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Ryan couldn't help but blink several times after using Appraisal on the ring... it was a relic that could control time, and while it had a stupid cost and some requirements to be used, it was a pretty impressive magic item.

"Do you accept it in exchange for the domain?" Loki asked, and he didn't sound very amused, probably because he didn't succeed in fooling Ryan.

"Sure, why not?" Ryan said.

"It is a pretty impressive ring, with the mana necessary to use it, I could make a new Tyrant's body," Femradiel said.

"Keep working on that task, and I will make the necessary arrangements to use the ring," Ryan said. "Anyway, which direction are the nearest tier-three dungeons?"

Ryan had plenty of weapons and skills on his arsenal, but lately, he was having a hard time finding the ones who would be most useful against elder gods, guardians, and the fallen. So, obtaining a new class was something that he couldn't forget since they could help him with that. While some tier three classes that he obtained recently were helping him progress faster, like the Sentence skill from the Death Knight class, they weren't that definitive in a fight.

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: Sword Master, Mad Archer, 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 Mad Archer!

You obtained the following skills: Mad Hunt, Insolence, and Automatic 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: Mad Hunt.

Effect: It passively increases your dexterity according to your lost health. For each one hundred points of lost health, you will gain a bonus of one point of dexterity per level.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Insolence.

Effect: It passively increases your dexterity by one point per level for every one enemy within a fifty meters range.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Automatic Arrow.

Effect: It grants you the power to fire a special arrow that can explode upon contact when you decide you decide it. The damage caused will be equal to your dexterity + intelligence + 10% per level.

Cost: 300 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

"I guess this will do," Ryan nodded to himself.

It has been a while since that happened. Still, Ryan found several dungeons that only granted classes that he already had... which was really unnerving. Still, after a while, he finally obtained a class that would help him with his current fighting style. Although he didn't want to admit it, it was a class with a pretty fitting name for Ryan.

"This class fits you pretty well, don't you think?" Femradiel asked while smirking.

"Shut up," Ryan said.

In the end, Femradiel had to say that... Regardless, after clearing all the tier three dungeons in the area, Ryan decided to return to his domain. While that job was completed faster than he had imagined considering that he had to fight the third strongest human, still he was exhausted.

When Ryan and Femradiel returned to the domain, Ryan couldn't help but sigh. He wanted some moments of peace, but it looked like that wouldn't be possible. His summoned monsters managed to keep the monsters that were spawning inside those ten dungeons in check, but their levels were increasing too fast. Even though the dungeons appeared less than three months ago, their levels already were above five hundred.

"Leave this to me," Femradiel said.

Femradiel left, and then while flying, she froze all the monsters that were leaving the dungeons. She did that almost instantly and thus made the fights for the summoned monsters much easier. Thanks to that, Ryan had some time to take a nap, but when he suddenly woke up feeling slightly comfortable for some reason. When he opened his eyes, he saw Femradiel looking at him closely. That made him feel weird...

"If our positions were reversed, would you feel creeped out?" Ryan asked.

"Tough question," Femradiel smiled. "People unrelated would feel creeped out if our positions were reversed or not, but our level of friendship is above that, right?"

"I wouldn't know..." Ryan replied and then sighed.

It looked like Ryan would have to go to outer space to have some really moments of peace, but he had rested enough for the time being. While Femradiel was hunting the monsters, Ryan restocked his potions and then decided to focus on charging Chronos' ring. However, after a while, Ryan stopped when he noticed Femradiel staring at the horizon toward the Southside of the country.

“What is wrong?” Ryan asked.

“A certain dungeon just broke South of here,” Femradiel said. “I can feel a lot of dark energy and corruption coming from there.”

Ryan checked that direction and then recalled what it was in that direction... it was Baal's dungeon. He couldn't help but click his tongue in annoyance. Ryan focused too much on Poseidon lately, and now he spent one-week fighting and defeating Alfur.

After using Clairvoyance to check things in that direction, Ryan saw it... a massive army of demons taking shape. While Ryan couldn't sense or see Baal, it didn't change the fact that Ryan will have to deal with some troublesome neighbors.

Class: Artemis' Disciple Lv 59 (+ 06 UP) / Frozen Spellcaster Lv 55 (+ 05 UP) / William Tell's Apprentice Lv 49 (+ 05 UP) (-)

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

Rank: 26th

Health: 9455/9455 (17,95/s)

Mana: 11525/11525 (17,95/s)

Stamina: 12230/12230 (17,95/s)

Strength: 881 (+1186) (+130)

Dexterity: 17230 (+7955) (+550)

Speed: 1270 (+4060) (+48)

Intelligence: 1352 (+3034) (+33)

Endurance: 1398 (+1219) (+160)

Control: 1476 (+3990) (+10)

Mentality: 1452 (+1193) (+70)

Luck: 1080 (+150)

Recovery: 4650 (+4850) (+845)

Willpower: 1452 (+1291) (+40)

Coins: 125.985.362

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Vital Hunter Lv 91 (+ 10 UP), Bloody Sword Lv 17 (+ 08 UP), Spiritual Sword Lv 18 (+ 07 UP), Automatic Arrow Lv 01,

Passive Physical Skills: Eagle Eyes Lv 134 (+ 02 UP), Concentration Lv 134 (+ 02 UP), Archery Lv 132 (+ 02 UP), Accuracy Lv 134 (+ 02 UP), Stealth Lv 134 (+ 02 UP), Mad Hunt Lv 01, Insolence Lv 01,

Spells: Draconic Transformation Lv 115 (+ 05 UP), Frost Armor Lv 110 (+ 05 UP), Magic Vampirism Lv 61 (+ 10 UP), Ancient Song Lv 01, Metallic Sound Lv 01, Restauration Song Lv 01, Light Solidification Lv 01, Chain Lightning Lv 01, Dispel Lv 01, Flame Guardian Lv 01

Support Skills: Electromancy Lv 01,

Classes:

Combat: Crystal Archer Lv 26 (+ 08 UP), Enchanter Lv 75 (+ 50 UP), Marksman Lv 58 (+ 06 UP), Expert Archer Lv 44 (+ 10 UP), Death Knight Lv 14 (+ 05 UP), Sea Lord Lv 07 (+ 03 UP), Royal Mage Lv 01, Mad Archer Lv 01,

Non-Combatant: Support Archer Lv 13 (+ 06 UP), Siren Lv 01

Race: Centaur, Dragon, Kobold, Triton,

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Ryan planned on attacking the demons' army from above, but then he gave up on that when he suddenly saw a domain being formed there. As expected, one of the humans that joined the demons' side and reached the rank of the strongest humans. That was annoying since Ryan knew no humans corrupted by the demons' magic could have done that. Only those that became their allies on their free will.

Destroying the domain was something that Ryan could do, but not unless he had some time to prepare. Compared to what he saw before, when Baal and Alissa fought, Ryan was almost sure that he surpassed his level of power. But in the end, Baal didn't sweat even a little bit during that fight.

"I need to check the other dungeons..." Ryan said.

Ryan checked Lilith's dungeon and then saw that the monsters there were at level 990. Mephisto's dungeon was in 986... Ryan's level of anger increased. Now that he thought about it, it was weird that the demons didn't cause many problems lately. They probably understood that they needed to change their methods after seeing how quickly Poseidon returned.

"There is another dungeon in Russia, and one of them inside my domain..." Ryan said. "Most likely, they belong to different demon generals, but there is one missing... it is weird that I only found five dungeons. They are trying to gain resources by using other types of demons."

"What are we going to do?" Femradiel asked.

"Strengthen our defenses," Ryan replied. "If I were to attack one of the dungeons, the other would attack me from behind. Lilith's dungeon probably can break in just a couple of hours once some of the succubi begin to fight each other."

"I think so too... I guess I will focus on getting stronger for the time being," Femradiel said, and then she stretched her arms. "Right now, I am not good enough in a fight against numbers. We can fight against one army of demons, but against two in a defensive position, we will have a hard time."

Ryan nodded after hearing that. While his dexterity increased thanks to Alfur exponentially, Ryan still wanted to use Wolf's Greed to further increase it. Hopefully, he will be able to strengthen his domain to protect him once Baal and Lilith show up.

"It looks like we overlooked another type of troublesome group," Isis suddenly said via Telepathy. "To think that the elder gods would lag behind this type of creature..."

"Are demons much different from elder gods? You know, most people treated all of you like creatures that doesn't exist," Ryan asked. "From my perspective, you all are mythological beings."

"Don't say this to all elder gods. Many of us will feel really pissed if compared to them," Isis said. "How can I explain this? Do you know that all demons are fallen, angels? In his rebellion against the Christian God, Lucifer convinced one-third of the angels to follow him. Once they rebelled against their creator, they became sinful creatures and corrupted creatures. That is why high-leveled demons can change the behavior of humans drastically just by touching them."

“So, the difference between demons and elder gods is that they have high levels of corruption,” Ryan said. “Anything else?”

“They want to obtain the power to rebel against their God again,” Isis replied. “To do so, they need to become stronger, and they don’t care about decimating all humans since Lucifer rebelled because he was jealous of your race. Since they have a high level of divinity, they feel more important than the elder gods, so they also hate us and want to decimate all of us.”

“Interesting...” Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. “So, Lunar Arrow will be highly effective against them. That is good to know.”

“That is not completely correct,” Isis said. “Their high level of divinity isn’t the only thing they have in their favor...”

“Ah... the corruption level,” Ryan said.

“That is right, divinity and corruption are like two opposite forces, but both of them are highly deadly against humans,” Isis added. “Thanks to that, they have a high tolerance against beings with a high level of divinity and corruption. That is why your friend didn’t even scratch Baal.”

“You know about that, huh,” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows.

“Don’t make that face,” Isis said. “I didn’t read your mind. At that moment, some elder gods were monitoring the demons, so I heard it from them.”

Maybe Isis was lying, but Ryan doubted that was the case. After all, mind reading can only work when someone is thinking about things related to certain subjects, and Ryan never thought about that fight after he met Isis.

“The elder gods of Egypt will return alongside the Greek gods,” Isis said. “So, we won’t be able to do anything against demons. Doing anything right now will be too difficult since they will have more time to organize. If they attack you, I won’t be able to help all that much. Neither will Athena or Loki, so I would like to suggest you to stay on the defensive for the time being.”

Ryan's plans never involved counting on others, so Isis's warning didn't change anything. Besides, Ryan's interaction with the elder gods, at least from his perspective, was only business-like. He received payment from them to help them, but he couldn't, nor did he want to pay them for their help.

After Isis canceled the telepathic link, Ryan resumed his actions and summoned skeleton archers, and created those iron towers. Most of the demons could fly, after all.

While he was preparing, Ryan couldn't help but sigh. The new age of gods was finally starting in earnest. Things were getting out of hand, demons trying to decimate humans out of jealousy and in order to ultimately rebel against their creator. Elder gods are returning to Earth, and three of them will arrive at the same time on that day. Ryan got in the way of all of them, so he probably will be their target... as if things weren't enough, Alissa disappeared into a world of dragons... Ryan's life was getting tougher by the minute.

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Ryan decided to watch the demons' movements for the time being. Thanks to that, he noticed that Daniel and his groupies were moving alongside other survivors to face Lilith and her underlings. As crazy as they were, they decided to trust that Ryan wouldn't be able to stop Baal in case he decides to move North and decimate the rest of the country. However, they didn't do such a thing. They only organized their armies and hunted the monsters of the nearby dungeons... They were sharpening their fangs.

"I can't just watch them increase their strength and not do the same," Ryan muttered.

Ryan had some skills and classes that would help him in the fight against demons, but he wanted more. So, he decided to look for the dungeons that he didn't clear and for new types of those classes. Naturally, he couldn't just leave and search. So, he used Clairvoyance, and after confirming and preparing that he would go and return as fast as possible by using potions, Ryan left for those places. Unfortunately, his luck wasn't good.

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: Guardian, Sentinel, and Warlock.

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 Warlock!

You obtained the following skills: Shadow Sphere, Fear, and Summon Imp.

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: Shadow Sphere.

