Poseidon.”

Ryan let out a long sigh. Since he was trying to be rational this time and careful, he couldn’t help but think that ignoring them would be unwise. Not to mention that in such a situation, Ryan couldn’t really ignore a chance to level up his classes. He needed all the power he could get.

“... Even if we were to try anything, it would take too long to find the dungeons under their control,” Ryan said.

“That is not a problem. I have a collaborator on their side that gave me the location of all their dungeons,” Isis said. “I was planning to make you two meet each other, but they don’t believe in humans all that much.”

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Ryan frowned when he heard that... Considering Isis’s words, it looked like one of the Greek gods wanted to see their own brothers and sisters failing to become the new rulers of the world. That didn’t make any sense... So, Ryan couldn’t help but think that Isis was trying to mess with his head.

“I can understand why you look so doubtful,” Isis said. “However, there are dungeon masters and dungeon masters. Not all of them care about supremacy or standing above the others. If there exist humans like you who don’t care about using your power to become the leader or the king of your race, then it is perfectly natural that there are elder gods that think differently of the others. You can think of them like people, people who have much more intense feelings because they have been living for quite a while.”

In Ryan’s head, the more someone lives, the less intense they become. Humans were more or less like that since they settle down after a certain age and tend to pursue a calmer life.

“So, which is it?” Isis asked. “Are you going to participate or not? Since that was, I have a task that many others will benefit from, just like me, I do intend to reward you. I think maybe I should pay you beforehand, since your friends aren’t with you.”

“Before that, answer me one question,” Ryan said. “Poseidon’s underlings managed to extract Femradiel from my body, but I still have the skills that I obtained thanks to her. So, she is alive, but for how long? Can you kill a spirit or at least maintain it locked for a while?”

“There are many types of elder gods, so their abilities aren’t exactly the same,” Isis said. “That being said, for a warrior type like Poseidon, he probably can damage a spirit, but since he didn’t do until now, it means that your friend is fighting back, so it will take a while... probably.”

In the end, Ryan could only sigh. He tried to look for comfort in the wrong place. Isis was just an ex-target that wasn’t attacking humans because she was at war against another dungeon master.

“Since you are that worried, I ask my contributor if they can find something about Femradiel,” Isis said. “This might take a while though. A few days at least, that should be more than enough time to attack the dungeons I mentioned.”

“So, you are trying to motivate me by offering something that isn’t certain?” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. “Besides, why don’t you reveal who this contributor is?”

“It can’t be helped, they can’t raise suspicion,” Isis said. “I apologize, but I can’t reveal it, most of the Greek elder gods are pretty close to each other, so if I reveal who I am working with, it might cause some problems.”

“They will discover anyway, if we don’t attack the dungeons that don’t belong to them,” Ryan said.

“I already considered that, and I will attack all the dungeons,” Isis said. “I won’t leave any traces behind.”

“... Very well,” Ryan said after a long sigh. “Try to find more about Femradiel’s situation. Also, if you don’t mind, I would like to attack the bases of the assholes who have been bothering me in the last few days.”

“I was planning to do that from the beginning, since it would make me less suspicious,” Isis said. “We will attack several dungeons at the same time tomorrow at noon, that way, the dungeon masters won’t have much time to react and help each other. The issue here is time and speed, so we will deal another

attack on the same day at midnight. Don't pull your punches and you should achieve the goal without any problem."

Even with Femradiel, Ryan had a hard time defeating thousands of enemies in just a few hours, but this wasn't a question if it was possible. He just has to do it. Regardless, after hearing a few more details, Isis told Ryan where his targets were. The first one was at Niger; it was a dungeon that spawned Fire Harpies, and the second was in Turkey. That dungeon was spawning Dullahan's... It was quite the odd combination.

"What happened to the Hellhounds and Cyclops?" Ryan asked.

"I believe you will have a hard time dealing with the bosses of those species, but you don't have to worry, the dungeon masters are the same that sent those armies," Isis said. "Regardless, I have preparations to make, you should hurry up and do the same."

After that, Isis canceled Telepathy, and basically, at the same time, Ryan charged toward the next dungeon to clear. Once again, he had a hard time since Alissa cleaned up the place probably a few days ago.

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: Berserker, Demon Hunter, and Battlemage.

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 Berserker!

You obtained the following skills: Tenacity, Mocking Shout, and Diehard.

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: Tenacity.

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

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Mocking Shout.

Effect: A powerful shout that decreases the enemies' endurance, strength, and speed by five points per level of this skill.

Cost: 100 mana.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Diehard.

Effect: When your health decreases to one point, this skill will be activated, granting you a semi-immortality for a determined amount of time. The time will be equal to the level of the skill in seconds.

You obtained 01 status points.

“Another melee class, huh, how convenient...” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. “I am planning to punch a lot of the faces of those annoying guys, after all.

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While his plan of training skeletons will have to be customized a little bit, Ryan was quite satisfied with the classes he was getting. The ones he will probably get given that it was evident that they were tier-three dungeons.

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 Shaman.

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 Shaman!

You obtained the following skills: Fire Totem, Ice Totem, and Electric Totem.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Fire Totem.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon a fire totem that attracts the power of fire spirits, increasing the power of fire-related attacks by two percent per level. The range of the effectiveness of the totem will be equal to the level of the skill multiplied by ten meters. All allied creatures within the range will benefit from the bonuses.

Cost: 1000 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Ice Totem.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon an ice totem that attracts the power of ice spirits, increasing the power of ice-related attacks by two percent per level. The range of the effectiveness of the totem will be equal to the level of the skill multiplied by ten meters. All allied creatures within the range will benefit from the bonuses.

Cost: 1000 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Electric Totem.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon an electric totem that attracts the power of electric spirits, increasing the power of electric-related attacks by two percent per level. The range of the effectiveness of the totem will be equal to the level of the skill multiplied by ten meters. All allied creatures within the range will benefit from the bonuses.

Cost: 1000 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

The only issue was the classes he was getting... it was strange that lately, he only had one real option to pick. Regardless, their skills were selective in their uses, but they had a lot of potential.

Although Ryan hurried, in the end, he decided to clear the other dungeons Alissa mentioned later. Without Femradiel's draconic powers, he would need to try a little harder to defeat armies of monsters in just a few hours. So, preparation was the key. That being said, Ryan's preparations only resumed to his creation of potions.

"Things would be easier if I still had that spear..." Ryan said and then sighed. "Unfortunately, Femradiel had to make it explode in order to scare those fuckers and then make them deactivate the magic barrier."

Ryan began his preparations while he moved back to his domain. Fortunately, he found a secure and peaceful place there to do that kind of job. That being said, Furball was working quite a lot to defeat all the monsters. Even with the help of twenty thousand golems, things still were pretty intense for him. Ryan summoned hundreds of skeleton wizards to help, but in the end, it will take a while before those become a decent force.

“I suppose I should also summon skeleton knights and archers... while this mission won't take long, all the time I can obtain by training them is welcome,” Ryan nodded to himself.

While that also took some of his time and mana, Ryan also used his shaman skills and created fire totems. Those would help the fire golems since they couldn't level up anymore.

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

On the morning of the next day, Ryan began to fly while invisible toward his first target. While he still had many essences to use to craft potions, he decided to do that while he flies to that place. It would be a pain if something happens and he becomes unable to take a look at his target before the attack.

When Ryan approached Africa and headed toward a straight line toward his target, he immediately noticed things were even worse than on the coast. He crossed the northern coast of the continent when he was going to Egypt. The temperature was so high that even though Ryan leveled up his Fire Resistance and Heat Resistance against many enemies, he still felt pretty uncomfortable. The heat itself continued to rise up in the sky for hundreds of meters, to the point where Ryan barely could keep his eyes open for long. As if moving while flying and keeping invisibility active didn't cost enough mana, Ryan also had to use Water Creation and Cryomancy to cool down things a little bit.

While Ryan knew that a good part of Africa was made by deserts, the monsters' arrival made things even worse. Ryan couldn't see a single plant, river, or oasis in hundreds of kilometers. That was truly a paradise for fire-based monsters. As for Ryan, it was a hellish environment, even more so when he grew used to seeing Femradiel using ice magic left and right.

Ryan made a mistake... he assumed that things couldn't get any worse. When Ryan found his target, he saw a mountain literally covered with monsters. As if that wasn't enough, there were dozens of thousands of fire harpies flying around the mountain... that was probably the highest concentration of monsters he had seen so far, to the point where he questioned if Isis hadn't sent him to the hardest place, instead of the easiest one.

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.



“... Keep your head cool, Ryan,” Ryan said after a long sigh. “There is no point in thinking about such possibilities. Just think this is a necessary step to rescue Femradiel.”

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Fire Harpy Lv 850

Health: 35.000 /35.000

Mana: 65.000/65.000

Stamina: 40.000/40.000

Strength: 2500 (+1800)

Dexterity: 2000 (+500)

Speed: 4500 (+1200)

Intelligence: 6500 (1200)

Endurance: 2000 (+1500)

Control: 2500 (+800)

Mentality: 4500 (+800)

Luck: 2500 (+300)

Recovery: 15.000 (+2000)

Willpower: 4500 (+800)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Concentrated Strike Lv 350, Burning Claws Lv 450...

Passive Physical Skills: Fiery Aura Lv 550, Augmented Recovery Lv 200, Augmented Speed Lv 250...

Spells: Magma Sphere Lv 650, Magma Charge Lv 500, Explosive Impact Lv 480, Volcanic Rain Lv 350...

