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 In the end, Ryan's guesses were wrong. He found fifteen dungeons inside the domain, but almost all the others granted Ryan classes that he already had or sacrificed aside from the first one. Fortunately, the last dungeon that Ryan and Femradiel cleaned granted them a class they never found before.

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

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

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Fallen Knight!

You obtained the following skills: Unholy Sword, Unholy Spear, and Cursed Armor.

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: Unholy Sword.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon a sword that can only be used as a melee weapon that decreases the recovery of the opponents by one point per level and per hit for ten seconds.

Cost: 500 mana.

Duration: 300 seconds.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Unholy Spear.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon and fire a spear of dark energy that causes damage in an area and decreases their recovery by ten points per level for ten seconds.

Cost: 200 mana.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Cursed Armor.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon an armor that will protect you against curses and dark magic. It also grants you the power to reflect a certain amount of the physical damage received directed to the enemies.

Cost: 1000 mana.

Duration: 300 seconds.

You obtained 01 status points.

"How unexpected… that I would find this type of class here," Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "Is it a coincidence?"

If monsters could be weak against holy magic, it wouldn't be weird that some others would be weak against dark or unholy magic. Still, Ryan couldn't help but wonder if it was a coincidence that a dungeon granted those skills could be found there. Perhaps he was overthinking. After all, vampires couldn't obtain other classes.

"I guess now we just need to summon more monsters and then look for the next dungeon," Ryan said and then turned to face Femradiel. "Hey, Femradiel, can you… what? Why are you looking at me like that?"

"For no particular reason," Femradiel replied with a severe expression on her face.

"Can you look for another dungeon where we might find the path toward Thanatos' world?" Ryan asked.

"No," Femradiel replied.

"… Why?" Ryan asked after a long sigh.

"I wonder why…" Femradiel replied after she crossed her arms.

It was definitive, human hormones were affecting Femradiel's behavior. She was becoming even more complicated than ordinary female humans. At first, Ryan imagined that Femradiel's change in behavior was just on a whim to amuse herself, but it looked like that wasn't the case. Still, even though he didn't know the reasons, Ryan was deeply troubled.

"It seems you won't understand unless I say it clearly, so I will say it," Femradiel said. "Ryan, I like you."

"… I don't dislike you either," Ryan said and then raised a brofist. "We are bros, right?"

"Oh, please…" Femradiel said and then sighed again. "Don't you dare go off on the tangent."

"What? We are friends, right?" Ryan smiled since that was a pretty funny thing to do. "You are my best friend. It would be weird to say at this point in time that Furball is my best friend."

Ryan decided to stop joking around the very moment he saw that a vein was about to explode on Femradiel's forehead. He tried not to take things seriously, but now that was starting to annoy her too much.

"Let's not turn our partnership into something weird, Femradiel," Ryan said. "I mean, this is hardly the time since I am itching all over to kill Thanatos. Besides, you are my sister now, right? Or should it be my daughter?"

"··· What?" Femradiel asked with an astonished expression.

"You have my blood, so that makes us blood related, isn't that obvious?" Ryan asked.

"How in the hell would you conclude that?" Femradiel asked. "I only used your blood to obtain a human factor with this new body! There is not a single trace of your DNA on me!"

"Is that so…" Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully. "Well, not that it matters. Like I said, I can't spare a single thought on everything else right now. I will only focus on killing Thanatos."

"And after that?" Femradiel asked.

"After that, we can talk about what happened at Poseidon's castle and what made you change," Ryan replied. "Unless you give me a proper explanation of what happened there, I will only find your behavior suspicious. There you have it, if you want a proper answer about this issue, then you have to give me some as well."

"This issue… this issue!" Femradiel said angrily.

Once again, Ryan confirmed that human hormones were affecting Femradiel too much. He could count with the fingers of a single hand the number of times she got mad, and from Ryan's perspective, that was hardly one reason to get that pissed. It seemed like their roles changed, and now he was the absolute cold dragon.