Effect: A sphere made of energy that increases the weight of your targets by one percent per level of the skill.

Cost: 100 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Fear.

Effect: It grants you the power to induce a target into the fear status, decreasing their strength and speed by fifty points per level.

Cost: 50 mana per second

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Summon Imp.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon an imp. A magical creature that is able to torment your foes.

Cost: 2500 mana

You obtained 01 status point.

“You have got to be kidding me,” Ryan facepalmed. “I want classes that help me fight demons, not summon them.”

Ryan soon returned to his domain since he didn't have time to feel troubled outside his domain. After a long sigh, Ryan saw Femradiel fighting. It looked like she wasn't the best watchdog since she didn't notice his return. She was too focused on killing monsters. Thanks to that, Ryan couldn't help but wonder, did he also look like that when he is focused on fighting? Femradiel looked pretty cool from his perspective.

“It is probably the gap...” Ryan said and then shrugged. “Ultimately, she is always doing stupid things, so the image of her training seriously looks impressive.”

After checking his domain and upgrading it, Ryan rechecked the demons' base. Despite their crazy behavior, they still were patiently waiting for the right moment to attack, and Ryan had no idea when that would be. If he were in their position, he would wipe out all the humans and monsters in the country and use all the resources obtained to build a domain that would take the whole continent. While that was his ultimate goal as a human, Ryan knew that he would never reach that level since it would be a pain to keep all the dungeons inside in check. Still, he couldn't understand why a crazy group like the demons weren't doing that.

At some point, Ryan grew tired of waiting. Perhaps he made a mistake trying to play it safe, considering that the demons just obtained a domain on their own. He should have attacked at the very first moment and then made sure to keep them in check at all times, even if it was a bit reckless. Still, attacking directly didn't seem like a good idea. So, Ryan decided to use his usual method of harassment.

When a group of demons left to their usual task of hunting and killing the monsters of a certain dungeon. Ryan made a tower of fire golems appear right in the middle of that, and then he instantly ordered for them to self-destruct.

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The class: Demon hunter has reached level 32.

Ryan had to use fifty golems to kill only fifty demons, but he achieved his goal in the end. He decimated the entire group without leaving a single trace of their bodies.

“This is boring...” Ryan said.

Ryan didn't want to overuse his draconic powers, but in the end, that feeling when he was in that form was hard to forget. Feeling that he could do almost everything... even decimate a demons' horde by himself. Besides, after staying on the offensive for so long, waiting for the start of a new fight didn't suit him.

“Ryan, I think I have a problem,” Lucas suddenly said via Telepathic link.

Truth to be told, Ryan was already expecting that call. Lucas's camp in Colombia wasn't that far away from the demons' dungeon. It was only a matter of time before Mephisto, who almost killed Ryan, but killed some survivors that fought alongside him for quite a while, would do something. He seemed one of the craziest demon generals.

“It is about the demons?” Ryan asked.

“Yes... but not only about that,” Lucas said. “Their numbers are already impressive, but it looks like another army of monsters joined them. If my guess is right, the demon generals that you mentioned created other armies, aside from the ones that suit them most. They are leaving dozens of demons

around certain dungeons to kill the monsters that don't follow them and to make sure that my people won't use them either."

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That was one of the worst things that could happen. Lucas and his allies couldn't fight since they didn't have enough numbers, but they couldn't strengthen themselves either. In the near future, the difference in strength will be so absurd that they will lose their domain in a matter of hours.

"It seems you are a bit busy facing the same problem, am I right?" Lucas asked.

"You are right, but I think I can help if they are on the offensive and outside a dungeon or domain," Ryan said. "Come to think of it, if you have the right skills, you can decimate them yourself."

Ryan explained his modus operandi in the last few days to Lucas. Use Invisibility and then leave the planet and then attack from outer space. He could also use Draconic Transformation even better. Lucas has been using the Death Knight class for longer, so he probably was strong enough to pull that off. Even without the Mana Barrier. Based on his experience, even elder gods or demons couldn't feel the mana being gathered from outside the planet, so it was a pretty good place to attack.

"You are joking, right?" Lucas asked. "How can a human being pull that off?"

"How can a human being transform into a dragon?" Ryan asked. "You should try to test new things, the elder gods are coming to Earth, and if we want to survive a battle against them, we can't use only common sense. Anyway, even if you don't have coins to buy Mana Barrier, you should be able to survive outer space for a few seconds. If you don't feel confident, I can give you a hand and show you how it is done."

"Well... if you think I can do it, then I will try," Lucas said. "Talk to you later."

Although Ryan said that he could give a hand, in the end, he had to avoid that as much as possible. Even in his draconic form, he needed some time and a lot of mana to fire a projectile strong enough to decimate thousands of enemies. Since magic wasn't his forte, it was more efficient to hunt monsters using crossbows and bows, even though it takes a while longer.

“How can a human being transform into a dragon...” Ryan muttered. “Hey, Femradiel. Now that I think about it, isn’t it weird that human beings can become vessels of dragons and quickly show all their power?”

“How so?” Femradiel asked.

“First of all, it is weird that our body can grow like that and return to normal as if nothing had happened,” Ryan said. “Aside from that, even considering the bonus in status that we gain, it is weird that we manage to show that much power so fast.”

“Really? I can’t see that way,” Femradiel said. “Maybe human beings are so sinful that their compatibility with draconic powers is that great.”

Ryan wasn’t a saint, but he wouldn’t say that he was sinful, so he couldn’t understand how come he never had trouble using Femradiel’s powers. Regardless, that maybe was a question he will find an answer to later in the game.

Regardless, even though Ryan was complaining that he will have to face new and more powerful opponents every day in his new life, now he was itching for a good fight. Or at least to find an enemy in which he could use Wolf’s Greed from the safety of his domain. That being said, it didn’t look like Baal would show up anytime soon. Again, for a battle-oriented demon, he sure was taking his time in building his forces. Did he really respect Ryan’s power all that much? He was the only threat on their path, after all. Daniel and the others might be a threat together, but if Baal joins the battlefield... It was hard to imagine them winning.

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: Flame Swordsman, Combat Mechanic, and Sky 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 Sky Mage!

You obtained the following skills: Fly, Telekinesis, and Air Bomb.

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: Fly.

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

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Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Telekinesis.

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

You obtained 01 status points.

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Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Air Bomb.

Effect: It grants you the power to fire a semi-invisible projectile that explodes, causing a small tornado and causing damage for three seconds.

Cost: 300 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

In the end, before that day could end, Ryan managed to clear another dungeon, but it looked like fate was throwing at him one of those stupid jokes. Ryan could almost hear that trying to look for classes now was a waste of time.

“This is getting old quickly,” Ryan said and then sighed. “Maybe I should just attack those fuckers and then quickly retreat and not give them the chance to counter-attack. That should be possible now that Daniel and the other idiots will deal with Lilith.”

In the end, Ryan felt troubled for a while, wondering about his options. Still, then he had a certain idea that seemed pretty interesting. Still, he couldn't help but wonder why he didn't think of that before.

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It took Ryan a whole day for him to put his idea into action. He only worked with that in mind, he barely had time to train any skill, and despite that, he used dozens of millions of coins. However, he eventually succeeded... in charging Chronos Ring.

Ryan teleported to the middle of the demons' army when many of them were leaving to wipe out the monsters in the area. Just by thinking, the effects of the ring began to work. Still, the range of the ring was only one hundred meters around Ryan. He stopped hundreds of monsters from moving, but the vast majority around still could notice that something was happening. However, before they could do anything, Ryan and Femradiel eliminated the monsters inside the domain and then proceeded to attack the others.

From the demons' perspective, the two invaders used some sort of spell to paralyze the enemies around, and when they got too close, they were stuck in the time trap. Although they were being controlled by Baal, in the end, they were vicious demons. They couldn't control their bloodthirst. The very moment a target showed up so close, they tried to eliminate it.

"It looks like everything is fine as long as our attacks don't leave the range of the ring," Ryan said while he was emanating a cold area in his human form that was powerful enough to freeze even the high-leveled demons in just a matter of moments.

"You are really bad at using magic. With your status and skills, you should be able to turn them into ice statues instantly," Femradiel said.

Ryan ignored Femradiel's nagging because he was more worried about using Chronos Ring. Was it a good idea to use such an item against small fries? Maybe not, but Ryan had to test it in combat against high-leveled enemies. Besides, he also needed to test how much Baal could see his troops getting decimated. In the end, after killing ten thousand or so demons, Ryan retreated. Baal didn't show, but the remaining demons managed to retreat to the domain. Fortunately, Ryan discovered that he could stop the Chronos Ring at any moment, so he didn't have to charge totally every single time.

"The trick of using this is by using sparingly..." Ryan nodded to himself in satisfaction. "Now about this..."

Demon Slayer Crossbow (+ 14)

Effect: It grants you a bonus of fourteen extra percent damage when attacking demons.

Dexterity + 240, Intelligence + 240

Durability: 360/360

After storing away his new weapon, Ryan pondered about his first use of time magic... it was beyond anything he had seen so far. So, if there is an elder god or dungeon master out there who can manipulate time, does he have any chance against them? The answer was no.

“According to Greek mythology, Zeus rebelled against his father Chronos, god of time and king of the titans,” Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. “After a lot of drama and weird events, Zeus overthrew his father, and then he created the Olympus after the great titan war... the question is: is Chronos still alive?”

Considering that Zeus won, the power of time isn't absolute... at least in a fight. Still, Ryan was really interested in that power. It was a pity he didn't find a single skill in the dungeon shop that granted him the power to manipulate time in any aspect. Like Lunar Arrow, that would be a pretty decent weapon against the elder gods. Still, if that were something to acquire, all the elder gods should have that power. If they do not, Ryan was getting pretty ahead of himself by thinking that he could do something that they never did in thousands of years.

Regardless, if Ryan were to obtain that power, it will come to him eventually. Right now, he has to consider how he can defeat the demons by using the things he has. Improving the Chronos Ring was probably possible, and thus the effective range will decrease all the demerits of the relic. Still, he will have to find monsters that can control time.

“Alright, that is discarded,” Ryan said. “What else can I do right now to get in the way of my enemies?”

Surprise attacks weren't so bad, but they will work only on enemies that don't have domains. While Ryan also thought they were boring, he couldn't just not use them. He could make his army fight theirs, but the difference in power was so big that they wouldn't be able to do anything unless he had five more monsters on his side.

For moments like that, Ryan had decided to create a domain and attack the enemies' bases. Still, that plan had been discarded a long time ago. Suddenly, Ryan had a certain idea, it wasn't the best plan for attacking, but it was a pretty good one for defense. Since he couldn't use Clairvoyance inside other people's domain, his enemies couldn't see what he would do as well, so that was perfect.

Even though Ryan had almost all the skills to put that plan into motion, that took quite a while. However, once everything was finished everything, he felt like leaving his domain and checking other dungeons to use Elven Mastery without thinking too much about it.

“Are you sure this is a good idea?” Femradiel asked.

Femradiel asked because she was too absorbed in her training, so she didn't see what Ryan had planned or did it. In the end, Ryan only shrugged at her. It was hard to know if she was underestimating his crazy ideas or if she trusts too much in Ryan since she was taking the guard duty less and less seriously.

As far as Femradiel could tell, nothing had changed in the domain, so it was hard for her to imagine what Ryan did. Despite that, she decided to go with Ryan to clear some dungeons as well. In the end, just to make sure that Ryan hadn't lost his mind, she decided to focus her senses on the domain in order to see when any other monster army approaches it.

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

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

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Elemental Knight!

You obtained the following skills: Flame Slash, Frozen Slash, and Electric Slash.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Flame Slash.

Effect: It grants you the power to fire an elemental wave of flames that can cause physical and magical damage equal to twenty percent of your strength and intelligence per level.

Range: 20 meters per level

Cost: 200 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Frozen Slash.

Effect: It grants you the power to fire an elemental wave of ice that can cause physical and magical damage equal to twenty percent of your strength and intelligence per level.

Range: 20 meters per level

Cost: 200 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Electric Slash.

Effect: It grants you the power to fire an elemental wave of electricity that can cause physical and magical damage equal to twenty percent of your strength and intelligence per level.