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 650, Shock Resistance Lv 200, Cold Resistance Lv 150, Earth Resistance Lv 400, Fire Immunity Lv 250

“I wonder how my predictions were so off the mark...” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. “Why did the level of the monsters skyrocketed after they reached the seven hundred mark?”

Ryan recalled that Femradiel mentioned something called: the planet’s mana level. Maybe now that the world was recovering, the energy to withstand the energy to support the return of the elder gods helped with that... Regardless, Ryan was more worried about the number of Fire Harpies instead of their level.

Fire Harpies weren’t much different from the ordinary ones. The only real differences were their blood-like eyes and their wings that were on fire. Their numbers easily reached the one hundred thousand mark, but Ryan couldn’t see many bosses.

“I guess the dungeon master tried to expand their territory, failed and decided to change their strategy... speaking of which, I should have asked Isis who are the dungeon masters of the places I am going to raid,” Ryan thought while he was moving away from the dungeon.

It was time to return to his basics. That was why Ryan moved away from the army of harpies. He still had three hours before the time of the attack, so he will use that free time to increase his chances of success. Golems were too big and made a lot of noise, so even though they were stronger than his skeletons, they weren't the best option for Ryan at the moment. So, he will use his skeletons as a diversion. Fortunately, the skeleton wizards could cast Fire Arrow, so the massive difference in power will decrease quite a bit thanks to it.

Ryan had to use mana potions like there was no tomorrow to create an army big enough to draw the attention of so many harpies for a few minutes. Still, he was fully aware that it was a good investment since he will get a lot of items from them. Unfortunately, selling them wasn't an option now that Ryan couldn't use Draconic Transformation, so he will have to use Mana-Eater.

“I can't keep Invisibility active while I attack, so I will need to be fast and precise,” Ryan muttered to himself. At the same time, he looked at his five thousand skeletons. “You guys will focus on defense and nothing else, you guys will focus on using attacks that will hit many enemies, and you guys will use Frozen Arrows like there is no tomorrow.”

After giving those orders to the skeleton knights, skeleton archers, and skeleton wizards, respectively, Ryan used Invisibility again and then used Teleport to appear a few hundred meters away from the monster's base.

“It looks like you are ready for the attack,” Isis suddenly said.

Ryan took a deep breath to calm down. He absolutely hated it when people suddenly used Telekinesis to talk to him. Not only was it bad for his heart to suddenly hear a voice on the back of his mind, but it was also nerve-wracking and annoying as hell.

“Did you contact me just to check on that?” Ryan asked.

“No, I have news from my contributor about Femradiel,” Isis said.

“Really... that was fast, strangely fast,” Ryan said.

“You shouldn’t underestimate the power of the elder gods,” Isis said. “Regardless, your friend is alive and relatively well. Spiritual magic isn’t Poseidon’s forte, so it will take a while before he can destroy her spirit. In the meanwhile, he is using her spirit as a battery.”

“... How?” Ryan asked.

“Since she is a dragon, she can recover a lot of energy in a short amount of time, even without a physical form,” Isis explained. “It is hard to explain this in words that you can understand, but putting in simple terms, Poseidon is using a higher version of Magic Vampirism. With that kind of power, he will be able to erase her memories and turn her spirit into something that is unable to feel, or think about anything. That is one of many ways of dying in spiritual form.”

Ryan bit his lips in annoyance. Defeating an enemy was something. In a battle where lives hang in the balance, it was only natural that both sides would try to eliminate their foes and make sure that they won’t have a hard time in the hands of the same enemy... still, erasing memories wasn’t something a true warrior should do. Not to mention, Femradiel already experienced that, and she decided to swallow her pride and work with Ryan to retrieve her old memories.

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

“You shouldn’t get too angry, though,” Isis said. “As I said before, she is fighting back and that is easy because she only has less than a year’s worth of memories.”

That was easier said than done. Still, Ryan could understand where Isis was coming from. At the moment, they couldn’t afford to think of anything else, and they had to slow down the progress of the other elder gods from Greece.

“If we all succeed in this task, we will deal a great blow to their plans,” Isis said. “We will slow down their progress in at least two weeks, so we will have some leeway for a while. As your reward for your cooperation, we might help you on a rescuing mission, but only if we succeed in both attacks.”

That was what Ryan wanted to hear. Now he felt more compelled to eliminate the monsters... even though he had no idea if Isis and her allies would be of any help.

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When the time came, Ryan gave the order for his skeletons to march. Even amidst the desert, their steps quickly raised a curtain of dust that drew the attention of the Fire Harpies. Ryan saw all the monsters turning around to look at what was approaching their territory from a distance. The diversion easily achieved their first goal: make all the monsters show their exposed back to Ryan. Still, that wasn't enough... Ryan had to wait until the harpies began to attack.

Even though they couldn't see what was inside the dust cloud, the Fire Harpies still decided to attack, but their fire projectiles were blocked by a massive wall of skeletons. Meanwhile, Ryan began to attack. After using dozens of DEX potions, Ryan fired dozens of arrows with his magic bows. In a single moment, ten harpies were killed with bolts on their napes. But before they could fall and alert the others, they were pulled back by a strange force. That was the power of Hookshot.

You obtained 450 coins.

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"Not bad..." Ryan muttered. "I guess with this many coins I can afford to be a bit crazy."

Congratulations! You have learned the skill Vampirism.

Effect: It grants you the chance to recover one point of health when attacking per level.

You obtained 01 status points.

That was a golden time to train his skills, so Ryan spent fifty thousand million coins to learn Vampirism and didn't hesitate even for a second. While Ryan didn't need that skill, it would be useful against Poseidon for the time being. After all, his goal wasn't only to rescue Femradiel. It was to bring down the god of the seas.

Ryan noticed that his skeletons were lasting more than he had imagined. When he used Clairvoyance to understand why he saw a rain of projectiles coming from the ground stopping the non-concentrated wave of attacks coming from the enemy side. While they were together, the teamwork of the harpies was seriously lacking. Meanwhile, the skeletons who only had to follow a few orders were doing an excellent job.

Unfortunately, Ryan didn't stay hidden for long. After a while, several harpies began to notice that something was off, and they found a mountain of corpses behind them. Ryan made sure to focus on them, but thanks to it, his attack speed decreased exponentially.

"I suppose it can't be helped..." Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. "Besides, it is not like I don't have a countermeasure for this."

Instead of focusing on accuracy, Ryan decided to focus on speed. Dozens upon dozens of enemies were pulled back by his Hookshot. While the monsters didn't get close enough, they still were pulled several meters and fell to the ground due to the power of Ryan's bolts. Before they could do anything, other harpies fell right above them and prevented the creatures from recovering.

"Ah, crap... this heat..." Ryan muttered while he was having a hard time keeping his vision focused with the pile of burning corpses in front of him.

That strategy worked for a while until the bosses finally showed up. Unfortunately, Ryan couldn't attack them with his crossbows because that would eventually lead him to be completely surrounded by a massive number of enemies.

The harpies began to flap their wings, and then massive magma spheres began to fall down toward Ryan's direction. Upon noticing their range, Ryan didn't have to hold back anymore.

“Let’s see if you can fly with a single wing,” Ryan smirked.

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

Suddenly, the wings of several of those bosses exploded. Flesh and blood moved in all directions, and the monsters had no idea of what Ryan did. It was simple: he used the Power of Money. After activating it several times in a few seconds, not even the bosses of that level could escape unscathed.

“I will make sure that all the fuckers in the world will pay for making me use this again...” Ryan said while showing a vicious glint in his eyes.

The monsters tried, but as expected, they failed at keeping themselves flying with a single wing. While Fly could have solved that issue, the monsters didn’t have it. Ryan found that weird, but he paid no mind to it.

At that point in time, half of the monsters had already noticed that Ryan was behind them. For quite a while, they hesitated in attacking a single creature or thousands of skeletons. Ryan already knew what they would do, so he changed his plans once again.

Suddenly dark clouds appeared above the battlefield, and that surprised the monsters since they didn’t see a single cloud since the very first day they were spawned, but the surprises didn’t end there. Lightning bolts began to fall from the sky and immediately hit and shocked hundreds of harpies.

Congratulations! The skill Thunder Storm has leveled up.

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The monsters didn't die since the skill level was low, but that paralyzed them for quite a while and prevented them from making their minds too quickly from Ryan's perspective.

Hookshot became useless since the monsters were already aware of Ryan's existence, so he stopped using the skill and activated Arrow Shower and Rapid Shot. The number of monsters being hit increased, and the number of corpses increased as well. Thanks to that, the monsters realized once and for all that Ryan alone was more dangerous than the army of skeletons, so they turned to face him.

"It is time, huh..." Ryan frowned.

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

Ryan used Teleport and disappeared from the Fire Harpies' field of vision for several seconds. They just stayed there waiting for something to happen, but nothing happened. The skeleton archers and wizards used that chance to bombard the harpies, and then they turned around to face them. However, Ryan suddenly returned to ground level, and after a few moments, it started to rain... combat machines.

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Hundreds of combat machines fell, and even before the harpies could notice them, the weapons attacked with a massive barrage of attack. In just a few moments, hundreds of harpies were killed. Although they were fearsome long-ranged fighters, their endurance was severely lacking severally.

A sudden attack from a third direction completely confused the monsters, so Ryan couldn't help but smile. Overpowering the enemies was fun, but defeating them like that was really satisfying.

One-third of the monsters fell in just a couple of minutes thanks to Ryan's plans, and even when they fell on the ground, the battle machines attacked thousands of harpies until they ran out of fuel. Many more harpies were wounded by those, and Ryan had an easy time finishing them off. However, that only lasted for so long. All the Fire Harpies turned around to faze Ryan once again and bombarded him with massive magma spheres. However, they only hit the ground since Ryan had disappeared once again.