In any case, Femradiel realized that what Ryan said was right. First, they have to deal with Thanatos, and then she will have to explain what happened to Poseidon's castle. Sincerity can only come in both ways of a relationship. Still, for some reason, Ryan was almost sure that Femradiel wouldn't talk about it for quite a while…

Class: Artemis' Disciple Lv 69 (+ 04 UP) / Frozen Spellcaster Lv 67 (+ 08 UP) / William Tell's Apprentice Lv 60 (+ 05 UP) (–)

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

Rank: 17th

Health: 12155/12155 (19,25/s)

Mana: 13525/13525 (19,25/s)

Stamina: 14200/14200 (19,25/s)

Strength: 881 (+1586) (+130)

Dexterity: 20770 (+8555) (+550)
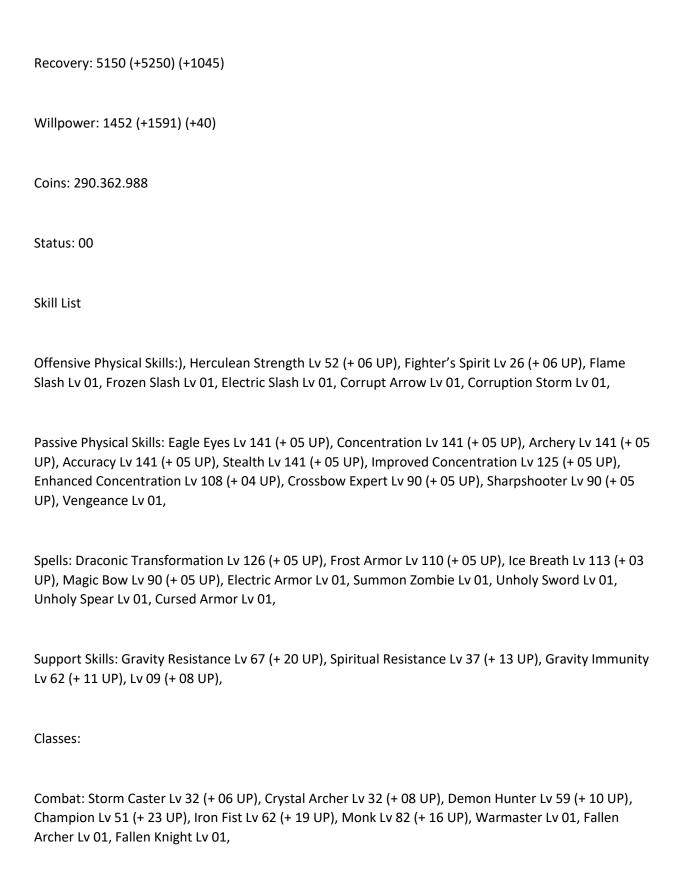
Speed: 1270 (+4460) (+48)

Intelligence: 1352 (+3334) (+33)

Endurance: 1398 (+1819) (+160)

Control: 1476 (+4410) (+10)

Mentality: 1452 (+1493) (+70)

Luck: 1080 (+260)

Recovery: 5150 (+5250) (+1045)

Willpower: 1452 (+1591) (+40)

Coins: 290.362.988

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills:), Herculean Strength Lv 52 (+ 06 UP), Fighter's Spirit Lv 26 (+ 06 UP), Flame Slash Lv 01, Frozen Slash Lv 01, Electric Slash Lv 01, Corrupt Arrow Lv 01, Corruption Storm Lv 01,

Passive Physical Skills: Eagle Eyes Lv 141 (+ 05 UP), Concentration Lv 141 (+ 05 UP), Archery Lv 141 (+ 05 UP), Accuracy Lv 141 (+ 05 UP), Stealth Lv 141 (+ 05 UP), Improved Concentration Lv 125 (+ 05 UP), Enhanced Concentration Lv 108 (+ 04 UP), Crossbow Expert Lv 90 (+ 05 UP), Sharpshooter Lv 90 (+ 05 UP), Vengeance Lv 01,