Range: 20 meters per level

Cost: 200 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

It took a while, but in the end, Ryan found a dungeon that he didn't clear and thus obtained a new class. He had a map of the country, and he was slowly marking the dungeons' locations there, so, in the future, he won't have to waste time clearing an old one thinking it was a new dungeon. In any case, Femradiel was getting impatient since Ryan was taking his sweet time to use magic to defeat the monsters. That takes considerably more time when compared to when he uses bows and crossbows. Fortunately, she eventually found a good reason to stop that day.

"An army of demons is marching toward the domain," Femradiel said.

"Is there a particularly powerful demon among them?" Ryan asked.

"No, but their numbers still are high," Femradiel replied. "Twenty thousand demons will arrive in our domain in less than ten minutes."

"They are pretty close... your senses are getting dull, Femradiel," Ryan said.

"You can complain once you can do it better," Femradiel crossed her arms and then said, visibly impatient.

"I guess you are right," Ryan shrugged.

In the end, Ryan didn't rush to his domain because he was worried, but because he wanted to receive and see the results of his plans. When the demons got close enough to attack the barrier with long-ranged attacks, suddenly, the ground below them exploded, and they were attacked by a massive wave of mana. Hundreds of them died instantly. Even those that could fly failed at escaping the massive barrage of attacks. Femradiel frowned when she saw that since Ryan didn't have that kind of attack, but eventually, she understood what had happened.

Congratulations! Your class: Whitesmith has reached level 87.

Congratulations! Your class: Whitesmith, has reached level 88.

Congratulations! Your class: Whitesmith, has reached level 89.

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Ryan had hidden underground thousands of battle-machines. It has been a while since he used those. Still, he didn't forget how useful they could be in the right circumstances.

"Your skeletons would be more effective in this kind of surprise attack," Femradiel said. "Even demons wouldn't notice their presence underground."

"True, but I didn't use battle machines without reason," Ryan said, and then he used Draconic Transformation.

While the battle machines were killing hundreds of demons every second, their batteries won't last forever. Ryan couldn't give a chance to the demon's escape, so he decided to finish the rest of the things by himself and thus achieve his next goal.

In order to make sure that no demon was going to escape, Ryan summoned a Thunder Storm, and lightning bolts began to fall from the sky and fry up the flying demons in droves. Although the level of the skill was, Ryan's status in his draconic form made up for it.

Congratulations! Your class: Wizard, has reached level 93.

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Congratulations! Your class: Wizard has reached level 94.

"That is not fair," Femradiel said, and then she began to freeze some demons that were faster than others. "You have to warn me of this kind of plan beforehand."

“It is your fault for not paying attention to your surroundings,” Ryan said. “Anyway... my classes are leveling up faster than usual. Is it because of the number of demons or the difference in power between my skills and their skills? Either way, this is good.”

Ryan’s next short-term goal was to sacrifice some magic classes and see what he could get. The closest ones of reaching the max level were Sorcerer, Whitesmith, and Enchanter. Although Whitesmith also used ores to work, it definitely was a magical class, so Ryan was expecting a good thing coming out from that combination. Still, even Ryan couldn’t help but worry about Baal’s actions at that point in time. He already lost thirty thousand demons in a few days, so why wasn’t he doing anything?

“Femradiel, did you notice any weird movements in the monsters in the area?” Ryan asked.

“Nope, do you think he is going to do the same as Mephisto and then use several armies of monsters to attack your domain?” Femradiel asked.

“At this point in time, I have no idea what to think about his intentions,” Ryan replied.

After decimating the demons, Ryan decided to gather the loot and think about the possibilities. Still, in the end, he couldn’t find any logical thinking that could explain Baal’s actions. It would be weird if he was waiting for the other demon generals also to be able to manifest themselves on Earth. After all, they didn’t seem like a cooperative bunch.

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After making some adjustments to his ‘defense system,’ Ryan decided to check things back in Sweden. The dungeon she gave to Loki in exchange for the Chronos’ Ring was. At that point in time, Odin, Thor, and Baldr should already be able to manifest themselves on Earth, and since they are more straightforward warriors, Ryan imagined that they would use all their resources to get that domain back. However, not even them were attacking Loki’s domain. Their monsters had already organized themselves near the dungeons in which they were spawned, but there were no movements.

“This is getting annoying,” Ryan said with a fed-up expression.

“For an archer, you really are bad at waiting for the perfect moment to attack,” Femradiel said.
“Anyway, the next time you plan to attack an army of monsters, you should use Snow Storm instead of ThunderStorm.”

“Why? I already have Electromancy,” Ryan said.

“Use Poseidon’s Trident. That will boost your attacks even more,” Femradiel said. “Another reason for doing that is that I can feel the power of the trident growing strong with your presence. The power always increases when the Sea Lord class levels up.”

Ryan furrowed his eyebrows and considered that... Why would such a class interfere with the effects of the trident? Ryan considered that possibility, but maybe that was also a special class, and unlike others, it works differently. Since Ryan didn’t have any reason not to check that possibility, he decided to follow Femradiel’s advice.

Before taking his next step, Ryan decided to check things from above, so he teleported to high in the sky and check if any weird movements were coming from the monsters. Once he left the atmosphere, he saw the signs of a huge battle somewhere nearby Lucas’ camp. After using Clairvoyance, he noticed that the demons’ army was retreating, so Lucas actually succeeded in making them run.

“I guess I can leave this continent for a few hours,” Ryan nodded to himself.

“Can’t you just level up your skills and classes here?” Femradiel asked. “You sure like to take some huge risks.”

“If I don’t go this far to taunt my enemies, they won’t become mad enough and make a mistake like Poseidon did,” Ryan explained. “Besides, it is annoying to always be on the side that is looked down on.”

“Only a fool would look down on stronger opponents,” Femradiel said. “A fool or someone insane. In any case, you should at least wait for the night to make these reckless actions. At least at night, you can use Lunar Arrow.”

Ryan wasn’t patient enough for that, but in the end, he decided to listen to Femradiel once again. He waited until nightfall to leave the continent and then attack some dungeons that he already attacked

before... the ones that belonged to the Greek gods. While he was doing that to level up his classes, it was always good to do so while decreasing the forces of his possible opponents.

Ryan used the darkness of the night and the skills of the Silent Killer class to attack several armies and blow them up nearly instantly. In the end, he didn't have many clear dungeons since the number of enemies was surprisingly high, even though he defeated most of them a few weeks ago.

"Isis and her allies sure are short-handed," Ryan said and then sighed. "If they can't even put these places in check, things will only get harder in the future."

While that was only natural, given that only a few elder gods didn't want to follow the path taken by the majority, that still was troublesome. Regardless, Ryan soon achieved his goal.

Congratulations! You have reached the requirements to obtain a special class. Do you wish to sacrifice the classes: Whitesmith, Wizard, and Enchanter? Y/N?

Congratulations! You received the class Transmuter. You learned the skills: Transform, Shapeshifting, and Energy Conversion. Your intelligence and mana have increased and will increase by twelve points whenever this class level up. Your health, stamina, recovery, and willpower have increased and will increase by six points whenever this class level up.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Transform.

Effect: It grants you the power to transform things. The more complicated the transformation, the higher the level this skill will have to be. You can't transform beings that are stronger than you.

Cost: 100 mana per second

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Shapeshifting.

Effect: It grants you the power to change your body at will for a time. The more complicated the change, the higher level this skill will have to be.

Cost: 100 mana per second.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Energy Conversion.

Effect: It grants you the power to convert most forms of energy into other types. The more complicated a type of energy is, the higher level this skill will have to be for that to work.

You obtained 01 status points.

“This isn’t... anything close to what I had imagined I would obtain,” Ryan frowned.

While Ryan was really interested in the Energy Conversion skill, the other two didn’t seem that combat-oriented. That was weird, considering that all of the three sacrificed classes could be used in combat in some way or the other. In any case, Ryan could try Transform and Shapeshifting later, but he tested Energy Conversion right away. It was a weird feeling, but when Ryan decided to absorb sunlight, he felt his body getting lighter. Probably because he didn’t decide on what he would convert energy for, but once he decided to transform into mana, he saw his mana being recovered a bit faster than usual... with the skill at level one, he could absorb sunlight and convert into ten points of mana per second. It wasn’t half bad, but it looked like Ryan won’t have time to celebrate finding another source of energy.

“Two enemies are attacking our domain!” Femradial suddenly said, shocked. “How did they get so close without me noticing it?”

“Are you serious?” Ryan frowned since that was a first.

“Yes, I am serious, and they are extremely powerful,” Femradial said.

Something was off... Why would only two enemies attack the domain? Regardless, Ryan used everything in his possession to return to the domain as fast as possible. Then he froze in shock when he arrived and saw an archer and a mage attacking his domain.

“Mom? Dad?” Ryan opened his eyes widely.

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It was weird that Ryan recognized them right away. They were carrying some pretty impressive dark weapons and were wearing sets of dark armor. Still, their faces were something that Ryan would never forget. His father, who had short light-brown hair that also had some hints of grey and despite his age, had a much more impressive physique than Ryan’s. His mother, who had long blond hair and despite being in her fifties, looked twenty years younger and also had a gentle expression on her face alongside her green eyes...

“Calm down, Ryan,” Femradiel said. “No matter how you look at it, this is just a trap to fool you.”

Ryan was trembling from head to toe. That surprise completely paralyzed him because even without using Absolute Appraisal, he was one hundred percent sure they were his parents. However, there was something weird with their eyes... they were vacant as if they were looking at something that didn’t exist in the physical realm.

Isaac

Class: ???/???/???

Race: —

Rank: —

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: ???, ???, ???

Martha

Class: ???/???/???

Race: —

Rank: —

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: ???, ???, ???

In the end, Ryan's predictions weren't off the mark. He used Appraisal and confirmed that they were his parents. Their names were right... although they didn't have a rank, that was just a minor detail.

The very moment they noticed Ryan's presence, the two of them flew while attacking Ryan. He barely saw the projectiles moving, but Femradiel reacted on time and teleported them to escape the attacks. Isaac's dark bow seemed the most powerful bow Ryan and Femradiel had seen so far. The arrows were so fast and powerful that they left the air vibrating when they passed a certain location. As for Martha, every time she pointed a magic staff toward Ryan, massive Fireballs and Ice Spears would fly toward him.

"What is going on? What is going on?" Ryan raised his voice. "They are supposed to be dead! Both of them!"

"I said to calm down! Dumbass!" Femradiel raised her voice as well. "Did you pick a fight with elder gods, demons, and fucking dungeon masters without expecting at least this much? Of course, they would use dirty tricks like to make you lose your cool."

Ryan didn't expect that all his fights would be clear, direct fights where both sides would do their best without using dirty tricks. Still, that was beyond what Ryan had expected. That was too low. Using his dead parents against him was the only thing Ryan couldn't forgive.

"For the time being, let's return to the interior of our domain," Femradiel said. "Even if they are powerful, they are only two human beings. Besides, they can only cause so much damage without a decent source of mana."

Ryan and Femradiel teleported to the domain's interior, and then Isaac and Martha proceeded to bombard the barrier. For moments like these, Ryan kept a massive stock of mana and upgraded the barrier daily, but at that pace, his parents will destroy the barrier in a couple of hours.

"Try to use Wolf's Greed. That should slow down a little bit. Perhaps they will run away," Femradiel said.

Ryan's mind was in turmoil that he didn't even consider. However, in the end, for some odd reason, Wolf's Greed didn't work in either of them. Not even Ryan's arrows could be as fast as his father's, so it was evident that he was stronger than him. Thanks to that, he couldn't understand what was going on.

“You will have to attack them. We need to discourage them from attacking this intensely,” Femradiel said.

“... What?” Ryan asked.

While Ryan could understand the logic behind Femradiel’s words, since their attacks were as powerful as meteors, his heart didn’t accept that. Attacking his parents? There is no way he would do that.

“I can’t attack them...” Ryan said. “I won’t attack them.”