The harpies immediately waited for another attack coming from above, but nothing came from there. Instead of that, the number of projectiles coming from the skeletons' army increased. It took a while, but the harpies found Ryan among them.

When the harpies began to attack the skeletons, Ryan gave them the order to assume a tortoise formation. He stayed behind their defensive formation and continued to attack the monsters, but the skeletons began to suffer massive losses. Thanks to that, the skeleton archers and skeleton wizards started to decrease in number as well. Ryan bit his lips in annoyance since that had been until now the worst part of this plan... It was time to move to the next phase.

Ryan teleported again. This time he reappeared behind the army and immediately opened his mouth and used Ice Breath. The harpies quickly lost their limbs when they turned into ice. Meanwhile, Ryan's Magic Bows finished off the others. The monsters tried to turn around and face Ryan, but his flying speed was fearsome. The magic projectiles were fired toward him, but Ryan dodged them all. The few that almost hit Ryan were stopped by his Ice Breath.

"I should have done this from the very beginning..." Ryan thought. "No, maybe the boss would have gotten on the way."

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

While flying close to them, Ryan drew the attention of the monsters completely. Thanks to that, the skeletons had the chance to attack freely, and the decimation of the Harpies proceeded favorably. Of course, Ryan suffered a few scratches here and there. Still, ultimately, he managed to destroy the whole army alongside his skeletons in half an hour.

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

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

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

Your intelligence and mana have been increased by six points. In addition, your health, stamina, willpower, and mentality have been increased by three points.

"Phew... this ended faster than I thought," Ryan said after a long sigh.

Although he said that, Ryan was thankful for it. He made a lot of progress as expected... probably because he couldn't use Draconic Transformation. Isis didn't give him a time limit, but his job probably had been accomplished.

"That reminds me, I forgot to ask again who were the dungeon masters," Ryan said while he was collecting his loot. "Still, given that the dungeon master didn't try to interfere until now, I don't have to worry about such a dumbass."

"If she were to hear you, you wouldn't have a single minute of peace for the rest of your life," Isis suddenly said. "I decided to check on you, but who could have thought that you would finish before the other groups... my apologies for underestimating you."

"Who is the dungeon master of this dungeon?" Ryan asked.

"Aphrodite, the Greek goddess of love," Isis replied. "She was the one who sent the cyclops to attack you."

"Fire Harpies and Cyclops... I can't see any noticeable similarity between them," Ryan said. "Still, the goddess of love, huh... what an unexpected enemy. By the way, talking with me right now won't make your presence more trackable?"

“No, I use disruption magic on the surroundings whenever I talk with you, so no one will be able to see or hear about what we are talking,” Isis replied. “Regardless, I need to watch over my troops while they are retreating from this attack. Anyway, if you want to obtain a class, you should hurry up.”

“Wait, I want to know to whom the next dungeon I am going to attack belongs to,” Ryan said.

“The second dungeon master is... Ares, the Greek god of courage and war,” Isis replied. “He was the one who used the hellhounds to stop you.”

“I see...” Ryan said while he furrowed his eyebrows.

It was hard to know how come Ares could be a problem. Still, maybe Ryan shouldn't think too much about it since he would become an enemy of Aphrodite and Ares anyway, even without attacking their dungeons since his goal was to kill Poseidon.

“We expect you to succeed in the same manner tonight,” Isis said. “I wish you good luck.”

Ryan nodded and then headed inside the dungeon while his skeletons picked the rest of the loot. Come to think of it, Ryan realized that he will have a hard time hiding his skeleton army. Even though half of them had been decimated... Regardless, he couldn't let them leave any traces... Fortunately, Ryan quickly came up with a solution to that problem.

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As expected, Ryan only found a few enemies inside the dungeon and no bosses waiting for him. So, he quickly obtained 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: Saint Knight, Royal Archer, and Shaman.

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 Saint Knight!

You obtained the following skills: Sign of Protection, Conviction, and Doom Spear.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Sign of Protection.

Effect: It grants you the power to create a magic emblem. The emblems increase the status of your allies by ten points per level while you are near them. The skill will grant you the power to create a new emblem in a new ally every five levels.

Cost: 1000 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Conviction.

Effect: It grants you the chance to passively increase your health. If you suffer 100.000 points of damage in a single day, your health will increase by the same amount of the skill level. For every level up, the health requirement will increase.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Doom Spear.

Effect: it grants you the power to summon a magic spear that causes holy damage in a wide area of effect.

Cost: 300 mana.

You obtained 01 status points.

“Conviction... what a weird skill,” Ryan frowned. “It certainly doesn’t fit my style, but it looks like it will come in handy at some point.”

The other skills would also come in handy, but it was only natural that Ryan wouldn’t focus more on Conviction. As soon as Ryan left the dungeon, he created a thick layer of ice above the desert and made his skeletons climb on it. After that, he used Teleport and made himself and the skeletons move away from the dungeon. While Ryan didn’t manage to move away all that much from the dungeon, he just moved upward to escape the visual range.

Ryan had to use a lot of potions to move the platform of ice by using Water Manipulation and Cryomancy. Still, in the end, he solved that issue by using INT potions and CON potions. There weren’t many places to hide in the desert, nor could Ryan move his skeleton army all that much without leaving some obvious traces. So, he just created an underground shelter. First, he created some walls made of dirt, and then he filled the interior layer with ice. After all, the heat was close to unbearable.

“I guess this should be enough for the time being,” Ryan said while he looked toward a hole in the ceiling in which some sand was passing through.

The hole was made to let some air enter. Although Ryan was the only one there who needed oxygen, it was better to have such a thing and also let some sunlight enter. Ryan sighed as he put his back against the cold walls to rest. Since his defeat against those ten creatures, he had been working nonstop, so he deserved some rest.

“... This is a waste of time, I should prepare for the next battle,” Ryan said to himself.

Even before checking his target and coming up with a decent battle plan, Ryan already found a problem: the skeleton army was in front of him. Moving them to Turkey wasn’t a good idea. If Ryan leaves them alone, they won’t reach the place even if they walk in a straight line towards it. Not to mention, Ryan had to surprise the target. The best way to achieve that was to create an army close to the target.

“I guess you guys will have to stay behind,” Ryan crossed his arms and then said. “Still, you guys can have some use for me yet.”

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

After sunset, Ryan began to move. He immediately gave the order for his skeletons to spread around in five directions. During the afternoon, he used Clairvoyance to find some dungeons nearby, and the function of the skeleton would be to head toward. Suppose the skeletons aren't attacked before reaching their goals. In that case, they will just pass by them since Ryan's goal wasn't to alert other dungeon masters, but to create several fake traces. If anyone was looking for him, they would find five traces of five skeleton armies. Meanwhile, he used Teleport and headed to Turkey.

Ryan tried to reach his destination even faster if compared to Niger because his chance of success would hinge once again on his preparation. Although he had to cross the Mediterranean Sea, which had been quite an ordeal at night, Ryan still reached his goal after 90 minutes, a coastal city called Antalya. While Ryan didn't know many things about the country, he couldn't help but open his eyes widely in amazement when he noticed several buildings that looked quite medieval were still standing... Those probably wouldn't work well to protect civilians, so the dragons that attacked the place probably left them alone for that reason.

Ryan also had a hard time finding the Dullahan's dungeon since they were creatures that apparently love the darkness, so one couldn't find a single sign of light in dozens of kilometers, not even the stars or the moon offered some light... and that was strangely weird.

“Shadow type monsters, huh,” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. “They are probably undead as well, so my skills that cause holy damage will be useful.”

In the end, Ryan could only hope that a few of his assumptions would be true. Isis didn't pass him much intel about his targets aside from their location and the dungeon masters, probably because she was busy and no one needed the help of a guy who couldn't collect intel by himself.

Dullahan Lv 890

Health: 75.000 /75.000

Mana: 43.000/43.000

Stamina: 59.000/59.000

Strength: 5600 (+1800)

Dexterity: 1900 (+500)

Speed: 4500 (+1200)

Intelligence: 2100 (500)

Endurance: 5000 (+1500)

Control: 1500 (+300)

Mentality: 4500 (+800)

Luck: 2500 (+300)

Recovery: 33.000 (+12.000)

Willpower: 4500 (+800)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Shadow Blade Lv 650, Concentrated Strike Lv 550...

Passive Physical Skills: Shadowy Aura Lv 550, Augmented Strength Lv 400, Steel Skin Lv 450...

Spells: Shadow Armor Lv 550, Curse Sphere Lv 300, Shadow Spear Lv 480, Acid Rain Lv 350...

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 750, Shock Resistance Lv 580, Cold Resistance Lv 350, Earth Resistance Lv 400, Darkness Resistance Lv Max, Darkness Immunity Lv 350...

“Oh, shit... you have got to be kidding me,” Ryan bit his lips in exasperation.

Dullahan wasn't quite like Ryan had imagined, at least the ordinary ones. As for the bosses, they were essentially armored and headless monsters. Their armor and massive sword had a single color: purple. They also had mounts, some purple knights that apparently were another type of monster summoned by them. Regardless, they were obviously tougher than the Fire Harpies.

“I assumed this one would be easy since they couldn't fly, but...” Ryan said and then sighed. “I was so dead wrong.”