Spells: Draconic Transformation Lv 126 (+ 05 UP), Frost Armor Lv 110 (+ 05 UP), Ice Breath Lv 113 (+ 03 UP), Magic Bow Lv 90 (+ 05 UP), Electric Armor Lv 01, Summon Zombie Lv 01, Unholy Sword Lv 01, Unholy Spear Lv 01, Cursed Armor Lv 01,

Support Skills: Gravity Resistance Lv 67 (+ 20 UP), Spiritual Resistance Lv 37 (+ 13 UP), Gravity Immunity Lv 62 (+ 11 UP), Lv 09 (+ 08 UP),

Classes:

Combat: Storm Caster Lv 32 (+ 06 UP), Crystal Archer Lv 32 (+ 08 UP), Demon Hunter Lv 59 (+ 10 UP), Champion Lv 51 (+ 23 UP), Iron Fist Lv 62 (+ 19 UP), Monk Lv 82 (+ 16 UP), Warmaster Lv 01, Fallen Archer Lv 01, Fallen Knight Lv 01,

Non-Combatant: Support Archer Lv 28 (+ 06 UP), Transmuter Lv 14 (+ 03 UP),

Race: Centaur, Dragon, Kobold, Triton,

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After making sure that his new domain was well guarded, Ryan left it two days after defeating Dracula. The new domain was big enough. Since it had even more dungeons than the other one, Ryan was confident that it would bring Ryan a decent amount of income. Speaking of income, Ryan was wondering what he should buy with the coins that he had.

 "Any ideas about what I should buy, Femradiel?" Ryan asked.

"How about a new brain?" Femradiel asked.

"I didn't think you would need a new one so soon," Ryan shrugged.

"It is for you!" Femradiel shouted.

After checking the dungeon shop for a while, Ryan found some pretty interesting skills. Putting aside their cost in coins, their costs in mana was just insane.

Mind Creation Tome

Effect: It grants you the power to create a new mind on yourself or on others that can be used to do other things while the main mind is occupied. When this skill reaches higher levels, you can edit the new minds as you see fit.

Cost: 100.000 mana

Price: 250.000.000 coins.

Life Magic Tome

Effect: it grants you the power to give life to several types of things according to the level of the skill.

Cost: 50.000 mana

Price: 250.000.000

It was weird that the shop showed Ryan tomes that he could use only on draconic form since his mana pool increased exponentially in that form. Regardless, those skills seemed useful, as they seemed dangerous. It took Ryan quite a while for him to think of some ways to use those skills, probably because he wasn't that creative in the first place. In any case, it was that type of crazy skill that he needed to defeat Thanatos.

While those seemed pretty awesome, they would take a long time to be useful, and Ryan's creativity was also a limitation for them. Fortunately, Ryan found a skill that even someone as dumb as him could use well at low levels.

Word Creation Tome.

Effect: it grants you the power to create things by using a commanding voice. To create complex things, this skill will need to be at a higher level. The objects created also can only last for a while based on the level of the skill. The more complex the object, the more mana will be used to make it.

Price: 250.000.000 coins.

"This one seems interesting," Ryan said.

"Explain to me what type of thing you can create with this skill that you can't create using the other elements," Femradiel said.

"Let's see… how about this?" Ryan asked. "Steel grenade."

Ryan didn't hesitate in buying the tome and learning the skill. After that, he created one of those steel grenades that he used against the Reptilians. One that could explode after touching anything and then would fire dozens of needles in all directions.

"Although this is something that I can create with the skills I already had, it takes too much time," Ryan added. "As for what I couldn't create and now I can… Crystal Arrow."

In the end, a crystal arrow indeed appeared in front of Ryan. That certainly wasn't one thing he could create before. However, since the skill worked, Ryan realized he could, but he didn't find the right way to do it.

Ryan noticed that the arrow was strangely sharp. Even against his skin, it pierced quickly… almost as if it had no resistance. Maybe it was one of the effects of that type of material. The more challenging the target, the more damage it will cause. In any case, that consumed five hundred points of Ryan's mana and only lasted for ten seconds.