“No matter what you say, they clearly aren’t that fragile,” Femradiel said. “Besides, what are the chances that they won’t try to block or dodge the attacks? We need to slow them down at the very least!”

“I won’t attack them...” Ryan declared.

Ryan’s attitude puzzled Femradiel. She knew from the very beginning that family was a difficult topic for Ryan. Still, she didn’t imagine something like that would happen. Ryan lost all his will to fight, and the idea of attacking his parents seemed like madness. Someone found Ryan’s switch and then decided to use it against him in the nastiest way. That surprised Ryan in some aspects, but not in the others. After all, he had done plenty of nasty stuff to his enemies.

In the end, not even Femradiel could attack those two freely. So, she summoned some Ice Walls to block their attacks, but in the end, she could only do so much with that body.

“If you can’t do anything else, then at least give me your mana,” Femradiel said.

Ryan hesitated since Femradiel was too keen on attacking his parents. Still, in the end, she wasn’t crazy enough to kill them. Ryan used Support Mana Arrow and recovered Femradiel’s mana at a fearsome speed. Thanks to that, she managed to obtain enough power to block those two attacks. Still, even Ryan’s mana had a limit, but as for those two, it looked like they wouldn’t run out of gas anytime soon.

“Did you forget, Ryan?” Femradiel asked. “Your parents are dead; you can tell by the look in their eyes that they weren’t revived. Someone transformed them into zombies, but you can bet their spirits are somewhere in there. You probably don’t know, but the spirit of a zombie will never find peace unless they are put down. If you want to help your parents, right now, you need to defeat them and make sure that no one will be able to torment them like this”

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It took a while, but Femradiel’s words eventually echoed in Ryan’s mind and made him understand that she was right. His parents were dead, and someone brought them back as zombies to mess with his head. That was unforgivable, but before finding the bastard who did that, he had to deal with them.

“... They are zombies, right?” Ryan asked. “If I use Exorcism on them...”

“Don’t expect that the skill of a tier-one class will solve this,” Femradiel said. “Someone powerful enough to summon two souls that have been dead for over a year and even to build new bodies for them brought them here, you won’t be able to stop their plans so easily.”

That was logical, but Ryan didn’t think of that because his mind was in a turmoil. It was almost all the experiences he obtained while fighting mythological monsters and elder gods had been forgotten, only because the two people he loved the most were part of the equation.

“We have to freeze them,” Ryan said.

“That is unlikely,” Femradiel said. “I can sense the same presence that came from Poseidon emanating from their weapons and armor.”

“The divinity of an elder god...” Ryan muttered. “It was obvious that one of them would be involved...”

That was a problem, but at least Ryan recovered enough to put his mind to work a little bit. He fired several Ice Arrows toward them. Even though he didn’t aim directly at them, the projectiles were repelled by arrows. Ryan barely could see the movements in his father’s arms that grant them the speed to fire so many arrows in a single moment. Regardless, that made those focus their attention too much on Ryan’s direct actions. They didn’t notice when he turned the air around them into ice and then tried

to imprison them by covering them in ice from the neck downward. However, Martha used a single spell, and that made the whole ice melt in a single instant. It was a perfect counter.

“You will have to use your attacks that cause extra damage against undead,” Femradiel said. “You should have plenty of them. Those will be unnaturally stronger against their arrows and magic since even their magic attacks have a high level of corruption.”

The idea of exorcising his parents was something that Ryan decided to do in order to give them some peace. However, the concept of damaging them still made him hesitate. Even though he didn't have a single idea of what happens to the spirit of zombies that die once again.

As he proceeded to analyze the situation, Ryan couldn't help but wonder what was the end goal of who turned his parents into zombies, turn his mind into a mess couldn't be the only true objective. Regardless, Ryan summoned a random bow and then used Holy Enchantment. The damage would be only, but that much was fine since I still wanted to see the effects of his attacks before dealing with that problem once and for all.

Even though the attacks were much weaker than the best shots Ryan could do, he noticed that his father and mother focusing more on the torrent of attacks fired toward them. Almost as if they could sense the holy magic and wanted to avoid it at all costs. Once Ryan confirmed that he summoned his Holy Crossbow and then attacked. Suddenly, his parents changed their tactics. They began to fly to the side. His father focused on attacking the barrier. His mother created some steel walls to block the attacks... those were highly effective. As expected, things will take too long if Ryan stays inside his domain and pull his punches.

“Someone wants to lure us out of this place by using my parents...” Ryan finally concluded. “Do you sense any unusual presence nearby?”

“No, I can't sense a single presence in dozens of kilometers,” Femradiel said. “Either someone planned this, on their presence scared every single monster and even demons.”

Ryan didn't consider that demons would feel fear, but even if that were possible, it seemed too far-fetched. Still, for some reason, Ryan felt like that made sense... even if the demons aren't scared, their master decided to play it safely once he felt the presence of Ryan's parents.

“Femradiel, if I give you time, can you gather enough mana to freeze everything below their necks?” Ryan asked.

“I can, but I can’t see how that will solve the problem,” Femradiel replied.

“It is fine. I just want to test a few things and then try a few others,” Ryan said. “Get ready.”

Femradiel nodded, and then Ryan attacked his parents for a while, making them think that Ryan wasn’t planning anything other than usual. It was weird if he was really fighting them or someone controlling them, but soon Ryan will discover it.

Ryan and Femradiel suddenly teleported to behind Isaac and Martha. Before they could react in any way, Ryan used Chronos Ring. For a while, those two froze in place. The time magic was working, and Femradiel began to prepare, but they suddenly began to move again. Isaac and Martha tried to escape the time domain, but they collided against an ice barrier that Ryan created.

In his draconic form, Ryan was pointing his arms to the side and focusing on using all his mana to envelop the area with ice magic. He used the same trick against the specters, and Ryan used it again because he knew that their master was the same who were controlling their parents somewhere in his mind. From all the elder gods, demon generals, and dungeon masters who Ryan talked about so far, only one of them promised Ryan that he would suffer terrible revenge... Thanatos, the Greek god of death.

“You are there, aren’t you, Thanatos?” Ryan asked while showing his eyes full of anger like never before. “Tell me where you are, so I can go and kick your ass right now.”

“Oh? You noticed that I was controlling them,” A cold voice coming from behind Isaac and Martha echoed through the time domain. “Not bad, for a human.”

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“Where are you?” Ryan asked.

“Why should I spoil the surprise? You can look for all the dungeons in the world to find me,” Thanatos said. “Still, to think that you would have a fraction of Chronos’ power. Where did you get that ring?”

“I found it in your ass! You damn coward!” Ryan shouted. “Mark my words, you dirty sewer rat: your death will be a very painful one.”

“Do you think the god of death can die? You are a very funny human,” Thanatos said.

“Maybe you can’t die... come to think of it, maybe death isn’t a mercy that I should grant you,” Ryan showed a vicious glint in his eyes. “I won’t torment you for all eternity because I have better things to do, but I will make you suffer until I get tired of it.”

“Good luck with that,” Thanatos said. “Why don’t we play a game? If you defeat me before I turn you back into a pile of dust, I will bring back your daddy and mommy? That sounds fair, right?”

“Why don’t you do that now? Asshole!” Ryan shouted once again. “You, the god of death? Don’t make me laugh. Why don’t you kill me now with a snap of your fingers? Show me your power, show me that you aren’t all talk!”

“You do not command me, worm,” Thanatos said. “Struggle for as much as you can before I throw your useless pile of bones and meat aside to feed my dogs.”

Thanatos’ presence grew weaker, but despite that, Isaac and Martha pointed their weapons at Ryan. Then a lot of mana was gathered. Something was off... if Thanatos controlled them, they had no reason to prepare a big attack when Ryan was so close to them. He wouldn’t give them the chance to finish any large attack, after all.

“Femradiel!” Ryan shouted.

“Leave it to me,” Femradiel said.

Ryan had no idea if Femradiel understood the message. Still, she understood that he couldn’t do anything while he was closing the time domain with ice magic. Fortunately, she used all the mana she

had gathered to create a thick Ice Wall in front of them. When Isaac and Martha fired their largest attacks, a single dark arrow and a beam of light, both of them fell on the floor like masterless puppets.

Their attacks easily pierced Femradiel's Ice Wall, but they never destroyed it completely. The ice wall decreased in size as it repaired the damaged parts, and Femradiel kept feeding her mana into it. In the end, she won the exchange because she had more time to concentrate on her magic.

Ryan approached the bodies of his parents, and he barely could feel any mana in there for some reason. Thanatos couldn't control them properly inside the time domain. Still, Ryan was fully aware that Thanatos retreated too easily, abandoning two trump cards behind. Ryan hesitated in doing that, but in the end, he sealed the little mana in their bodies into two crossbows.

Incomplete Hunter's Heart (03%)

Effect: It grants additional damage of one percent per minute when fighting against the same opponent, up to three percent.

Dexterity + 30, intelligence + 30.

Durability: 15/15

Incomplete Sorcerer's Soul (03%)

Effect: It grants additional magic damage of one percent per minute when fighting against the same opponent, up to three percent.

Dexterity + 30, intelligence + 30.

Durability: 15/15

Once Ryan used Seal, the corpses, the weapons, and armor turned into dust. It was faint, but Ryan could feel it... his parents' spirits were there. He didn't want to put their spirits into weapons because he

didn't want to threaten them as tools, but it was the only way to prevent them from being controlled by Thanatos. Still, to make sure that will never happen, Ryan will have to work harder. He noticed that once he saw the names of the weapons.

"It looks like Thanatos split the spirits of your parents into many parts," Femradial said. "Despite his words, he didn't underestimate you and imagined that something like this would happen."

"... What happened?" Ryan asked. "Why his power suddenly grew weaker, and then he lost control over their bodies?"

"My guess is that your level of corruption is so high that it is already affecting your skills," Femradial rubbed her chin and then replied. "The ice barrier prevented the specters from escaping before probably because of that. Since it worked against spectral beings, it created a barrier that prevented outside forces from interfering with the events inside. Since Thanatos wasn't materialized nearby, his control over them was limited."

It made sense, but in the end, that was just a minor detail. Ryan already knew that the elder gods weren't invincible, and that was all that he needed to know to hunt Thanatos.

"Can you track Thanatos' presence, Femradial?" Ryan asked.

"If I get close enough to a dungeon under his control, I should be able to do it," Femradial replied. "However, he won't underestimate you. This fight will be different than the fight against Poseidon. Maybe you should ask Isis for help. I am sure that even Athena would want to put down someone who is willing to fight this dirty."

"I will do it alone," Ryan said. "There won't be any meaning unless I do it by myself."

"Are you willing to put everything at risk just for this?" Femradial asked.

"I am," Ryan said while he trembled. "This is the only thing I can't forgive no matter what. This is the only thing that I won't be able to forget."

“All right then, let’s look for him,” Femradiel said. “Still, you should calm down a little. Otherwise, the corruption in your body will take over your mind, and you will lose your sense of judgment and ultimately turn into a cursed dragon.”

That was something nearly impossible for Ryan right now, but in the end, he had to calm down. Rushing ahead while his head was that hot wouldn’t do him any good against Thanatos. Hopefully, Ryan’s anger will settle down after that.

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Ryan had no idea how long it would take to find Thanatos or if he will even return to his domain, but in the end, he had to make some preparations. If he were to fail, Femradiel would have to manage the domain. Furball will eventually reach a power level where even big bosses will have a hard time against him, but he will need some more time to reach that level.

Since the same trick won’t work twice against the demons, Ryan prepared something else for them aside from the battle machines. He was one hundred percent sure that Baal will make his move once he realizes that Ryan left his domain, after all.

As soon as the preparations were ready, Ryan and Femradiel left while invisible. That journey might take weeks since Thanatos wasn’t stupid enough to use Specters all over the world as monsters for his arm. While they were troublesome, they were far from being the perfect soldiers for his army.

“Shouldn’t we at least ask Isis or Athena the locations of the dungeons under his control in order to choose the best to attack?” Femradiel asked.

“If we do that, he will learn that some of the elder gods are cooperating with us,” Ryan replied. “That is too risky. Besides, I know that fighting him directly isn’t a wise idea. So, I will piss him off before anything and then try to recover the fragments of my parents’ souls one after the other.”