While feeling a headache, Ryan began to prepare for the attack. He still had several hours before the time came, so maybe he could make some modifications to his plans. Ryan recalled in the middle of his preparations that he forgot to make a weapon out of the Fire Harpies; still, they probably wouldn't create a new type of crossbow since those monsters were just regular fire monsters. Still, the thing was different with the Dullahan. It has been quite a while since Ryan saw a monster capable of using dark-related attacks. None of them were melee fighters, so his expectations were quite high for them.



Although Ryan didn't work physically all that much during his preparations, he was covered in sweat when midnight approached. The tension and his thoughts about failure worried him quite a bit. Still, in the end, he was quite confident in his battle plan.

Unlike the Fire Harpies, the Dullahan monsters were conglomerated in a single place. They were spread around the whole city since they were big and needed a decent amount of room to show their abilities. Although that wasn't a good idea, Ryan decided to fight near the ocean since apparently, he wouldn't have any place to run. That would make the monsters feel even more eager to attack.

When Ryan decided to attack, the earth suddenly trembled, and somewhere in the East side of that region, the sky suddenly began to glow... that had been one heck of an explosion. When Ryan used Clairvoyance to check, he only found a sea of flames, and amidst it, thousands of monster bodies burning. Despite that, he didn't find the caster of the attack.

"It looks like another target was nearby..." Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. "Still, to think that Isis would have someone capable of using such a massive attack..."

It was only natural that Ryan wouldn't know everything about Isis. Still, it was weird that she didn't use such a card when her base was being attacked... possibly, the boss of the attack worked for Isis's collaborator.

"... Onto business," Ryan muttered when he saw the Dullahan army moving toward that region.

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

Ryan's skeleton army began to march, but before they could reach the enemy army, he attacked them using one of his newest skill: Doom Spear. While the spell wasn't that powerful, hundreds of monsters got hit when the magic spear exploded. The creatures trembled, and their armor began to crack... as expected, that was Shadow Armor already active. Regardless, Ryan barely caused any damage. Less than ten percent of their health had decreased. Despite that, the monsters looked toward the direction the attack came from, only to find an army of skeletons moving toward them.

The Dullahan army began to run toward the skeletons. Still, before they could reach them, they suddenly were attacked by thousands of mana bullets. Ryan had hidden hundreds of combat machines below some piles of rubble. The Dullahan army tried to protect themselves, but hundreds of them quickly died.

The monsters fired their Shadow Spears without any other choice, but that only slowed down their firing speed for a short while. That had been more than enough for the Dullahan army to approach and attack the pile of rubble. However, they were attacked by another group of combat machines hidden behind the pile of debris.

Meanwhile, Ryan bombarded the Dullahan army from above with twelve copies of his Holy Crossbow + 10. Ryan made sure to attack the monster's nape just like he did with the Fire Harpies. Thanks to that, many of them fell without alerting the others. However, just like before, that only lasted for so long.

In weird but precise synchrony, thousands of Dullahan turned and looked toward Ryan. They pointed their swords toward him in the same manner, and the Shadow Spears flew toward him. Ryan teleported to high in the sky to dodge the attacks and continue on his own. However, the monsters didn't give up after a single time.

"What dumbasses..." Ryan said as he started to fly in circles. "Are they blind? How can they focus on me when my machines are doing much more damage?"

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

Soon, Ryan came to know why they were acting like that... the monsters knew that they could work for so long. After a few thousand Dullahan died, the battle machines proceeded to recharge a few monsters and used that chance to destroy them.

Before Ryan could move to the next phase of his plan, he saw the Dullahan moving in a weird manner. They divided themselves into pairs, and then one of them jumped and stood still at the non-cutting side of the weapons... After that, they swung those and were tossed toward Ryan.

Class: Artemis' Disciple Lv 42 (+ 03 UP) / Frozen Spellcaster Lv 41 (+ 04 UP) / William Tell's Apprentice Lv 33 (+ 04 UP) (-)

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

Rank: 41th

Health: 7455/7455 (15,02/s)

Mana: 9475/9475 (15,02/s)

Stamina: 9720/9720 (15,02/s)

Strength: 831 (+898) (+130)

Dexterity: 7600 (+6255) (+550)

Speed: 1120 (+3160) (+48)

Intelligence: 1181 (+2614) (+33)

Endurance: 1348 (+729) (+160)

Control: 1326 (+3190) (+10)

Mentality: 1258 (+993) (+70)

Luck: 1030 (+90)

Recovery: 3950 (+4250) (+845)

Willpower: 1280 (+1111) (+40)

Coins: 32.333.785

Status: 00

#### Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Dragon Rising Lv 01, Proudful Roar Lv 01, Mocking Shout Lv 01, Sign of Protection Lv 01, Doom Spear Lv 01

Passive Physical Skills: Dual Wield Lv 65 (+ 07 UP), Crossbow Expert Lv 75 (+ 05 UP), Sharpshooter Lv 75 (+ 05 UP), Tenacity Lv 01, Diehard Lv 01, Conviction Lv 01,

Spells: Thunder Storm Lv 19 (+ 18 UP), Summon Skeleton Knight Lv 33 (+ 32 UP), Summon Skeleton Archer Lv 01 (+ 32 UP), Summon Skeleton Wizard Lv 01 (+ 32 UP), Fire Totem Lv 13 (+ 12 UP), Ice Totem Lv 01, Electric Totem Lv 01, Vampirism Lv 01

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 47 (+ 07 UP), Heat Resistance Lv 39 (+ 07 UP), Fire Immunity Lv 09 (+ 08 UP)

#### Classes:

Combat: Storm Caster Lv 07 (+ 06 UP), Sorcerer Lv Max (+ 34 UP), Dark Slayer Lv 37 (+ 07 UP), Wizard Lv 35 (+ 13 UP), Magic Archer Lv 78 (+ 13 UP), Royal Archer Lv 71 (+ 14 UP), Necromancer Lv 23 (+ 22 UP), Brawler Lv 01, Shaman Lv 01, Saint Knight Lv 01,

Non-Combatant: Blacksmith Lv 83 (+ 05 UP), Whitesmith Lv 44 (+ 05 UP), Alchemist Lv 88 (+ 07 UP)

Race: Centaur, Lesser Dragon, Kobold,

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“Woah... that was kind of unexpected,” Ryan said while he was using Teleport in quick succession to escape the ‘Dullahan cannon.’

Much to Ryan’s surprise, the strength of the Dullahan army was so big that they could throw their allies like that, and they would move faster than Ryan could fly. Not to mention, those who missed him, instead of silently landing on the other side of the destroyed city, they would turn around in midair and fire Shadow Spears toward Ryan.

“I have a time limit here, so I can’t waste any moment,” Ryan said and then teleported to ground level.

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

Ryan made the skeletons spread a little bit, and then the Dullahan that were nearby dashed toward him. Ryan began to move backward as he used Evading Shot. The Dullahan army dashed toward him, but they were suddenly attacked by a massive wave of Frozen Arrows. The monsters didn’t expect to be assaulted by spells from such directions since they only saw skeleton knights... they didn’t notice that Ryan had hidden other skeletons nearby.

The charge of the army decreased in speed, but they eventually would escape the skeletons’ range. Ryan sighed and clenched his teeth, and at the same time, he stopped moving backward and charged toward the enemies. While he attacked the monsters with his bolts, Ryan summoned several Magic Swords. The monsters swung their weapons toward him, but Ryan’s speed and the magic swords stopped them. Dozens of Dullahan began to burn as they were touched by the fire elemental swords, but Ryan quickly had to summon others. Even though only half of the army was there, it was more than enough to surpass the capacity of his magic swords.

Regardless, Ryan managed to cross the entire army of Dullahan. Since he was within their range, they didn’t fight while using long-ranged attacks. Instead, Ryan moved away toward the opposite direction

for quite a while in order to make the first group of Dullahan enter the skeletons' range. However, it looked like things wouldn't be that simple. The second army was approaching.

"Here we go again..." Ryan said and then sighed.

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

Ryan opened his mouth and used Ice Breath. At the same time, he pointed his Holy Crossbow toward the enemy and used Chaotic Shot. However, he didn't stop there and used Arrow Shower as well. The constant wave of attacks stopped the second group, but Ryan wouldn't be able to keep so many active attacks at the same time for long. Fortunately, Ryan used that time to use SPE potions.

When his mana was empty, the monsters found Ryan holding a single hammer, and his hands were glowing. At the same time, four double-edged spears were floating around him. Ryan was using Mana-Eater to steal the mana of a magic weapon...

Before the monsters could react, Ryan suddenly disappeared from their sight and reappeared amidst the Dullahan army. Suddenly, Ryan began to fly around the army, and dozens of monsters were cut into pieces. Before any of them could react, Ryan would away from a location and then decimate all the monsters nearby with the double-edged spears. Ryan's reaction time increased exponentially thanks to the SPE potions, so the monsters never had the chance to attack him.

While Ryan was causing havoc inside the monster's army, his skeletons slowly decreased their numbers from a distance with magic attacks. Ryan's new way of attack quickly decimated dozens of monsters every second. At that point in time, the Dullahan realized that they won't be able to defeat Ryan if they assume some risks. So, their swords began to emit a purple glow, and then they swung at him after jumping.

Ryan's reflexes warned him that he couldn't let those attacks hit him, so he teleported to where Dullahan jumped and attacked them. As for the Shadow Blades, they completely decimated the ground below. Even with their Darkness Resistance at the max level, the monsters that got hit by those were cut like butter.

The whole army used Shadow Blades to kill Ryan, but for the next five minutes, thanks to SPE potions that he used, they could not outspeed him. They had another chance when the effect of the potions ran out, but only for a few moments since Ryan was determined to repeat the strategy. Still, Ryan realized that the monsters had a trump card.