"Although it isn't absolute, this type of skill almost reaches a god-like level, since it can create things so fast and so easily," Femradiel said. "It is a pity that I can't be used to creating weapons."

Ryan realized that it was only natural since Ryan's creations couldn't last forever. Even if he uses Seal, Ryan doubted that it was a problem that could be solved so easily. Regardless, after a couple of hours, Ryan and Femradiel arrived at their domain and confirmed that things were the same as always. At that point in time, it looked like all the elder gods, dungeon masters, and demon generals were playing it by ear. They didn't want to expose themselves, even though they could show up on Earth, even though the vast majority of them will only be able to return in the following weeks.

"Despite his caution, Poseidon was too prideful and that is why he was the first to fall," Ryan said. "If he had stayed on his planet, he wouldn't have died… probably. Still, he decided to help his allies by taking his chances."

In any case, Ryan decided to resume research, but he had no idea where to go. Ryan and Femradiel had searched through most parts of the world, and unless Thanatos' dungeon is in some island in the middle of the ocean, the chances of his place being found were close to none. In the end, Ryan could only use

the Specters' dungeon, even though it was dangerous… since Thanatos would be waiting for Ryan to use that entrance to his world.

Before doing anything hastily, Ryan decided to take a break and come up with new types of attacks. Thanks to Word Creation, his options increased quite a lot, but Ryan couldn't wait that long in the end. Not when his parents' souls were under Thanatos' control.

In the end, Ryan decided to prepare using all the crazy ideas he had in just a few hours. The plan of killing the god of death from the Greek mythology was insane from the very beginning, so why not let the fight become even more chaotic by using those crazy ideas?

In order to be able to respond and react based on the enemy and Ryan's actions, Femradiel watched Ryan throughout those few hours of preparation. Although Ryan usually uses a lot more time to prepare, she still was confident in the ideas he had. Still, there was one problem: Ryan only focused on the offense.

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Before entering the dungeon, Ryan and Femradiel activated Mana Concealment. It wasn't weird that Femradiel could use the skill since she saw Ryan using it for many hours in the last few days. As soon as they touched the crystal, they were already ready for a fight, but much to their surprise, no one attacked as soon as they appeared.

"What is this place…" Ryan furrowed his eyebrows.

It didn't look like they were teleported to another planet. Both of them looked around and only saw what seemed to be a massive different dimension created with magic. There were no mountains, but there were many rocks of different sizes and shapes. It would make the travel on foot on that place incredibly challenging, physically speaking. It also would be hard to locate oneself in such a place since there were no clear landmarks.

The sky seemed like Earth's, but no star or cloud could be seen. Thanks to that, it looked pretty ominous, like a sea of darkness that could swallow anyone that stares too much into it.

"This is unexpected," Femradiel said. "I don't feel the presence of a domain. I guess Thanatos didn't imagine that anyone would invade his world to face him."

If that was true, that was something pretty good for them. The first dungeon master that Ryan had defeated also didn't have a barrier to protect its crystal. Still, the difference was that the enemy was a big slime. Either Thanatos was stupid like a slime, or he was pretty confident in his victory in that world.

"There is no moon here…" Ryan muttered. "Bastard, he probably knows that I caused a lot of damage on Poseidon by using Lunar Arrow. That was fast, considering that made me move around for the past few days."

"The opponent this time isn't underestimating you," Femradiel said. "In any case, I already marked this place, so we can leave without losing the only way out."

Ryan wasn't interested in leaving without Thanatos' head, but Femradiel did the right thing in the end. They began to fly around, trying to be as quiet as they could be while looking for any sign of Thanatos. Knowing how much elder gods liked castles, it was the first thing they looked for. Still, even though Ryan could see things dozens of kilometers away from him, he didn't find any sign of any type of buildings.