First of all, Ryan began to look for high concentrations of monsters. Thanatos probably had a massive army at this point in time, or at the very least, he probably already can manifest himself on Earth. Ryan’s ultimate goal was to lure him out to Earth. If that takes time, so be it. Ryan will slowly destroy all the monsters under his command.

While it wasn't a dungeon where Femradiel didn't find any traces of Thanatos' mana, Ryan still decided to clear a certain tier-three dungeon in Canada. It was the last one that Alissa told him before she disappeared to China. He did that because he needed to grow in strength, coin, and items.

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: Warmaster, Sentinel, 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 Warmaster!

You obtained the following skills: Last Stand, Aura Strike, and Lightning Attack.

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: Last Stand.

Effect: It passively increases all of your statuses by one percent per level per hour while fighting.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Aura Strike.

Effect: It grants you the chance to launch an indefensible attack that causes equal damage to all of your status points.

Cost: 1000 health, 1000 mana, and 1000 stamina.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Lightning Attack.

Effect: It grants you the chance to use a near-instantaneous attack that ignores the endurance and resistance skills of the foe.

Cost: 500 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

“What an unexpected class,” Ryan frowned. “It is pretty useful for a tier-three class.”

If Ryan could have enough time to level it up... Still, he couldn't take his time. While Ryan found some dungeons he hadn't cleared before, he ignored them all in South America since they weren't tier-three dungeons. After a while, when they were crossing the Mediterranean, Femradiel warned him. In the end, Ryan was correct... many Greek gods would set their dungeons in that region of the world since it was near to Greece.

“I feel many traces of powerful presences, while they aren't nearby, it looks like many elder gods stepped on Earth for some reason,” Femradiel said. “In that direction... I can feel several presences that are similar to your parents... eight of them.”

That was fast. Ryan and Femradiel barely had approached the Mediterranean... in any case, Ryan knew that he would find Spain in that direction. It was pretty far away from Greece...

“Any powerful presence aside from those that belong to my parents?” Ryan asked.

“Yes... I can't say who's that presence belongs to, but there is an intense presence that resembles Thanatos quite a lot,” Femradiel said.

“A similar presence...” Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. “If I remember well, Thanatos has a twin brother. Hypnos, Greek god that was the personification of sleep.”

Ryan felt an urge to attack the dungeon, but considering that Thanatos' split his parents' spirits, all the remaining fragments weren't there. So, Ryan didn't have any reason to take so many risks right at that moment.

Ryan decided to check other parts of Europe, but he didn't find any dungeon that Femradiel sensed Thanatos' presence. Clearing dungeons at that moment seemed like a bad idea since it would reveal his presence to his enemies, so Ryan ignored even the tier three dungeons that he found. It looked like they will have to investigate the Western side of Russia or the Middle Orient, but then suddenly...

"Wait..." Femradiel said and then looked in a certain direction and frowned.

"What?" Ryan asked.

"I felt a strange presence in that direction, only a for a moment, though," Femradiel said. "It resembled Thanatos, but... it is weird, but it was a bit different as well."

Ryan and Femradiel were flying above the Black Sea. Then he opened the map to see what was in that direction... the first country he would find in Romania.

Class: Artemis' Disciple Lv 65 (+ 05 UP) / Frozen Spellcaster Lv 59 (+ 04 UP) / William Tell's Apprentice Lv 55 (+ 06 UP) (-)

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

Rank: 26th

Health: 10255/10255 (17,95/s)

Mana: 12325/12325 (17,95/s)

Stamina: 13230/13230 (17,95/s)

Strength: 881 (+1386) (+130)

Dexterity: 17650 (+8255) (+550)

Speed: 1270 (+4260) (+48)

Intelligence: 1352 (+3134) (+33)

Endurance: 1398 (+1519) (+160)

Control: 1476 (+4210) (+10)

Mentality: 1452 (+1293) (+70)

Luck: 1080 (+260)

Recovery: 4950 (+4850) (+845)

Willpower: 1452 (+1391) (+40)

Coins: 156.362.988

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Hawkeye Lv 124 (+ 07 UP),

Passive Physical Skills: Eagle Eyes Lv 136 (+ 02 UP), Concentration Lv 136 (+ 02 UP), Archery Lv 136 (+ 02 UP), Accuracy Lv 136 (+ 02 UP), Stealth Lv 136 (+ 02 UP), Archery Training Lv 27 (+ 08 UP), Mad Hunt Lv 01, Insolence Lv 01, Energy Conversion Lv 15 (+ 14 UP), Last Stand Lv 01,

Spells: Ice Breath Lv 103 (+ 03 UP), Light Solidification Lv 22 (+ 21 UP), Shadow Sphere Lv 01, Fear Lv 01, Summon Imp Lv 01, Air Bomb Lv 01, Transform Lv 01, Shapeshifting Lv 15 (+ 14 UP), Aura Strike Lv 01, Lightning Attack Lv 01,

Support Skills: Cold Immunity Lv 22 (+ 07 UP), Cold Absorption Lv 06 (+ 05 UP), Electromancy Lv 09 (+ 08 UP),

Classes:

Combat: Storm Caster Lv 17 (+ 06 UP), Crystal Archer Lv 32 (+ 08 UP), Mad Archer Lv 09 (+ 08), Sky Mage Lv 13 (+ 12 UP), Elemental Knight Lv 01, Warmaster Lv 01,

Non-Combatant: Support Archer Lv 18 (+ 06 UP), Transmuter Lv 04 (+ 03 UP),

Race: Centaur, Dragon, Kobold, Triton,

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“Are you sure that you felt Thanatos’ presence there?” Ryan frowned. “We can’t afford to make a mistake now knowing what is hanging in the balance.”

“Yeah, it was a really weird presence,” Femradiel said. “It resembled Thanatos, but it was at the same time demonic-like and a bit similar to Yahiko’s.”

Ryan furrowed his eyebrows when he heard that. How could a single presence be similar to a presence with divinity, corruption, and it also felt like a guardian?

“What about my parents?” Ryan asked.

“I don’t feel their presence,” Femradiel said.

Unless he was insane or stupid, Thanatos would use Ryan’s parents to defend his dungeons. Three months had passed since the day he said to Ryan that he found the perfect way to defeat him, so he spent a fair amount of time giving Ryan’s parents enough power to cause him trouble, so it would be a waste not to use them to certain things like in the defense of his dungeons. Someone suspicious was in Romania, but it wasn’t Ryan’s target.

“I will investigate that country later, focus on finding my parents’ presence,” Ryan said.

Ryan had a certain idea of what he would find in that country, and then he recalled that Loki gave him one thing that might come in handy in that place. Now that he thought about it, Loki also gave him the Chronos Ring. Thanks to it, Ryan discovered that his parents were being controlled by Thanatos... he sure was being useful, too much useful. Suspiciously useful...

“He couldn’t have predicted this, could he?” Ryan muttered.

“It is getting kind of hard to identify all those presences,” Femradiel said. “There are too many elder gods nearby the Mediterranean.”

“Well, the first human civilizations were born around this area, so it is no surprise that they would use this place again since they lived in this area a long time ago,” Ryan explained.

Since Russia was just too large, Ryan decided to check the Middle Orient first. There were many smaller countries there, so it would be easier to find the dungeon. His guess was correct, but not entirely correct. Femradiel found some presences that resembled his parents but near India.

“I guess it is then, I feel like sixteen of their presences in that direction, and they are fighting,” Femradiel said.

“Fighting... then, it seems Thanatos has some enemies in that direction,” Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. “According to Yahiko, India has many fallen and guardians, and they were fighting for hegemony. Who are they fighting against?”

That was a tricky question. Putting in simpler terms, guardians like Yahiko were fighting for humanity. Still, Ryan knew that some of them wouldn't think twice about killing humans if they think that is better for the world. In the end, Ryan didn't have much intel to conclude anything. So, he decided to check things with his own eyes.

After flying for a few hours, making sure that his presence was well-hidden, Ryan finally saw a few things. He saw an army of zombies nearby a place called Hyderabad in Pakistan, and they were marching toward the East. Ryan saw his parents leading the zombie army. There was no mistake. A dungeon that belonged to Thanatos was close by.

“That asshole... it looks like he loves to play with other people's dignity,” Ryan clenched his teeth in anger. “Still, something is off here...”

Ryan and Femradiel passed by a pretty large survivors' camp before finding the zombies' army. So, it was weird that instead of increasing their army, they were marching toward India.

??? – Lv ???

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: Zombie Lv Max

Non-Combatant: Lost Soul Lv Max

“As expected,” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. “Still, why could I see my parents’ names but not these guys?”

“Probably because Thanatos worked a bit harder to strengthen your parents,” Femradiel replied.

Once again, Femradiel made sense, but Ryan still felt like something was amiss... the reason for that was the fact that the zombies were fighting using weapons, just like his parents... those dark weapons. They seemed rather powerful, but even Ryan could feel ominous energy coming from them.

After thinking for a while, Ryan understood what was happening... Thanatos revived those that survived after the monsters’ arrival and gained some decent amount of power. That was why they could use weapons and use them well, and that was why they had the Zombie and Lost Soul classes.

Those thoughts disappeared from Ryan’s mind when he saw the army of zombies being attacked when they were about to climb a mountain. A group of flying archers, two women, and one man attacked the zombies. The copies of Ryan’s parents tried to attack them, but then another army approached and joined the battle... a human army. Ryan failed at identifying those three, but even from far away, he could tell that they were similar to Yahiko. As if their presences weren’t enough, Ryan saw them wearing pieces of armor. Those were definitely Indian since they had even a small part that resembled chainmail protecting their head alongside the helmets.

“What are we going to do?” Femradiel asked.

“Watch,” Ryan replied. “My goal here is to recover the fragments of my parents’ souls and then kill Thanatos, not make friends or new allies.”

Ryan was fully aware that once he shows up, Thanatos will make his zombie army retreat, and that wasn't interesting for him. Ryan had to see their army grow weaker, and then he will attack, recover the fragments of his parents' souls, and then decimate the rest of the zombie army before heading toward their dungeon to obtain another class.

"You sure like to give bad impressions," Femradiel said. "You will steal their victory and even claim a lot of prizes... I can't imagine how thrilled they will be once they discover that you could have helped a lot sooner."

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With the exception of the copies of his parents and the three Indian archers, Ryan didn't see a single human flying. As for the battle that happened at the bottom of the mountain, Ryan didn't watch all that much since all he could see were zombies being tossed around. It looked like they were a bit stronger thanks to the dark weapons. Still, even though their numbers were twenty times higher, the zombies couldn't defeat the Indian survivors.

They numbered a little more than one thousand, but they sure could fight in unison as they charged and destroyed the formation of the zombies' army. Things weren't much different in the sky. The copies of Ryan's parents were making a rain of projectiles and magic fly over the three flying archers, but their speed was superb. Not a single projectile hit them. Ryan doubted that they could be even faster than him on his draconic form, but they were much more skillful with their movements while flying.

"Hey, Ryan," Femradiel said. "What do you think will happen if you transform those zombies into weapons and then use Weapon Assimilation? I think there is a small chance that you might gain their levels in some classes. Perhaps even a class that you don't have."

"... I think that is unlikely," Ryan replied after thinking for a few moments. "Even if they bring the same strength and techniques they had in life, I don't think that all that experience will be stored in a weapon. That would be way too weird. If they had that knowledge, they wouldn't be so easily manipulated by the caster of the spell"

Ryan watched the fight for quite a while before he realized that it was time to intervene. Despite that, he had a hard time keeping his head cool. Seeing his parents being controlled was almost unbearable. However, the weirdness of the situation forced him to analyze things even further. As expected, their weapons were too strong, but Ryan couldn't feel a powerful magic presence coming from them. Another thing that was weird was why Thanatos split his parents' souls and created several vessels for

them. He could have defeated Ryan and Femradiel if Thanatos had put all his focus on creating only one body for each and assimilating all that power... but it looked like for some reason, he couldn't do it.