“It is about time...” Ryan muttered.

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

The Dullahan bosses finally showed up, and Ryan knew that his old tricks wouldn't work on them. They had studied him for quite a while, but they lost eighty percent of their forces while they waited for Ryan to use his most powerful skills and to tire out.

The battalion of mounted Dullahan began to march toward Ryan at the same time. Their speed was so insane that Ryan imagined that they would be able to fly for quite a while if they jumped. However, Ryan had no intention of running away. The ordinary monsters moved away to give the bosses room to move. As for Ryan, he obediently waited for them. When they were about to run over him, Ryan used Lunar Arrow and killed several of the dumbass bosses. At the same time, the remaining army passed by him without noting that their allies were killed.

“That is the power of light magic for you, it is absolute deadly against demons and undead monsters,” Ryan said while smirking.

When the bosses turned around to face Ryan, they began to be hit by other Lunar Arrows, and they couldn't help but freeze in astonishment. An attack of that level couldn't be used continuously. It was impossible. That was normally the case, but not for Ryan, since his skeletons and the double-edged spears still were killing the ordinary monsters.

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In the end, the bosses' strategy to wait for Ryan to get tired worked against them. However, they weren't the only ones who could come up with unorthodox ways to deal with a troublesome enemy.

Regardless, Ryan won... not as fast as the guy who destroyed the army in the nearest dungeon, but he won.

"Oh? You really did it..." Isis suddenly said. "It looks like you had to work for a while longer, but you really did it..."

"Why do you sound as if you were expecting me to fail?" Ryan furrowed his eyebrows while he collected the loot.

"My apologies for hiding a few things from you, but my contributor was the one who said you should deal with those two armies," Isis replied. "As I said before, they don't expect much from humans, so you can consider this a test from them."

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

Ryan clenched his teeth and bit his lips. He didn't have time for that bullshit... he was working his ass off to obtain a way to rescue Femradial, but at the same time, he was being tested by some kind of an asshole. Unfortunately, Ryan couldn't do anything but contain his anger since he would need all the help he could get to rescue Femradial.

"I am truly sorry for it, and I am willing to listen to your complains," Isis said.

"... I don't have time for this," Ryan said.

"Is that so... that is unexpected, I can't help but frown while watching you anger boil, and that is quite a high-level anger for a human," Isis said. "Regardless, the plan was success thanks to our hard work. Now we just need to prepare to attack Poseidon's castle. That will take a while since we will need a decent force, while I try to gather some people to help us, you should inform the humans who are interested and then increase your strength as much as possible."



After saying that, Isis ended the telepathic call. What Ryan heard surprised him, but now that he thought about it, the operation to rescue Femradial would have to be a pretty big one. Although Ryan didn't want to involve others since he didn't want to owe them anything, that wasn't really an option. Again, he would need all the help he can get. Besides, defeating Poseidon or at least weakening his forces was something that interested the whole human race.

After he gathered the loot, Ryan entered the dungeon and, without any trouble, picked his next class. Also, as quickly as possible, he made the skeletons enter the place.

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: Soldier, Ranger, 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 Soldier!

You obtained the following skills: Sneak, Mission, and Augmented Willpower.

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: Sneak.

Effect: It grants you the power to pass nearby magic traps without activating them.

Cost: 50 mana per second

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Mission.

Effect: It grants you extra coins when clearing dungeons that possess massive numbers of monsters spawned.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Augmented Willpower.

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

You obtained 01 status points.

“I guess this is what I will have for today,” Ryan shrugged.

When Ryan left the dungeon, he gave the order to his skeletons to attack any monster. There was no point in trying to move them with him. For a few moments, Ryan wondered what he should do. But before he could come up with an answer, he received another notification.

Congratulations! You have reached the rank of the 40 strongest humans! Keep clearing dungeons and defeating monsters to raise your rank, and you might receive some nice rewards!

Current Rank: 40th

You obtained...

“What... why now?” Ryan asked while he frowned since that notification should have appeared when he obtained his latest class.

You obtained...

You obtained...

You obtained...

Ryan couldn't help but frown since that was the first time something so weird happened. He didn't expect to find a bug in the system since it didn't belong to a computer or something... or maybe it did. It was impossible to know. Ryan had to wait for a few good minutes to see what was going to happen and when he was about to give up, he obtained his answer.

You obtained the skill Wolf's Greed.

Effect: It grants you the chance to steal status points from your enemies. The number of status points stole will be determined by the level of the skill. You can't use this skill more than once against an enemy. You can't use any other skill while this skill is active. You can't move while the skill is active. You can't use this skill against weaker enemies.

Cost: 100 health per second and per level of the skill.

You obtained one status point.

"What the hell..." Ryan opened his eyes widely in surprise.

That was by far the weirdest and suspicious skill Ryan had seen so far. Not even the Banshee's Envy Eye could be compared to this... While it seemed very useful, even more so when Ryan faced for quite a while only enemies stronger than himself. Regardless, the timing of that skill was just too suspiciously good. That was when Ryan wasn't even considering the previous incident where the system apparently had an error or something like that.

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"What should I do about this?" Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "It isn't like this type of reward is something new, but all these circumstances are just..."

In the end, Ryan decided to forget about that. Nothing good would come from worrying too much about things he couldn't understand. Besides, Ryan had already made up his mind to use all possible options. He would need all the help he could get.

After shaking his head, Ryan used Teleport and appeared where the explosion happened half an hour ago. While appearing at such a time in such a place was dangerous, it was no longer a problem for the mission. Besides the worst of Ryan's fears, the fear of being trapped in a magic prison again wasn't bothering him. Because to use such a spell, some time was necessary to prepare such a large-scale spell. Regardless, Ryan couldn't help but frown since he didn't find any sign of monsters' corpses or even the loot.

"It is kind of hard to believe that... but I wonder if the explosion destroyed even the loot down to a molecular level," Ryan frowned.

As expected, Ryan didn't find many monsters around the dungeon, only those that had been spawned in the last couple of minutes. However, that would be enough for the time being. It was time to test Wolf's Greed. The creatures guarding that dungeon were Ice Golems, and they were at level nine hundred, so Ryan assumed that they were stronger than him. At least they had more status points, and that probably was a good reference. However, Wolf's Greed didn't activate.

"... I guess the number of status points isn't a major factor in determining who is stronger," Ryan said after a long sigh.

In the end, the skills one possesses, the level of intelligence, and the experience probably were major factors instead of status. It was only natural... Perhaps not even the boss of the Ice Golems would be considered stronger than Ryan, even though such a creature would be at least five times stronger than regular monster. The reason being that Ryan could bombard the creature from several angles and explode it in just a few moments.

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: Corrupt Knight, Expert Archer, and High 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 Expert Archer!

You obtained the following skills: Elven Mastery, Elf Arrow, and Storm Arrow.

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: Elven Mastery.

Effect: It permanently increases your dexterity upon defeating dungeon bosses by one point per level.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Elven Arrow.

Effect: A special arrow causes extra damage based on your intelligence and decreases the target's willpower, mentality, and endurance by ten points per level.

Cost: 200 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Storm Arrow.

Effect: it grants you the power to fire a single arrow that will split into dozens of magic arrows, causing devastating damage over a large area.

Cost: 200 mana per second.

You obtained 01 status points.

“Oh? Finally, a pretty decent class,” Ryan smiled in satisfaction. “Despite everything, it looks like my luck is finally turning around.

Elven Mastery was one hell of a skill. Still, Ryan couldn't help but wonder if that skill would work so many times in dungeons that had broken. If a dungeon boss leaves the dungeon, could it still be considered a dungeon boss? That was a difficult question. Regardless, it was time to leave since Ryan had overexposed himself. He still needed to be careful until the operation to rescue Femradiel begins.

Instead of looking for other dungeons in the region, Ryan decided to return to his base and check things with Furball. If nothing had happened, then he will just have to make some upgrades, and if something happened, he would have to make adjustments.

Fortunately, nothing changed when Ryan returned to his domain. The reason being was the fact that most of Ryan's enemies had been attacked during the day, and now they were counting their losses. The most dangerous ones, at the moment, were the creatures spawning inside his domain.

“Hey there, buddy,” Ryan said and scratched Furball's neck. “It looks like things are going well for you too.”

Furball barked a little loudly. That was his famous bark of agreement. Although his partner wasn't that old, Ryan felt pretty nostalgic. Still, it was time to be back on business. Now that Ryan knew that he wouldn't attack alone Poseidon's castle, perhaps he didn't have to rely on his skeletons anymore. Instead of training them, perhaps Ryan should clear other dungeons.

“Instead of doing just one thing, perhaps I can do it both...” Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. “To receive a class, I just have to defeat all the nearby bosses and the treasure chest will become available. I can always leave a skeleton army behind to deal with the rest of the monsters.”

While Ryan will have to give up on training certain classes and skills, it was a necessary price to pay. He couldn't have everything he wanted, after all. Ryan's next targets were already decided: they were the dungeons Alissa mentioned to him. After upgrading his domain once again, Ryan left to the Northern lands of the continent.

Area Lv 27: 75 square miles    Level UP cost: 690.000 coins or 6.900.000 mana

Monsters Book Lv 10      Level UP cost: 5.500 coins or 55.000 mana

Barrier Lv 34

Level UP cost: 109.000 coins or 1.090.000 mana

Army Lv 45

Level UP cost: 970.000 coins or 9.700.000 mana

Dungeon T1 Lv 85 (71%)      Level UP cost: 104.000 coins or 1.040.000 mana

Coins stored: 2.871      Mana stored: 9.652

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When Ryan was teleporting to the next dungeon, he suddenly stopped when he heard a voice in his head. It was Yahiko, and it has been a while since they talked.