After a few hours, Ryan got sick and tired of looking. They didn't find a single thing aside from rocks and adding that atmosphere to the equation. It was no wonder that any sane person would feel pissed. It was like a world devoid of light and any warmth that slowly eats away the mind of those who arrive there.

"Something is off…" Femradiel said. "Even if this world is ridiculously massive, we should have been able to find something aside from these rocks… maybe we were caught under an illusion spell."

"Why would Thanatos use an illusion to play with us when we are in his world?" Ryan asked.

"Maybe he didn't… directly," Femradiel replied. "I am thinking that this place automatically casts an illusion to fool people like us. It is like a trap to slowly kill those who came here alive."

"That would make sense, since Thanatos was supposed to be the god of death, but I don't see my Illusion Resistance leveling up," Ryan replied.

"Your Gravity Resistance doesn't level up just by staying on Earth," Femradiel replied. "It is the same thing… Anyway, this is an illusion that messes with our senses, so if we cut our connection to this ambient, we should be able to cancel it."

"Mana Barrier might do that, but we won't be able to use Mana Concealment," Ryan replied.

"We don't have any other choice," Femradiel shrugged.

As usual, Ryan wanted to use the surprise factor to have the chance to attack first, but never mind finding Thanatos, he won't be able to find anything at that rate.

In the end, both of them deactivated Mana Concealment by using Mana Barrier. It took a few moments. Still, they eventually saw the space around them changing. At some point, they left the rocky region and found themselves flying above an ocean. They only noticed that because of the sound of the waves, since everything around them was completely dark.

"What a weird place…" Ryan said.

"My senses are working again, and it looks like Thanatos finally found us as well," Femradiel said and then pointed to their two o'clock. "He is in that direction… alongside a massive number of presences."

"My parents are there?" Ryan asked.

"It is hard to know, they might be within that massive number of presences," Femradiel replied. "I can only clearly feel Thanatos presence because it is crazy powerful and much more ominous than Poseidon. It seems a certain number of their soldiers are flying toward us… he isn't moving even a single bit."

"Despite what you said earlier, he is underestimating us through and through," Ryan clenched his fist as he said that.

"Let's just take this chance and decrease his forces as he tries to amuse himself against us," Femradiel said. "At this point in time, he already knows that you are a blockhead that won't retreat no matter what before freeing your parents' souls. So, he won't fight until the very end."

Ryan nodded after taking a deep breath. Thankfully, Femradiel was there to be the voice of reason in his head. Otherwise, he would have dashed to make Thanatos fall from his high horse at that very moment. For the good or the worse, Ryan's victory over Poseidon granted him a boost of confidence, and that was why he felt so compelled to fight Thanatos despite his title as the god of death. Confidence was one of the few things that Ryan lacked in the last year despite his actions, but everything in excess could be harmful. Even Ryan wasn't stubborn enough to deny that.

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Once they found some land, Ryan and Femradiel also found the first enemies. They were zombies made out of humans' souls again. While his parents weren't in that group, Ryan felt that some of them seemed familiar…

"That son of a bitch…" Ryan clenched his teeth in angel when he recognized a certain woman in that group.

It was Lucia, the leader of a group of survivors that fought alongside Ryan to clear Mephisto's dungeon. Her entire group was killed when Mephisto assumed the body of a magma demon and then used an attack that destroyed all life in a several kilometers range. Ryan escaped, but at that time, he lost both his legs.

The zombies fired hundreds of magic projectiles toward Ryan and Femradiel, but none of them hit them. Femradiel blocked all of them with an ice wall.

"Focus on attacking," Femradiel said.

Femradiel didn't have to say that twice. The very moment the ice wall appeared, Ryan had already summoned copies of his Holy Crossbow, and then he fired. Even in his human form, Ryan's attacks decimated the zombies. If Thanatos imagined that Ryan would hesitate in defeating them, he was dead wrong. However, Ryan still felt an annoying feeling in his chest when Lucia turned into dust.