Ryan decided to join the fight when eighty percent of the zombie's army was defeated. He had considered that Thanatos would somehow revive them, but the Indian soldiers prevented that by using holy magic. Causing enough damage with that type of attack would make the zombies' bodies unable to hold their souls inside.

In the end, Ryan waited for the exact moment all the copies of his parents would try to retreat at the same time. He teleported to the right in front of them and then used the Chronos' Ring. When Thanatos controlling them realized what was going on, it was already too late. By working together, Ryan and Femradiel created an ice barrier that cut all external contact and the zombies became free from Thanatos' control.

Femradiel was right about the corruption level in Ryan's powers... without Thanatos controlling them. The zombies were enveloped entirely by Chronos Ring's effects, so Ryan had an easy time sealing them inside the crossbows. Deep down, Ryan imagined that he would hear his parents' voices once he collected enough of their fragments, but while he could feel their presence, he couldn't sense any will in there.

Incomplete Hunter's Heart (27%)

Effect: It grants additional damage of one percent per minute when fighting against the same opponent, up to twenty-seven percent.

Dexterity + 270, intelligence + 270.

Durability: 135/135

Incomplete Sorcerer's Soul (27%)

Effect: It grants additional magic damage of one percent per minute when fighting against the same opponent, up to twenty-seven percent.

Dexterity + 270, intelligence + 270.

Durability: 135/135

Ryan sighed in relief when he noticed his success and saw the bodies turned into dust. In the end, those bodies were fakes made by Thanatos to fool him and make them able to fight in many places at the same time.

“Thanatos divided the spirits of your parents into thirty or so parts,” Femradiel said. “I can’t understand why, but eventually we will. Still, now his armies will be on high-alert.”

“It doesn’t matter,” Ryan said. “I will restore their souls and then make Thanatos regret this, no matter what.”

Ryan and Femradiel noticed that the Indian soldiers stopped their fight because they didn’t know if that sphere of ice belonged to an enemy or an ally. If Ryan had time to do that, he would greet them since they were fighting for humanity, but he didn’t. So, he only teleported to Thanatos’ dungeon.

When Ryan and Femradiel arrived at the nearest city, they found Thanatos’ dungeon. Naturally, zombies weren’t being spawned there. Those who were doing that were another type of undead creature: liches.

Lich Lv 871

Health: 15.000/15.000

Mana: 72.000/72.000

Stamina: 21.000/21.000

Strength: 1900 (+ 200)

Dexterity: 5100 (+ 800)

Speed: 1400 (+ 100)

Intelligence: 12.100 (+ 1800)

Endurance: 2100 (+ 400)

Control: 4900 (+ 600)

Mentality: 7900 (+ 1600)

Luck: 2000 (+ 300)

Recovery: 28.000 (+ 5000)

Willpower: 7900 (+ 1600)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills:

Passive Physical Skills: Improved Intelligence Lv 850, Enhanced Intelligence Lv 470, Augmented Intelligence Lv 220...

Spells: Cursed Ray Lv 860, Gravity Lv 650, Dark Sphere Lv 490...

Support Skills: Cold Resistance Lv 520, Electric Resistance Lv 480, Shock Resistance Lv 420, Fire Resistance Lv 520, Cursed Resistance Lv 690...

Liches were essentially humans who had pointy ears but looked pretty unhealthy with their grey skin. For some reason, it looked like all of them were mages by nature since they were wearing a dark cloak and had some wands. Ryan's blood began to boil while imagining that his parents' soul had been tainted by those dirt monsters. Still, he couldn't just dash ahead and kill them all since their numbers were close to twenty thousand..., or could he?

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"I thought he would have a lot more gathering to control, I guess being close to a country that has many guardians caused Thanatos some troubles," Femradiel said. "What is the plan, Ryan?"

"Let's annoy that asshole," Ryan replied.

"I thought that was the plan from the very beginning," Femradiel frowned. "I am asking how exactly we are going to do that.

"Just do whatever you want, but make sure to freeze some of them without killing," Ryan replied.

Femradiel sighed, he was Ryan letting the blood rush to his head again, but then she changed her mind when he teleported both of them to the right above the liches army.

Ryan decided to go all out for a change and make Thanatos clench his teeth while he watches his troops being massacred. Ryan used Draconic Transformation and then landed, smashing dozens of liches. However, that was just the first part. Before the monsters could attack him, they frowned when they saw Ryan with three heads. He used Shapeshifting to obtain two more heads, and then he opened them and used Ice Breath.

By focusing his attack on a single point, Ryan's attack increased exponentially. It froze even those monsters that should have high magic resistance but the droves. They didn't even have time to resist. Hundreds of them became ice statues in a matter of moments... It was a pity that Ryan couldn't create more heads with Shapeshifting.

"You are hiding your ideas again!" Femradiel protested. "I should have known that you were plotting something when you used that skill to have an extra pair of arms."

Ryan ignored Femradiel's protest since it wasn't his fault. She never asks why he does certain things after all. Still, Ryan couldn't blame her since she is busy with her own training. She was so focused that she had the same status that Ryan had when he faced the fake Mephisto. Speaking of which, it was at that level that Ryan defeated her Draconic form.

The liches tried to attack Ryan, but he blocked their weird purple beams with his Frost Armor. Still, that only worked for so long. After a while, the Frost Armor began to grow weaker, and Ryan understood why when the first beams hit his body.

All of your statuses have decreased by five points per ten seconds.

Your Curse Resistance has leveled up.

"Curses, huh," Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. "How annoying."

Although that was the first time he did that, Ryan made his body spin, and his three heads began to cause damage in a wider area. While he didn't kill the enemies as fast as before, it was more than enough to slow them down, prevent their escape, and even block some of their purple beams.

Adding all that to Femradiel's control over ice magic, both of them decimated the zombie's army in a couple of minutes.

"I am not going to stop here, Thanatos," Ryan said. "I know you are watching this, so mark my words: keep washing your neck because soon it will be your turn."

The Indian soldiers might arrive at any moment, and since Ryan didn't want to talk, he hurried to gather the loot and use Seal on the lichs that Femradiel captured, and Ryan obtained a pleasant surprise.

Zen Ring (+ 10)

Effect: it increases your mana recovery by fifty points per second.

Durability: 30/30

Ryan imagined that they would make good magic items, so that was why he used rings, but that far surpassed his expectations. Maybe Ryan should stay in that dungeon and grind for those rings... in the end, he only made nine more of them, deciding to use Elunium Spheres to upgrade them.

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

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 Cryomancer!

You obtained the following skills: Cryomancy, Absolute Zero, and Niffelheim.

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: Cryomancy.

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

You obtained 01 status points.

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Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Absolute Zero.

Effect: It grants you the power to freeze an entire area instantly.

Cost: 3000 mana

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Niffelheim.

Effect: It grants the power to decrease the temperature around you exponentially. The temperature will decrease according to the level of the skill.

Cost: 300 mana per second.

You obtained 01 status points.

“... no luck this time, huh,” Ryan said after a long sigh.

“To think that humans would be able to learn Cryomancy just by obtaining this class,” Femradiel frowned. “This is way too weird.”

Before they could give Thanatos any chance to lay a trap nearby, Ryan and Femradiel left. Attacking or finding another fragment of his parents’ souls won’t be easy, so Ryan decided to rest at his domain. He was tired since it was pretty weird to suddenly have and use three heads.

Ryan decided to sleep until sunrise, and so he did it, but he woke up with a surprise in the end. After laying down on the grass and sleeping soundly, Femradiel sneaked toward him and then began to use his right arm as a pillow. While that wasn’t a bad feeling, Ryan couldn’t help but sigh for a very peculiar reason.

“You can’t fool me, I know that you are not sleeping,” Ryan said.

“I don’t need to sleep, but resting my mind now and then isn’t so bad,” Femradiel smiled.

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Ryan thought that by defeating Poseidon, the old Femradiel would return, but he was wrong. At that point in time, wishing for that was a waste of time, so Ryan decided to move on. As long as she doesn’t cause problems, he had no reason to change Femradiel.

Ryan trusted that Femradiel’s familiars would warn her in case some enemies attack the domain. Still, in the end, that never happened, which was weird. Ryan’s new defensive strategy wasn’t used. Still, he felt like improving a little bit since he couldn’t understand why the dungeon masters were being so cautious. So, after doing that for the whole day, he left after sunset. This time, he headed to Japan to buy his dragon hearts from Yahiko.

“We will start from this region today,” Ryan said. “Alert me if you find any traces of my parent’s presence.”

“Got it,” Femradiel said.

Since they didn't stop anywhere, both of them managed to search around many continents. Still, in the end, Femradiel didn't find Isaac and Martha's presence anywhere aside from Romania.

"What is the meaning of this?" Ryan asked.

"It seems... that Thanatos isn't using all the copies he made using the souls of your parents," Femradiel explained. "I didn't mention it, but I also felt the presence of a domain in that direction. Most likely, he is planning to lure him to his world before tiring you out."

"... Nah, he is trying to piss me off as well," Ryan said. "He knew that I would come for my parents and that is why he used only a few of their fragments. I would bet that he already knows that I was the one who defeated Poseidon after I showed Chronos Ring. So, he must be aware that a domain and a guardian or a fallen won't stop me."

Femradiel wanted to provide a better alternative, but in the end, nothing came to mind. Ryan was going to dash into the enemy's domain in Romania and then open a path to the next world. The world of the Greek god of death... Femradiel couldn't imagine anything good coming out of it.

"At this point in time, it won't be weird that we know all this by ourselves," Femradiel said. "So, if you ask for help from Isis and Athena, no one will suspect and you can at least learn a few things from Thanatos and come up with some sort of strategy to face him."

Ryan considered that option, but in the end, his pride talked louder. He had to defeat Thanatos by himself through and through. He needed not only the experience of surviving the surprise that an elder god can throw at him, but he also needed the power to show that all those who want to stand on his path won't have a quick death.

"Why do you have to be stubborn like a bull?" Femradiel asked once she realized what Ryan was thinking. "Asking you to come up with some plans for countermeasures will be asking too much?"

"No, but I already have a few countermeasures, even though I have no idea what I am going to face," Ryan replied.

“Since that is the case, increase your number of countermeasures by three times,” Femradiel said. “I will be able to keep some enemies in check, but ultimately, I am not at the level where I can defeat those who work directly under the elder gods.”

Since Femradiel was a worrywart, Ryan decided to follow her advice. She was absolutely correct, after all. While he couldn't give up on his revenge, he at least had to make sure that he won't die a dog's death, and the only way to do that when the opponent was Thanatos was by having a solid plan. Unfortunately, Ryan could only prepare the way he wanted on Earth, not on someone else's planet. Ryan tried to find a way to make surprise attacks even on the enemy's terrain. In the end, Ryan had a certain idea, but he decided to do something else, and once again, he checked the Dungeon Shop.

Ryan looked for a tome that would help him directly at the fight, but in the end, he didn't find any that could be useful even at level one. However, Ryan found one that would be useful once he arrives in Thanatos' world.

Mana Concealment Tome

Effect: it grants you the power to hide your magic presence, making you untraceable to most types of tracking spells.

Mana: 300 mana per second.

Cost: 20.000.000 coins.

“Until now, I managed to attack some enemies by surprise by leaving the planet, but now this should help me save some time,” Ryan said. “I am out of ideas, do you have any tip of skills I should learn, Femradiel?”

“Why are you asking now of all times?” Femradiel asked. “You always come up with weird tactics without informing me.”

“Well, if you don't have any way to contribute, then I guess I will get going,” Ryan said.

“... Buy the Electric Armor tome,” Femradiel said after a long sigh. “You won’t gain much defense by using that skill, but at least you will be able to cause some extra damage and obtain some speed as well.”

Electric Armor Tome

Effect: it grants you the chance to electrocute those that attack you physically by reflecting some of the damage received. The damage reflected will be equal to the level of the skill plus ten percent of your intelligence. Electric armor also increases your speed by one percent per level.

Mana: 300 mana per second.

Cost: 40.000.000 coins.