“Ryan, it has been a while,” Yahiko said. “Can I borrow one minute of your time?”

“You don’t have to make it sound so weird,” Ryan said. “I am flying right now, so I can talk with you for a while. What is it?”

“I noticed that oceans changed, it looks like a dungeon master of such zone finally reached their goal, do you know anything about it?” Yahiko asked. “Lately, we have been attacked by sea monsters for quite a while since my domain already reached the coast of my country.”

Ryan explained to the situation in detail to Yahiko. He deserved that much since he was the leader of many people. Ryan also realized that he should try to find a way to alert Natasha and her friends. Maybe he should go to Russia and do that, even though that will take a few hours of his time. Natasha deserved at least that much as well.

"I see, one of them already appeared and others are about to come as well," Yahiko said. "We only have a few weeks..."

"Are things fine on your end?" Ryan asked.

"Relatively well, I guess," Yahiko said. "The number of battles is increasing lately; we barely have time to move away too much from our capital. Regardless, it is just my guess, but I imagine one or two dungeon masters already appeared in China and India. For the time being, their influence didn't spread outside the limits of their countries, but eventually..."

"Does any tier three dungeons appear in your country?" Ryan asked. "I am looking for others, if you are having a hard time dealing with those since they are far away, I can give you a hand."

In the end, Ryan used that chance to obtain another reason to alert Natasha, and her friends and Yahiko helped him with that. Unfortunately, only three-tier three dungeons appeared in Japan since the last time he had been there. Yahiko also asked why Ryan suddenly wanted to leave his dungeon for a few hours. Still, he decided to keep quiet about it. Yahiko wasn't untrustworthy, but Ryan couldn't afford to spread that information to those who wouldn't join the fight. He already informed Gustavo and his friends, and they didn't think twice before accepting.

After the conversation, Ryan used Teleport several times to reach the next dungeon. When he reached the place, he found a few bosses around the dungeon. They were Frozen Giant Bats, but when Ryan killed them, he didn't receive any notification, nor did his dexterity increase. However, when he killed the last one in the last part of the dungeon...

Your dexterity has increased by one point.

"As expected," Ryan said. "Well, it is better than nothing."



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: Spell Sword, Poison Archer, and Battle 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 Spell Sword!

You obtained the following skills: Magic Armor, Incinerate, and Magic Shield.

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: Magic Armor.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon magic armor that protects you from magical attacks, physique attacks, and status effects. The amount of mana consumed will be related to the power of the enemies' attacks.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Incinerate.

Effect: It grants you the chance to cause extra magical damage when attacking with physical attacks. It also decreases the effect of healing spells based on the level of the skill.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Magic Shield.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon Magic Shields, they can move according to your will, and they can be transferred to others.

Cost: 100 mana.

Health: 20 per level.

You obtained 01 status point.

“Two defensive spells for a mage class, how unexpected...” Ryan muttered.

While Ryan was heading toward the next dungeon, he began to wonder about the speed Elven Mastery would level up. It wasn't like other skills, and the requirements to activate were quite difficult. So, it will take a while for that skill to begin to shine and show its true potential.

“Ryan, I need to talk with Femradiel,” Ryan suddenly heard Alissa's voice. “It is urgent.”

“... That can't be done, she is busy right now,” Ryan said after a long sigh. “What is it?”

“It is about Orgar, he has been sleeping for three days and I don't know what is going on,” Alissa replied. “His presence is growing weaker and I don't know what to do.”

Why now of all times... that was Ryan was asking himself under his breath. It couldn't be a worse time for that kind of issue to take place... as much as Ryan wanted to ignore other people's problems, Ryan couldn't do that for Alissa. She caused him a fair deal of trouble. She helped him more than a few times that compensate for all the problems she caused by a large margin.

“He is an old dragon, Alissa, so it can't be helped,” Ryan said. “Everyone we know will leave our lives in one moment or the other, or we will disappear from their minds. That is something natural.”

“... What are you talking about?” Alissa asked, confused. “Orgar doesn't have a body, so he can't die of old age, you can just say that is the case... Are you hiding something, Ryan?”

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At that point in time, there was no need to keep hiding things from Alissa since she could read minds, and she definitely will ready Ryan's mind once they see each other again.

"Alissa... the situation where you and Orgar became partners was rather... problematic," Ryan said after a long sigh. "I don't know the details, but it looks like he gave you his power without offering a pact. That had some consequences. The most drastic one was that Orgar's spirit would be fused with yours and then his individuality will disappear."

"What? How do you know that?" Alissa asked. "Why didn't you tell me this before?"

"It was Orgar's decision, he told me about it and said that I should keep it as a secret," Ryan replied.

"... That is not possible, I don't feel any different than before," Alissa said.

"Maybe Orgar did something, he didn't want to affect the rest of life by making you think like a dragon, so he probably found a way to deal with his memories," Ryan replied. "The reason why he seems asleep from your perspective was probably because he was working to let your spirit only obtain his power and not his personality."

Alissa took some time to absorb what she just heard. While it was too much information for her and it didn't make any sense, deep down, Alissa understood that Ryan wasn't lying. He wasn't the type of person to make jokes, even less so in serious situations like that. In the end, things proceeded the way Ryan expected... Alissa didn't accept things calmly.

"Why did you hide that from me? Why you two did that?" Alissa asked after she raised her tone. "That was cruel... this is just too cruel."

"Calm down, Alissa," Ryan said. "Orgar wasn't someone who like to live the rest of his lives while watching you feeling angsty about his own choices. You can't condemn him for that, he lived his life the way he wanted, and you can't criticize him for it."

“Don’t tell me to calm down! Spare of your bullshit!” Alissa said.

After hearing that, the telepathic link was canceled. As expected, Alissa’s mental state was unstable. Ryan had many things to do, and he had to prepare to attack Poseidon’s castle, but in the end, he decided to return to his country and check things with her.

A couple of hours later, Ryan arrived at the military base, but then he was stopped by the barrier. Naturally, whoever had erected a domain didn’t grant Ryan a free pass to come. However, even amidst of the night, several soldiers were guarding the surroundings and the dungeons, and they noticed Ryan’s presence.

“Bring Mark or whoever is the leader or the domain,” Ryan said. “I need to talk about Alissa.”

Ryan noticed some angry stares coming from the soldiers. Still, they looked at each other in confusion when Alissa was mentioned. She probably did something... and they were wondering why Ryan knew about that. In the end, they didn’t make much of a fuss and proceeded to enter the military base. However, someone unexpected came... He and Daniel looked pretty pissed.

“What are you doing here?” Daniel raised his chin and asked. “You are not welcome here.”

“Really? Like I give a shit,” Ryan said.

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

Ryan couldn’t help but frown after hearing that notification. His nerves calmed down when he received the Expert Archer class, but it looked like Daniel alone had been more than enough to make his blood boil again.

“Leave, now,” Daniel said. “You are a threat to the people here.”

“I don’t want to waste my time with you, asshole,” Ryan said. “Bring Mark, I need to talk to him.”

“He isn’t going to meet you,” Daniel said. “I won’t say it again, leave now. Or I will make you do.”

“I want to see you try, asshole,” Ryan said.

Before Ryan could react, Daniel summoned a great dark sword out of nowhere and dashed toward him. In the end, Daniel was only looking for a reason to fight, and Ryan welcomed that. He was also looking for an excuse to fire some bolts up to his ass.

Ryan escaped the sword by using Teleport and appearing hundreds of meters above the city. He immediately proceeded to summon two of his magic bows to attack. However, when he fired, Daniel blocked his arrows easily by putting his sword above him. As if that wasn’t enough, he began to fly toward Ryan at a fearsome speed.

Daniel continued to pursue Ryan while flying, but Ryan escaped his range by continuously firing Evading Shot. However, Ryan knew that he was wasting time and mana. Not only he couldn’t cause any damage or activate the effects of his weapons, but his attacks also weren’t even leaving scratches on the weapons’ surface.

Daniel

Health: ???/???

Mana: ???/???

Stamina: ???/???

Strength: ???

Dexterity: ???

Speed: ???

Intelligence: ???

Endurance: ???

Control: ???

Mentality: ???

Luck: ???

Recovery: ???

Willpower: ???

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: ???, ???, ???...

Passive Physical Skills: ???, ???, ???...

Spells: ???, ???, ???...

Support Skills: ???, ???, ???...

Classes:

Combat: ???, ???, ???...

Non-Combatant: ???, ???, ???...

“What the hell... how can he counter Absolute Appraisal?” Ryan frowned.

That didn't make any sense... while Ryan knew that Daniel had been moving around hunting monsters and training fiercely, it was hard to believe that he would find such skills just by doing that.

Ryan tried to save his mana by using his Spiritualist's Crossbow, but it wasn't time to pull his punches. So, he summoned several copies of his Thunder Lord Crossbow. His projectiles suddenly didn't become more powerful, but the electric effect in them hit Daniel's sword and shocked his arms. Ryan could see the look of annoyance on his face, but it was hard to tell if the damage was actually building up.

Ryan changed directions since they were getting too high in the sky and the atmosphere was thinning up. While Daniel was having a hard time following him, he insisted on just pursuing Ryan without doing anything fancy. Ryan knew that he was a dumbass, but not to that extent... something smelled really fishy there.

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After a while, Ryan confirmed that Daniel indeed was planning something and wasn't just standing there receiving damage like a fool. His sword began to shine and vibrate the air around it, and Ryan decided to stop his attacks.