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"This is what he is aiming for," Femradiel said. "That you get pissed and charge at him like a mad bull. He must be laughing at you right now."

Ryan knew that, but knowing didn't make things any easier. If anything, knowing that his enemy wanted to play dirty only made him even more annoyed. After defeating the first wave of enemies, Ryan and Femradiel moved toward the direction the zombies came from, but they eventually found another group. This time, Ryan didn't find anyone that he had met, but his blood began to boil anyway because the zombies this time were all kids.

"… I guess I can deal with them," Femradiel said after a long sigh. "Just focus on repelling the attacks."

For someone like Ryan, who always planned to become a teacher, attacking kids was something he couldn't do, even if they were zombies or his enemies. Thanatos really marked all the points of Ryan's life that could be useful to him when he read his mind a few months ago. He used his parents against him, the people he failed to protect, and those that didn't have the chance to protect themselves.

In the end, Femradiel was more logical than Ryan, so she froze all the zombies and killed them instantly. However, it seemed that such a strategy was a waste of time. As soon as they began to move again, they felt something approaching them from behind… It was Lucia and the first group.

"To think that he can revive the zombies so easily and from so far away…" Femradiel said, visibly surprised. "He is really planning to wear us out while he plays with us."

Defeating the zombies wasn't enough. Ryan and Femradiel had to seal them or at least make sure that they would be unable to move. While they could ice magic, it was too risky. If Thanatos could revive them from so far away, naturally, he also could free them if he so wishes for it. In the end, the only solution was to seal all the souls… and that will take a long while.

"What are we going to do, Ryan?" Femradiel asked. "We don't have time for this."

"We have, no matter how long this might take, I will defeat this asshole," Ryan said. "I will make sure that these people won't be tormented by him again."

Still, sealing all the souls will take a long while, even without considering the time he will need to forge new weapons. He had a few in-store, but it wasn't nearly enough for the number of zombies. Fortunately, Ryan had a certain idea.

"Focus on freezing them, Femradiel," Ryan said.

As usual, Femradiel has no idea what might happen when Ryan decides to improvise. As usual, she decided to trust him absolutely. Even though they were all humans who didn't have many chances to obtain classes, they still were pretty resistant to ice. So, Femradiel had a hard time freezing them. Just as Ryan expected, Thanatos watched all his fights and decided to come up with some countermeasures. Without ice, Femradiel's power was extremely limited.

However, before things could become messy. Ryan finished his preparations and knocked down dozens of zombies at the same time, and Femradiel couldn't help but frown at the weapon in his hands… It was an iron chain.

Due to the fact that the massively thick iron chains had been enchanted with holy magic, the zombies became unable to move when touched, so Ryan had the chance to Seal them.

Tormented Iron Chains

Effect: special chains made with the souls of those who had been used by the god of death. The souls imbued in this weapon can only find peace once this weapon serves its purpose. When used against enemies that can use dark and death magic, this weapon will cause fifty percent more damage.

Strength + 10, Dexterity +10

Durability: 30/30

The description was a bit weird, even though Ryan decided to use the weapon only for that. Perhaps the souls of those who had been tormented by Thanatos also wanted the same, which was why it had such effects. Still, while that impressive, the most fantastic thing on that weapon was that Ryan only enchanted a single link, and the more he enchants others, the more influential the weapon will become.

"Let's see if that asshole is crazy enough to keep sending zombies after us," Ryan said while smirking.

The chain was massive since Ryan wanted to use it on his Draconic form. Still, since it was a weapon, he decided to create using numerous souls. The durability was terrible. Unless Ryan seals hundreds of zombies in there, he won't achieve his goal.

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"I get the feeling that swinging around a chain doesn't suit you," Femradiel said.

After succeeding in sealing all the zombies that attacked them, Femradiel said that. In any case, the chain got pretty powerful after the souls of 123 humans were put there. Just as they expected, Thanatos stopped sending zombies after them once he realized what Ryan was planning. Since he arrived in that depressing world for the first time, Ryan felt like smiling while imagining Thanatos worried face.