It was weird that Femradiel was telling Ryan to learn a skill that wasn’t related to ice magic, but in the end, it was pretty good advice. That skill was awesome since it increased his speed by a percentage. So, those who had higher speed would benefit even more from it. Ryan bought the two tomes without hesitating. Still, Ryan has a lot more coins to use but not a single idea of what to buy... maybe he should spend some time between battles thinking about crazy powerful skills. Now that his enemies were at the level of the elder gods, he couldn’t follow his common sense. His plans had to become even crazier than before.

Chapter 696

After finishing his preparations, Ryan and Femradiel flew to Romania, and they couldn’t help but frown since they found a country that was almost completely repaired. It was weird since that country wasn’t that small... So how come the humans from there managed to survive with enough numbers to do that?

“I know that a single human being can do a lot more with magic, but this is just insane...” Ryan said.

There were plenty of medieval-ish buildings that had been repaired... probably. Come to think of it, the humans from that country didn’t have to build the same buildings all over again. In any case, Ryan’s first impression was that the place was a country full of historical value.

Eventually, Ryan found the capital of Romania, but he couldn't help but frown. While he found many cities on his path that had been restored, the capital was abandoned, and one could still see signs of the destruction caused by the dragons. At that very moment, Ryan confirmed that something was off.

A few hours later, Ryan felt the presence of a domain, and weirdly enough, it covered the entire forested area of Transylvania and its surrounding regions. At that point in time, there was no mistake... the owner of that domain. The weird presence Femradiel felt before probably belonged to Vlad Tepes Drakul... also known as count Dracula. It fit what Ryan felt. He was an undead creature. Hence his presence was similar to Thanatos. He was also worldly famous, so he could have been brought back as a guardian or as a fallen. Even if he joined Thanatos' side, it was hard to confirm which side of the coin he was supposed to be.

Even though the domain was much larger than his and Ryan couldn't use Clairvoyance to see things inside. He still could fly above and check things with his own eyes. Thanks to that, he had the chance to see a massive city in the center of the domain and people inside walking around as if nothing was wrong. The weirdest thing was that he couldn't find guards and that the city was too lively considering that it was long past midnight. It was strange. The barrier prevented Ryan from using Clairvoyance. Still, it didn't prevent him from using Absolute Appraisal on the citizens there.

??? – Lv ???

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: Vampire Lv Max

Non-Combatant: Lost Soul Lv Max

“I can’t believe it...” Ryan frowned. “All those people are vampires? How in the heck all of them have skills that are more high-level than Absolute Appraisal?”

“I am more worried about their numbers,” Femradiel said. “Even without seeing their status, it is easy to see how powerful they are. Zombies can’t even be compared to them since their presences are also similar to Yahiko’s.”

“All of them?” Ryan asked.

“All of them,” Femradiel replied.

Something was off... while Ryan knew that Romania was the place where that legend was born, it was too weird that it would revive so many vampires. Based on what Ryan knew, those vampires were once humans. While vampires were, without a doubt, monsters, he didn’t find a single dungeon that spawned them as minions, only as bosses. Even if a single dungeon had the chance to spawn bosses every month for several years, it would be enough to bring to Earth dozens of thousands of vampires, and that was how many Ryan and Femradiel could see.

“Is it time for a change of plans?” Femradiel asked. “I don’t doubt that you still can destroy the barrier, but facing so many zombies at the same time will be a pain.”

“Well, it looks like I have to show one of my trump cards a bit sooner than planned,” Ryan said.

To save some time, Ryan decided to go all out from the very beginning. This time he used all the physical buffs he could think of and then used Draconic Transformation, but he didn’t stop there. Ryan used Shapeshifting again to become an ice dragon that had six arms. Then he began to bombard the barrier with his punches. After confirming that Magic Vampirism was working even with his fake arms, Ryan

summoned several copies of this Hydra's Bow and then made those massive magic arrows to rain down on the barrier.

When the vampires finally felt Ryan's presence, he was already making the entire domain tremble with his attacks. The vampires eventually began to fly toward Ryan. Still, even they decided to attack him from the safety of the domain's interior. They fired Blood Arrows and Blood Spears toward him, but Femradiel blocked them with her ice magic. It was the best thing she could do with her powers right now.

Congratulations! The class: Champion has reached level 45.

Congratulations! The class: Iron Fist has reached level 52.

Congratulations! The class: Monk has reached level 72.

"Oh? Are you planning on obtaining a special melee class now?" Femradiel asked. "Weirdly enough, this is a pretty interesting way to level them up."

"That wasn't my plan, but I guess I will do it," Ryan said. "It is simple, but it is weird that you can level up the melee classes just by having additional arms."

Ryan and Femradiel were talking as if they weren't attacking a domain and hundreds of vampires were a few hundred meters below them. Although Femradiel said that they were powerful, it looked like they weren't that experienced in fighting. If they were, they wouldn't just watch a dragon damaging the only thing that could protect them.

However, their behavior changed when a massive bat suddenly appeared in the distance. Some of them began to attack more fiercely while others left the domain to attack Ryan and Femradiel from other directions... it looked like the master of the domain finally decided to show up.

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Vlad Tepes

Class: Vampire King Lv Max / Lord of the Night Lv Max / Death Subordinate Lv Max

Race: Vampire

Rank: 06th

Health: 111.963/111.963

Mana: 155.580/155.580

Stamina: 27.730/27.730

Strength: 5.632

Dexterity: 4560

Speed: 8852

Intelligence: 12.360

Endurance: 15.630

Control: 6523

Mentality: 9800

Luck: 2560

Recovery: 56.632

Willpower: 9800

Coins: 175.236.985

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Health Drain Lv 650, Mana Drain Lv 650, Stamina Drain Lv 520, Vampire Blood Lv Max...

Passive Physical Skills: Pain Resistance Lv Max, Focus Lv Max, Improved Strength Lv 523, Enhanced Intelligence Lv 700, Augmented Recovery Lv 640,

Spells: Darkness Manipulation Lv Max, Fly Lv Max, Gravity Lv Max, Health Stealer Lv 825, Mana Stealer Lv 752, Stamina Stealer Lv 452

Support Skills: Curse Resistance Lv Max, Darkness Resistance Lv Max, Fire Resistance Lv 400, Cold Resistance Lv 950, Electric Resistance Lv 660, Shock Resistance Lv 350...

Dracula was even weirder than the ones Ryan saw in movies and games. The only resemblance was a dark cloak that he had and the unhealthy skin stone. As for the rest, he had messy black hair and gray eyes. It was pretty weird given that the other vampires looked so neat while living in the vampires' empire.

For some reason, Absolute Appraisal worked on Dracula. Ryan and Femradial's predictions were correct. The enemy really was the legendary vampire. He worked for Thanatos, and the system even allowed him in the ranks, even though he was also a vampire.

Without wasting any time, Dracula began to attack from a certain distance. While flying, he began to steal Ryan's mana. In the end, Ryan returned to his human form and then stood still above the barrier.

"Femradiel, protect me," Ryan said.

"Here we go again with your insane plans," Femradiel said.

Even without telling, Femradiel already knew what Ryan was planning. Dracula was stealing Ryan's mana, but in the end, he wasn't decreasing the maximum amount of mana Ryan actually had. On the other hand...

Your dexterity has increased by twelve points.

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Ryan activated Wolf's Greed and began to steal Dracula's dexterity. At first, he thought Ryan was only using the same type of tactic, but soon he noticed that wasn't the case. He imagined it was a bluff, but Ryan didn't stop even when his mana had fallen to zero.

Dracula began to steal Ryan's health since he noticed that Ryan was being damaged by his own skill, but Femradiel healed him. As if that wasn't enough, she was completely stopping the attacks of all other vampires. That should be impossible, given her status.

Eventually, Dracula concluded that taking his time would only make things more difficult in the long run. The enemy couldn't be allowed to keep stealing his dexterity like that. Suddenly, Ryan and Femradiel felt their bodies getting heavier, and before they could fly to escape, they crossed the barrier. Ryan used Draconic Transformation again and then grabbed Femradiel to cross the barrier again, but he failed. The barrier became solid again.

“It looks like someone wants to trap us here,” Ryan said while smiling. “Focus on dealing with the small fries, Femradiel.”

“I always have to deal with the most boring work,” Femradiel said and then sighed.

Femradiel moved her arms, and then the temperature in the area decreased tremendously. In the end, Ryan also decided to give her a hand and used Niffelheim. With the sole exception of Dracula, every vampire got slower, and layers of ice slowly began to form around their bodies. However, not even the dark cloak of the king of vampires was being covered with ice... it was a magic item that protected him against negative effects...

Ryan dashed toward Dracula, and the vampire did the same. That was a perfect chance to see if that cloak worked against physical attacks. Ryan punched the vampire with all his might. In the last moment, he even used Holy Enchantment on his fist, but Dracula barely moved backward.

Ryan didn't feel much power coming from his arms, but he felt his health decreasing at an insane speed. After using Shapeshifting and summoning four more arms, Ryan tried to compensate by using Vampirism and Bloodthirsty. Still, he wasn't recovering enough health by attacking with them, even with a rain of punches.

After using Flash to escape, Ryan stared at the king of the vampires. His ability to drain health was peerless. Trying to play that game was stupid. So, he summoned several copies of his Holy Crossbow and bombarded the king of the vampires. As expected, he used his cloak to block them, but the creature's body began to emit some steam whenever the arrows hit it.

“It seems his cloak is also good against physical attacks, but not against holy magic,” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows.

Ryan considered his options as he watched Femradiel freezing the vampires around into ice statues. While her speed wasn't fearsome, her control was something else. Whenever the vampires got close, her powers would increase. Whenever they fired their blood projectiles, Femradiel easily froze them and fired them back. She wouldn't need his help...

Ryan exchanged the four arms for three heads and then used Ice Breath. For some reason, probably because he would gain a lot of Ryan wastes his mana with useless attacks, Dracula didn't move and

accepted the entire attack head-on. However, the vampire king suddenly felt a sharp pain in his arms, and then he began to tremble. When he looked at his arms, he saw some weird arrows... arrows that emitted a lot of heat... they were arrows made of solidified sunlight.

When Ryan saw the vampire trembling, he recognized the fact that his plan worked somewhat. Sunlight wasn't deadly for Dracula, but at least it was even more effective than holy magic.

"It paid off solidifying some projectiles made with sunlight and storing them in my storage space," Ryan muttered. "Still, this won't be enough..."

Ryan concluded that when he saw Dracula destroying the arrows with a weird shadow that moved from his hands.

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"Darkness Manipulation, huh..." Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. "This might be bad."

Ryan attacked at night because it was the only time he could use Lunar Arrow, but in the end, he wasn't the only one who could use it in his favor. In any case, Ryan came ready to fight and expected at least that much trouble. It wasn't a pity he didn't come with other items that could be useful against Dracula, like garlic or crucifixes. Still, Ryan felt like he would be silly by using them as throwable projectiles.

Even before Dracula could recover from the damage caused by the sunlight arrows, he suddenly disappeared. Half a moment later, Ryan felt his presence behind him and was pretty close to Femradiel. However, before either of them could do anything, Femradiel used Teleport and made Ryan and herself move away from the king of the vampires.

"When did you learn to use Teleport with that body?" Ryan asked, slightly relieved.

"I am your student, remember?" Femradiel replied. "After using that skill so close to me so many times, it is only natural that I would learn it."

That was the only natural thing. Still, Femradiel's lightning reflexes impressed Ryan and even Dracula. The vampire decided to capture her and let the other vampires join the fight, but he failed miserably. Instead of letting the failure bother him, Dracula decided to try something else. He increased the gravity around Ryan's body. His weight became so massive that flying became next to impossible, which even prevented Femradiel from blocking some blood projectiles. It would be a pain in the ass if Dracula could use that spell alongside Health Stealer, but for some reason, he couldn't. While Gravity was a pain in the ass, Ryan decided to make the most out of that situation and let Energy Conversion do its magic. It wasn't much, but the effects of the spell decreased.

You recovered sixty-five points of mana.