Daniel clicked his tongue in annoyance, but that didn't end his plans. Daniel suddenly disappeared from Ryan's field of vision, but then he felt him appearing a few meters behind him.

“What?” Ryan muttered.

Daniel probably used Flash, but the range of the skill was too large than it should be... Regardless, Ryan didn't have time to ponder about such things. Ryan used Teleport to escape the attack, and then he reappeared several kilometers below. However, Ryan was still hit by an invisible attack and was thrown to the ground.

The impact made Ryan break several of his ribs, and he spat blood while he was trying to get up as fast as possible. His whole body was vibrating for some reason... Daniel probably used a counter-attack skill that can work overtime and even against long-ranged attacks.

Before Ryan could truly grasp the nature of Daniel's skill, he felt his approach. After using Full-Heal, Ryan considered using invisibility and rely on his stealth to attack. However, he decided not to do it. Ryan's pride wouldn't allow him to use stealth attacks against Daniel, not against him...

When Daniel entered his range, Ryan used Ice Breath, and he was forced to slow down since that kind of attack was troublesome against his skill. However, when he stepped back, Ryan appeared behind him and hit his back with his right elbow. The difference between Ryan's strength and Daniel's endurance was big. However, he still was knocked down and rolled several meters on the ground. Before Daniel could get up, Ryan bombarded him with six of his magic bows. Daniel tried to protect himself with his sword, but his position didn't help him all that much. Several parts of his body got pierced by the bolts, but for some odd reason, that only made Ryan feel more alert. His instincts were telling him that something was off in that situation as well.

As soon as Ryan noticed that, Daniel got up with lightning speed and then dashed toward Ryan. He escaped once again by using Teleport, but Daniel's speed couldn't be compared to before.

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

“Shit... I am wasting my time here,” Ryan bit his lips and then thought.



Daniel not only got faster, but stronger as well. When Daniel finally managed to land a clean hit, Ryan prevented critical damage on his left shoulder by using Telekinesis. Still, a lot of his mana was being used. Ryan saw the blood in his body and the blood in Daniel's body and then had an idea. He quickly enveloped his sword with his own blood, but he made sure to cover the edges with a thick layer and lose its cut.

Daniel retreated and tried to get rid of the blood, but Ryan didn't let him. This time Ryan teleported to Daniel's right side, and then he attacked with a body slam. Daniel resisted and was only pushed backward a few meters while he kept his defensive stance, but he couldn't help but frown when he saw Ryan's wounds closing.

Congratulations! The class Monk has reached level 55.

Congratulations! The class Brawler has reached level 26.

Congratulations! The class Iron Fists has reached level 28.

"... I am liking this," Ryan smirked. "Even dumbasses can be useful now and then, huh."

"Use your draconic powers," Daniel said. "And I will show you who is the dumbass."

"Don't wanna," Ryan smiled viciously. "I don't need that kind of power against a retard like you."

Before Daniel could say anything, Ryan used Ice Breath again. Daniel got caught off guard amidst of his rage, but he paid the price for it. He imagined Ryan would teleport and attack him physically from other directions. Still, he didn't imagine Ryan would actually come from the front.

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You obtained 01 status points.

Ryan's punch hit Daniel's chin and cracked it. Despite that, Daniel still swung his sword and almost split Ryan in half. The tip of his sword cut Ryan's belly slightly. Ryan clicked his tongue, and amidst his rage, he summoned a copy of Hydra's bow. Even Daniel couldn't help but open his eyes widely in surprise.

Ryan fired his arrow, and Daniel used his sword to block the projectile. Despite that, he still flew backward for hundreds of meters as the arrow pushed him. Despite the massive weight of the projectile, Daniel's sword never showed a single crack, nor did he lose his blocking stance. While Ryan was watching that, he had an idea... he activated Wolf's Greed.

You sacrificed one hundred points of health.

Your dexterity has increased by one point.

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Despite the fact that Ryan's power was increasing while he was going literally nothing, he couldn't help but clench his fist in annoyance... it looked like the system considered Daniel stronger than him.

After a while, Daniel managed to change the direction of the arrow, and then it made fly toward a nearby mountain. The projectile made the region tremble as it landed, but Daniel had to pay the price. His hands were quite damaged, to the point where just holding his sword was painful. Not to mention, he received the notification when Ryan stole his dexterity... just like Ryan. He couldn't help but feel pissed. After all that fighting and training, he still couldn't defeat him.

Ryan decided to summon as many magic bows as he could. Still, before he could attack, he suddenly heard Isis's voice.

"Are you sure you can waste your time here?" Isis asked. "The preparations are complete. We will attack Poseidon's castle at dawn."

When Ryan heard that, he kicked the ground in absolute anger. To think that he would be forced to retreat now of all times... even worse, against Daniel. But in the end, Ryan didn't lose sight of what was important at that moment.

## Chapter 638

While Ryan was flying toward Rio de Janeiro, he couldn't help but keep biting his lips in annoyance. Alissa would really be helpful in that kind of situation, even more so since she was pissed. The question was if she would be able to follow the plan.

"Your other friend left that base a few hours ago, so you wouldn't be able to contact her by defeating that other human," Isis suddenly said. "As far as I could tell, she was far too unstable to be of any use to this plan."

"So, you keep monitoring all of us, huh," Ryan said. "I imagine you have your eyes on Gustavo's group as well."

"Naturally, while they aren't a threat now, they could become at any moment," Isis replied. "People like you and them who obtained draconic powers are a cut above the others, but that doesn't mean that you are invincible. Your bodies may be strong, but your minds are far too immature. Any dungeon master who has decent illusory powers might force many of you to join the dark side."

While that seemed a bit exaggerated, Ryan could understand the meaning behind Isis's words. One year ago, Ryan was just a college student who was about to graduate. Now he was hunting giant monsters and facing elder gods, creatures from the legends. He indeed got stronger and surpassed many ordeals, but his mind didn't mature all that much. He still was angry at Daniel and almost killed him, and he still was extremely distrustful of others.

"Where did Alissa go?" Ryan asked.

"I don't know, as soon as she left the base, she used skills that made me unable to track her," Isis said. "It looks like she has absolute control over the powers the dragon inside her had."

That was good and bad, good because Ryan won't have to worry about that, but bad because she left Arthur behind without thinking twice. She was so angry that apparently, she didn't think twice about abandoning her soldiers and Arthur in the base.

"... Anyway, why are you still talking to me?" Ryan asked after a long sigh. "I assume it is about the plan."

"You are correct," Isis replied. "It will be your job to keep things going smoothly with your friends in Brazil. I can't talk to them since they don't know me. The main goal of this mission is to rescue Femradiel, but we can't do that by using normal means. So, we will mask the goal by trying to look like as if we are trying to deal a huge blow on Poseidon's forces. On my end, we will send a massive army of monsters on the East side of his territory and try to drag the battle for as long as possible, and on your end, you people will invade the castle and deal with those royal guards. While those ten aren't dungeon masters, they are Poseidon's offspring, so they have the power of the elder gods inside them. Defeating them will be your group task."

Ryan had suspected as much. Those ten creatures really looked out of place. They resembled humans, but their demeanor and appearance were just too weird. Speaking objectively, even from Ryan's perspective, they had an abnormal level of beauty in every single of their physical characteristics. That was probably because they were sons of an elder god, and his divinity passed down to them and made them look quite angelique-like.

"What about Poseidon?" Ryan asked.

"My contributor will use a trick to lure him out of his castle," Isis replied. "I can't say anything more than that, since that was what they asked me."

In the end, Ryan was too tired to get angry at all that secrecy. Besides, he couldn't really blame a dungeon master for being cautious when working with humans. Ryan himself was fully aware of how unstable he could become in certain circumstances.

"Is there any reason why this bait of yours will work to lure Poseidon but not his kids?" Ryan asked.

"As far as I know, their job is to guard the entrance to the other world, the previous planet where Poseidon base was," Isis replied. "Most likely, he left some precious things behind and will only bring those once the others Greek elder gods return. Perhaps he left wives and other kids there as well, and

those ten won't leave the dungeon unguarded while their father is away. To be honest, I was quite surprised that they left the palace and attacked you."

Considering how crazy Poseidon was to create several dungeons and use them to strengthen his Hydras, Ryan didn't think that such an attack was unexpected. After all, even Femradiel warned him, but after Isis brought up that hypothesis, perhaps it had been an unnatural move considering that his main dungeon already reached the max level.

"Regardless, we only two more hours and I need to make some final adjustments," Isis said. "So, I am going now, but one last warning. If something unexpected happens, focus on your job and nothing else. We won't be able to keep this plan working for how long and something like this won't work twice. So, this is your only chance."

After saying those words, Isis's presence disappeared. While Ryan was teleporting, he tried to come up with a way to make five humans who had draconic powers try to win a fight against those ten royal guards. However, not a single good idea came to mind. In terms of raw draconic powers, Gustavo and his group were probably two times stronger than Ryan. Still, they didn't have many tricks up their sleeve like Ryan had. So, it was safe to assume that they more or less had the same power... that was why the reason Ryan couldn't come up with a plan. Since he had a hard time against one royal guard, even outside the ocean.

"In the end, perhaps not killing the royal guards is the best option," Ryan muttered. "If we do, Poseidon might go crazy and attack us and I am fairly certain that not even all of six together will stand a chance."

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Ryan had alerted Gustavo and the others about the attack the very moment Isis stopped his fight against Daniel. So, when he reached their new base, they were already up and ready. Their new headquarters was located four hundred kilometers away from Rio de Janeiro. It looked like they were ready to move again since Poseidon's attempt to flood the world was growing stronger every day. On the previous day, the ocean waters advanced for two hundred kilometers before stopping.