"Did the presence that you felt earlier decreased in size?" Ryan asked.

"No," Femradiel replied.

That was weird… perhaps Thanatos wasn't planning to use the zombies to annoy Ryan while he approaches. Still, using them in the last fight seemed a bit risky. It wasn't like Ryan needed much time to seal several of them. Perhaps he was planning to break the chains before using them again. That was a pain in the ass, but Ryan decided to cover all the links with a thick layer of crystal. Each link was as big as him, so that cost him a few hours.

During the whole time that Ryan was working, Femradiel was meditating. It was weird since she didn't need mana. She doesn't look like someone who comes up with crazy plans for that kind of fight as well. So, Ryan couldn't help but wonder what she was thinking. In the end, she stopped the very moment Ryan finished his preparations.

After flying toward the right direction for a few more minutes, eventually, both of them finally found a single building standing in that depressing world. As expected, it was a castle. A castle not made of stone or anything similar… but a castle made with the same dark crystal that the zombies' weapons and armor had. It was a mysterious castle since the throne was located right in front of it. On the left side of the throne, Ryan saw a massive hole on the ground that Ryan felt shivers just by looking at it.

Sitting on the throne, Ryan and Femradiel found a man wearing dark crystal armor that emanated a purple glow. The man itself looked like a figure who came out from a painting. His whole body and face looked unnaturally well-designed. His dark hair was also shining like his armor. The most impressive thing about his appearance was the dark eyes, eyes dark like the sky of that world, and yet, there was that strange glow that made them look almost transparent.

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

Although he was wearing armor and his presence was powerful enough to make even Ryan sweat cold, he didn't have a weapon. As if that wasn't weird enough, there wasn't a single zombie around him. However, suddenly, all the remaining fragments of Ryan's parent's souls appeared. Then Thanatos smiled… before snapping his fingers and then making all of them explode.

Ryan's made went blank. Never has he felt so angry before. He never felt the wish to brutally murder someone like that. Not even Poseidon that captured Femradiel. When Ryan calmed down, he noticed

that Femradiel had stopped him with the chains he had made to defeat Thanatos. Thanks to her, he calmed down a little bit, but Ryan still felt like something inside his head might snap at any moment.

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Suddenly, the fragments resumed their physical form as if nothing had happened, but then Thanatos repeated the same tactic all over again. Those weren't the bodies of his parents. Still, just the idea that they might be suffering even a little bit by enduring that made Ryan's heart race in an irregular rhythm.

 "It is a trap, dumbass," Femradiel said. "Don't fall for it. Resist it and win the fight. This will be the best way to obtain your revenge. You are just enraged, but that doesn't mean you lost your brain."

 "You think that you can win?" Thanatos suddenly said, his voice was filled with contempt.

 "The real question should be: where can we do it?" Femradiel asked. "You lured us out here because you feared that you couldn't win a direct fight on Earth. Still, it is not like I can't understand you. After all, this will be a two on one fight. Someone like you wouldn't ask another elder god for help. For that same reason, you are trying so desperately to make him mad."

 "Your assumptions are interesting, dragon woman," Thanatos said. "I only did what I did for the fun of it. I didn't fight you guys on Earth because neither of my dungeons reached the max level, and I am not in a hurry."

 "Say what you want, but you are going down today," Femradiel said.

"Let's enjoy this moment for a while longer. It is not every day that I find a human being worth of killing," Thanatos smiled. "It is rare nowadays to find a newbie that can have skills with a high level of divinity and even has an extremely high level of corruption as well. Let me see what will happen if your vessel turns into a Cursed Dragon."

Even Femradiel couldn't help but get annoyed at this point. Forget being taken seriously, Thanatos reached a level where he was trying to experiment with Ryan just for the fun of it. Make a human who has draconic powers become as angry as possible and see what happens…

Before any of them could say anything, suddenly, a dark-red dragon appeared between them and Thanatos. Even Femradiel got caught off guard since the zombie dragon also looked like a cursed one. The creature screamed in anger and agony, and amidst all that noise, Ryan recognized that dragon… it was the first dragon that had a human partner that Ryan defeated.