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While Ryan and Femradiel were being forced downward by the gravity, he decided to give her a hand in stopping the attacks of the other vampires. Their numbers were increasing fast since the fight was dragging out, and that was a problem. He opened his spatial storage with lightning speed and then fired two arrows of solidified light toward some of them. The projectile easily pierced and killed several of them, but the projectile lost its shape after just killing a few. The Light Solidification skill wasn't at a high level enough to withstand being used for long.

"We can use them to get rid of the small fries," Femradiel said as she watched the vampires turning into dust.

"We can't. I don't have that many of them," Ryan replied. "But that should be enough to keep them on their toes."

Once Ryan and Femradiel reached ground level, the other vampires joined Dracula to cast the Gravity that prevented those two from moving. That gave the king of the vampires the chance to do something else. Ryan and Femradiel tried to teleport nearby and prevent the attack. Still, when they did it, the spell became much more powerful, and they lost the chance of attacking. Ryan's bones began to crack, and Femradiel, who was at the top of Ryan's head, also was unable to lift even a single finger.

Both of them fell downward, but they prevented from hitting the ground and suffering even more damage. Without any other choice, Ryan decided to summon the copies of his Holy Crossbow. Still, his bolts lost power even before reaching Dracula... the vampires weren't using gravity on them. They were used from their location to where those two were. All in order to prevent their attacks and give Ryan enough time to prepare a big one.

Ryan and Femradiel couldn't help but sweat cold when they saw a sphere of dark energy growing bigger right above the king of the vampires. Unlike most elemental attacks, it was clear that anything made of darkness or light was much more powerful than any normal attack.

"What is your brilliant plan now, Ryan?" Femradiel asked.

"Sarcasm? Really? Now of all time?" Ryan asked.

"Of course, you can always avoid answering my question," Femradiel said.

Usually, Ryan would try to destroy the dark sphere with Lunar Arrow, but the barrier was standing in the way. His options were limited, and since increasing Darkness Resistance was a chance that Ryan had many times, he was considering taking the attack head-on. Still, his instincts were telling him that he wouldn't survive that one, not even for a couple of moments.

"Let's win this by relying on the power of friendship, Femradiel," Ryan said.

"... What are you saying now of all times?" Femradiel asked, showing a dubious expression on her face.

"Just create as much ice as possible to block the attack," Ryan replied. "If we work together, perhaps we can stop his attack. He can only use Mana Stealer when he is not using any other skill, so he can only rely on his mana pool, and his mana pool has a limit."

Femradiel understood what Ryan was planning when he began to create a massive wall of ice and was using INT potions at the same time. That whole plan will become a mess if Dracula's attack gets ready

only after five minutes. Still, both of them doubted that was the case since a lot of his mana was being used at every single moment.

In the blink of an eye, Femradiel and Ryan created a mountain of ice in front of them. Even Dracula couldn't help but frown at that. His attack was powerful, and it could destroy even his whole domain, but it wasn't absolute. When the possibility that those two could block the attack entered his mind, Dracula concluded that betting all his mana right now in a single attack didn't seem like a good idea. So, he fired the dark sphere of energy when it was as big as Ryan in his draconic form.

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Ryan clicked his tongue when he saw the motion that Dracula made. He was getting confident in his plan, but then that asshole made a mess out of everything. As the dark sphere flew, it made a sound that made Ryan sweat cold. It wasn't loud or anything, but it emitted an acute sound, as if it devoured everything in its path, being it oxygen or anything else. Maybe thanks to that, the dark sphere hit the ice mountain that Ryan and Femradiel created instantly.

Just as Ryan had imagined, the dark sphere consumed the ice as if it was a black hole. However, it wasn't that fast... probably because of the vast concentration of mana that Ryan and Femradiel put in there. The ice on the sides was completely ignored, so Ryan and Femradiel use Cryomancy together in order to make it surround the dark sphere. Both of them reached the same conclusion. The dark sphere was a concentration of energy that consumed everything, but it grew smaller every time it happened.

In the end, their hard work paid off. They blocked the attack with just enough room to create a massive fifty-meter-long spear with the remaining ice. Ryan fired the spear after activating Perfect Aim and Deadly Aim. Dracula tried to fly away from the projectile, but he failed and, in the end, he had to stop the massive spear with both hands. A lot of blood fell from his hands, but ultimately, the spear decreased in size until it disappeared. He absorbed the mana in it...

"How annoying..." Ryan said.

"It could be worse... if the other vampires could also steal your mana from a distance," Femradiel said.

Ryan couldn't help but wonder if he would try to fight like that even when thousands of enemies would try to steal his mana and health. But it would be weird that even normal vampires would have that

ability. Regardless, they will have to persevere for a while longer until the vampires run out of mana and they become unable to keep Ryan and Femradial on ground level. They will have to conserve their forces and then try to kill Dracula with a single attack, but to do that, they will need to come up with a plan after watching a little more of his skills.

Ryan imagined that Dracula would attack with another super powerful skill. Still, instead of that, he was just floating in the sky and watching them. That was weird... why not use the chance that his minions were giving him?

“I guess this is only natural,” Femradial said. “It would be weird if someone like him had an even more powerful attack than that dark sphere of energy.”

“I see... so he is trying to come up with a way to defeat us without relying on that since it is already obvious that we can counter it,” Ryan nodded.

“He is a hybrid fighter. He uses magic and physical attacks as well,” Femradial added. “So, the chances of him coming up with any complex strategy is quite low. That being said, we need to be careful.”

Instead of being careful, Ryan wanted to deal with him as soon as possible. The best moment to defeat someone is when they are hesitating or are confused. Dracula doesn't have a clear plan on how to defeat Ryan, so he couldn't find a more perfect moment. Besides, things will get messy if the fragments of Ryan's parents that Femradial felt a few days ago get involved in the battle. Ryan won't be able to keep his head cool while fighting them, after all.

If Ryan waits for two hours, the sun will help him, but he doubted that Dracula and his minions will just keep fighting. So, time was against both sides.

“I have an idea,” Femradial suddenly said. “If we succeed, we will be able to surprise all of them and create the perfect moment to slay him. However, this plan will only work once, so you will have to attack with all of your might once the chance appears.”

Femradial's plans usually were pretty good, so Ryan decided to hear her. As expected, it was very simple, but Ryan could easily see that working. So, he decided to bet everything on that.

When Dracula recovered from the shock of the failure, he tried to drain Ryan's mana as fast as he could and from a safe distance. Still, then he stopped when Femradiel suddenly disappeared. Dracula and his minions felt her presence right above them and almost touching the barrier and right in front of her, a massive ice hammer being swung toward Dracula. The vampires tried to stop her, but they weren't fast enough. Even Dracula failed at using Teleport on time, and in the end, he was hit by the hammer.

Dracula's body only moved a few meters downward, but that had been just enough for Ryan to grab him with both hands by surprise. When the vampires tried to stop Femradiel with gravity, they let Ryan free to move. The vampires increased the gravity on him again, and Dracula tried to free himself. At the same time, he drained his health, but in the end, he stopped when Ryan made several arrows made of sunlight appear right above Dracula. The arrows hit the creature's head, and then the monster began to burn, but not even that was enough to kill him. Ryan fired dozens of arrows, but the king of the vampires still was surviving. Even amidst the pain and agony, he still could steal Ryan's health and recover himself.

In the end, Ryan went as far as moving Dracula's head and then used the last arrows to damage him and then forcefully wound his mouth until he was forced to swallow one of them. Once that happened, Dracula trembled like a leaf and stopped struggling and using all of his skills. Still, the fight wasn't over. All of the vampires flew toward Ryan as if their lives depended on it.

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Before the vampires could do anything, Ryan bombarded them with a massive rain of holy arrows. Magic Bows, Rapid Shot, Arrow Showed, Firing Stance, Holy Enchantment... he used all of those skills to decimate hundreds of vampires and buy some time. While Dracula wasn't dead, he was almost there. Ryan just needed a few extra seconds... who bought those seconds was Femradiel, who suddenly showed up and used Niffelheim. The temperature decreased, and the closer they got to them, the more frozen they got.

Vampire Killer Crossbow (Heroic)

Effect: it grants you an additional of one hundred percent extra damage when fighting vampires.

Dexterity + 400, Intelligence + 200

Durability: 150/150

You received 166.098.788 coins.

Congratulations! You have reached the rank of the 20 strongest humans! Keep clearing dungeons and defeating monsters to raise your rank, and you might receive some nice rewards!

Current Rank: 17th

You obtained: Summon Zombie tome.

Weirdly enough, when Ryan turned Dracula into a crossbow, all the vampires around began to turn into dust. That was unexpected, as if that wasn't enough. Ryan didn't get a single coin, nor did they drop a single item.

"Ah, my spoils of war..." Ryan said.

"It is unbelievable that you are worried about spoils after such a difficult fight," Femradiel frowned. "It looks like Dracula had some bond with the other vampires... probably because he created them in the first place."

That seemed logical... but that doesn't explain the lack of other monsters inside the domain. After checking his few rewards, Ryan decided to hurry and check the interior of the domain. Still, he didn't find anyone or anything... for a while. After a few minutes, several types of monsters began to show up. Still, they didn't have any relation with Thanatos or Dracula.

"What is going on here?" Ryan asked.

"You could have asked Dracula if he were an elder god," Femradiel said.

Unlike Poseidon, who still existed inside the crossbow, Dracula couldn't talk, even though he was somewhat alive inside the crossbow. In any case, Ryan forgot to turn the Nordic warrior into a weapon, so it was hard to know if only elder gods could talk, even inside weapons.

"Come to think of it, maybe I should have turned Dracula into a whip," Ryan said with a hint of a smile on his face.

"Why?" Femradiel asked.

"You wouldn't understand," Ryan replied.

"True, your head works in weird ways most of the time," Femradiel nodded.

Ryan didn't have any argument to go against that, so he decided to focus on the task ahead. He found the crystal of the domain and obtained ownership over it. Once that happened, he noticed why things were so weird in that place. Instead of ordinary monsters, Dracula was summoning a creature called Bloody Parasite. Once the parasite enters anyone's body, the said person can turn into a vampire. The method was way too different if compared to mythology.

According to the description of the monster, it can also increase the power of its vessel exponentially by fighting and by drinking the blood of enemies. However, all that comes with a price, unless the vessel is strong, most of them don't resist the first few hours after the Transformation. As if that isn't enough, the vampire is bound by the will and life of the creator of the parasite.

"So, that's why..." Ryan said. "What a crappy monster."

"It seems Thanatos fooled us. I don't know if Dracula was working for him or if he made the fragments stop here..." Femradiel said. "Either way, he forced you to show some tricks that you had in store for him."

"Son of a bitch..." Ryan clenched his teeth in annoyance. "He is playing with me..."

"Well, don't feel too bad about it," Femradiel said and then whispered in Ryan's ears.

Ryan felt shivers when he heard Femradiel's voice from so close, to the point that he even jumped a little bit. That scared him for some odd reason.

"Did you... did you just feel a shiver?" Femradiel frowned.

"Sorry, you caught me off guard," Ryan said.

"Even so, your reaction was way too weird," Femradiel insisted.

"... Whatever, I guess I will summon some monsters to garrison this place," Ryan said.

"Don't try to change the subject!" Femradiel protested.

Since there were some dungeons in there, Ryan will have to stay in that domain for a while. In order to make things inside under control and to prevent trouble from outside. So, he might as well create another army of skeletons and golems.

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: Guardian, Fallen Archer, and Conjurer.

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

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Fallen Archer!

You obtained the following skills: Corrupt Arrow, Vengeance, and Corruption Storm.

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: Corrupt Arrow.

Effect: A special arrow that causes direct damage to the target's mana and stamina. The amount of damage caused will be equal to the level of the skill.

Cost: 100 mana.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Vengeance.

Effect: It passively increases your speed upon defeating targets that have killed your allies by one point while you keep fighting.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Corruption Storm.

Effect: it grants you the power to cause a storm of arrows that will cause massive damage in an area while decreasing the mana and stamina of your foes.

You obtained 01 status points.

Ryan nodded in satisfaction when he cleared the first dungeon he found inside the domain. It looked like his luck was coming around... meanwhile, Ryan felt Femradriel's gaze piercing his back.