"I felt like you were hiding something in the last few days, but I never imagined it was related to your draconic powers..." Gustavo said as soon as Ryan showed up. "Why did you stay silent, Ryan?"

Gustavo seemed pretty pissed, and that was rare considering his usual carefree attitude. Regardless, he would need to train his angry expression a bit more if his goal was to scare Ryan.

“Because it was none of your business,” Ryan said.

“If you lost your powers fighting against Poseidon’s underlings, then it was our business,” Gustavo said. “You were trying to help us, right?”

“Not at all, I am the type who likes to solve problems before they can escalate,” Ryan said. “That is why I was caught in their trap. Regardless, that won’t happen again. Anyway, we should move on. We need to stay close to Poseidon’s castle once the attack starts.”

“... Now I can understand why Bianca gets mad when you are nearby,” Gustavo said after a long sigh. “You really are a difficult guy.”

While they were heading toward the ocean, Ryan explained their role in the mission. Some people tried to join the fight, but considering that normal people fighting abilities were heavily decreased underwater, Gustavo and the others decided to leave them behind. In the end, not even if all the survivors working with them were to participate in the mission, they wouldn’t be able to do half of what those five could do. That was weird considering that Ryan just suffered quite a lot while facing Daniel... but after thinking for a while, he understood the difference between them. It was the same difference that Ryan had if compared to others... he traveled around for months, trying to obtain more power.

“So, Poseidon has ten sons that are as powerful as all of us in the draconic form,” Bianca said. “... This will be tough. Regardless, can we trust those individuals that prepared the attack.”

“Isis kept her word since the first time I met her, while she is hiding some things, I don’t believe she is planning to cause me trouble,” Ryan said. “Her people have absolute faith in her, but they aren’t blind. She will lose a huge deal of her manpower if something were to happen to me. As for her contributor... your guess is as good as mine. Also, don’t talk about this anywhere, Isis probably isn’t the only one who is using spies or other types of tricks to obtain information.”

In the end, they found Rio de Janeiro being overrun by thousands of monsters. It pained Gustavo and the others just to say nearby and watch everything they built in the last year being destroyed. Still, they couldn’t do anything else aside from watch. While they were making troubled expressions, Ryan was

crafting a new double-edged spear. Unlike the previous, that one was human-sized. Even though Ryan only used spears alongside Telekinesis until now, it looked like he had other plans for the new one. Still, Gustavo and the others couldn't help but frown when they saw him mixing titanium, ice, and blood to forge the spear.

"... That is an odd combination," Gustavo said. "Is that monster's blood?"

"It is my blood," Ryan replied.

"... Why are you using your own blood to forge weapons?" Bianca asked while frowning.

"Because that will increase the power of my attacks with this weapon," Ryan explained. "I learned a few days ago that I can make my attacks heavier by using skills Earth Manipulation, Water Manipulation, and Blood Manipulation."

"I thought those only worked with long-ranged attacks," Bianca said. "Why did you learn Blood Manipulation, though?"

"You sure ask a lot..." Ryan said.

"I assume the reason is that you can control your enemies' blood as long as they touch you," Fernanda said. "Once you do that, you can make the blood return to their bodies and damage them from inside."

Everyone looked at Fernanda with slightly worried eyes. Although she was a quiet woman, she wasn't that pure and innocent. Ryan considered doing that, though. But he never had the chance to do it. While he considered doing that with Daniel, in the end, he changed his mind. Not only that was a cheap trick, and Ryan actually wanted to overpower Daniel through and through in order to make the dumbass agonize over his weakness.

"... The fact is that such combination is possible and deadly," Ryan said. "Under the right circumstances."

Ryan knew that he will have to find something else while he deals with the ren royal guards. Facing them without Draconic Transformation will be quite the ordeal, and that was why such strategy was necessary.

Double Edged Frozen Spear

Strength + 350, + 150 Speed.

Durability: 500/500

“Not bad, I guess,” Ryan said. “Now I just need to enchant it.”

As soon as Ryan finished his weapon. He suddenly heard Isis’s voice in his head, and he also felt the atmosphere changing on the other side of the ocean.

“It has begun,” Isis said. “Don’t teleport immediately to the castle, though. The monsters in the area will take a few minutes to head toward us. Meanwhile, fly toward the goal while using invisibility on your group.”

Ryan had already considered that, and that was why Gustavo and his team were in their human form. Invisibility was nearly useless in draconic form, after all. Regardless, even while they were flying invisible, Ryan saw many monsters looking at the sky in their direction, and the cause was him...

Congratulations! The skill Rage has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

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Ryan confirmed that the palace was nearly defenseless as they approached, thanks to Clairvoyance. In the end, Ryan didn’t know if it was due to Poseidon’s carelessness, Isis’s plan, or due to the fact that



Hydras had to fight each other in order to make the dungeon level up faster, either way, the storm that once worked as a defensive barrier for the dungeon was no longer there.

“Now!” Ryan said and then teleported Gustavo’s group to underwater and right above Poseidon’s castle.

While Ryan couldn’t go that deep in the ocean, the castle was within his range as a human. Regardless, after that, Gustavo and the others used Draconic Transformation and began to attack the massive walls around the castle. However, despite that, it looked like they were just a few ants scratching an elephant. While it wasn’t tall, the castle makes up for it with its lengthiness.

“I can’t sense your dragon’s presence,” Gustavo said via telepathic link.

“Femradiel doesn’t have a body right now and she is probably in a prison that prevents her from using magic, so it will be a bit harder to find,” Ryan said. “Still, we will know where she is once the royal guards appear.”

Speaking of the devils, suddenly, Ryan saw those ten figures from the center of the castle. They came from the tallest and largest building that one could be found in the castle... a pretty cliched place to find someone who needed rescue. Ryan almost teleported directly to the place, but then he stopped. He might not be that useful, but leaving his allies alone against those ten creatures wasn’t a wise idea. Even without his draconic powers, Ryan could offer some decent support. Besides, he had a certain idea...

“I will need a favor,” Ryan said. “Try to hold them back for as long as you can without me.”

“That was the plan anyway,” Gustavo said. “Do that and then give you the chance to rescue Femradiel and then leave as fast as possible.”

“No, that won’t be enough,” Ryan said. “Just trust me, all right.”

“... I wish you could have warned us about possible changes in the plan,” Gustavo said with a long sigh. “Well, three of us are dragons focused on endurance, so we can deal with some punishment.”

As soon as Ryan found Rhodos, he activated Wolf's Greed. He had no idea how much different the enemy would be without his dexterity, but some things would change.

Your dexterity has increased by one point.

Your dexterity has increased by one point.

Congratulations! The skill Wolf's Pride has leveled up.

You obtained 01 status points.

Your dexterity has increased by two points.

Ryan's health began to decrease at an insane speed, he had prepared some potions to deal with that, but Bianca solved that problem. She had no idea what Ryan was doing. Still, she could sense power leaving the strongest enemies' body and moving to Ryan. Strangely enough, Rhodos didn't try to stop Ryan. While Gustavo was between them, Rhodos could teleport. Still, he didn't have the confidence that only that skill would be enough to surpass the five dragons in front of them.

Rhodos and his brothers dashed toward Gustavo and the others, using water magic to increase their speed and power. However, the five dragons stopped them by bombarding them with magic. Lightning bolts were fired by the hundreds, even though only one of the dragons could cause extra damage by using that kind of attack. All of the others knew that they would be able to cause more damage with that type of attack instead of using their main elements underwater.

Rhodos and his brothers tried to ignore their attacks, but they could only do so for so long against dragons that were using all the energy they can use. The dragons' attacks caused so much damage that even Rhodos' skin began to burn. He had planned to endure it until the enemies ran out of mana. Still, in the end, all of them teleported to several hundred meters backward.

Gustavo and his friends stopped their attacks since even lightning bolts wouldn't be that effective from so far away. While they cross the ocean, they lose a lot of power. The fight continued in front of Ryan, and for the first time, he didn't join a fight that was happening right in front of him.

“Who could have thought that this skill could be used this way...” Ryan thought as he watched his dexterity increasing by two points every second. “While this skill has a lot of restrictions, those can be easily ignored by fighting alongside some powerful allies. Letting others do all the work isn’t my style, but certainly is the best way to make use of this skill.”

Every ten seconds, Wolf’s Greed leveled up, and Ryan received more damage and also obtained more dexterity. While that speed wasn’t so bad since it looked like Ryan could make the skill reach level one hundred in less than fifteen minutes, Ryan couldn’t feel satisfied since Poseidon could return much sooner than expected. Despite that, Ryan wasn’t worried. The idea of facing Poseidon before rescuing Femradial seemed strangely appealing for Ryan. That being said...

“Ryan!” Bianca shouted. “Care to do something now?”

Gustavo and his friends were running out of mana. It wasn’t surprising to hold back enemies of that level. One couldn’t try to save mana. Ryan sighed and then deactivated Wolf’s Greed. Ryan summoned ten magic copies of his immobilizing crossbow and then activated Vital Hunter. He hired after activating Perfect Shot as well, and he did the same thing. The enemies lost some speed and endurance. The same thing happened several times while Ryan was using mana potions to recover his mana. Rhodos and his friends couldn’t do anything about it because they couldn’t focus on dodging Ryan’s bolts while facing the dragons’ attacks.

Ryan wasn’t causing much damage since he was decreasing the status of ten enemies, but slowly and steadily was diminishing the difference in power between Poseidon’s sons and Gustavo’s party.