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Although it was a fire dragon that could use powerful long-ranged attacks, the creature dashed at Ryan and Femradiel with its arms wide open and pointing toward Ryan's heart. Ryan recalled the words that Orgar told him once before… cursed dragons want power above anything else. They will do anything to obtain it. Even hunting other dragons to obtain dragon hearts…

When the creature got close enough, Ryan used Draconic Transformation and then punched the creature. His attack merely stopped the charge of the monster, and that was odd. According to his memories, the fire dragon was much weaker. According to his memories… It seemed like Thanatos played with those two souls after reviving them. Ryan killed them after they became a cursed dragon, after all.

The cursed dragon grabbed Ryan's arms and then put his legs on Ryan's chest in order to rip them apart. That was some crazy level of madness… Still, before the creature could finish its attack, Ryan fired the bolts of his Holy Crossbow on the face of the beast. At first, the monster tried to resist the attacks. Still, the creature, since it was a zombie and also was a cursed dragon, holy magic caused more damage than acid sulfuric could cause directly to its face.

The creature tried to run away, but now it was Ryan's turn to grab the monster's arm. He opened his mouth and used Ice Breath. This time, Ryan didn't cause much damage, but he slowed down the creature who was trying to run away. The cursed dragon also opened his mouth, but instead of the usual flames, black flames came out from its mouth.

Both draconic breaths collided, and the air in the area began to change. Ryan was magically more powerful, but the cursed factor on the fire dragon made its attack stronger. Ryan began to lose the trade, even though he still was bombarding the face of the monster. In the end, Ryan let the creature go and then teleported to high into the sky.

"This might take a while," Femradiel, who only watched the fight until now, said. "Still, you shouldn't rush. Use this chance to level up some classes."

"I already know that," Ryan said.

Ryan couldn't use the tactics he had prepared against Thanatos on the cursed dragon. Thanatos was making him fight against the cursed dragon to do precisely that, after all. In any case, it seemed that Femradiel didn't want to help for some reason. Maybe it was because the enemy was another dragon, or perhaps it was due to some other reason.

The cursed dragon suddenly charged toward Ryan again. Still, Ryan teleported and surprised the enemy by punching its face with six arms. This time, the enemy felt the attack since Ryan activated Concentrated Strike and also enchanted his arms with Holy Enchantment.

Before the monster could recover from the shock, Ryan teleported again and then punched the beast from behind. For a while, he played with the cursed dragon as if he was a volleyball. However, Ryan stopped when he felt an ominous presence behind him, and another cursed dragon showed up.

 "It seems one is not good enough for you, so I will duplicate your fun," Thanatos said.

Ryan clenched his teeth in annoyance. To think that Thanatos could revive cursed dragons that easily… or maybe he just has a stock of them. If there were many cursed dragons, Ryan and Femradiel should have met some, and yet they didn't. So, most likely, Thanatos took his time corrupting that one as well.

Soon Ryan came to learn that teleporting around wouldn't be useful against the second dragon because when he tried to attack the enemy from behind, he also moved away by teleporting. If he were to attack one of them carelessly, the other would use the chance to kill Ryan.

Both dragons flew toward Ryan at the same time, one decided to attack the front, and the other decided to attack his back. However, Ryan slowed down both of them by activating Niffelheim. The cold began to damage their bodies as it slowed them down. Ryan hurried to finish them off since that skill cost him a massive amount of mana, but before he could attack any of them, they opened their mouths and spit the dark flames again.

Ryan escaped by teleporting to above, but in the end, he also freed the enemies from the effects of Niflheim. As expected, fighting two cursed dragons won't be easy if he relies only on ordinary attacks. Ryan's impatience was growing since he wanted to fight Thanatos and deal with him once and for all.

In the end, Ryan took a deep breath to calm down. Nothing good would come by letting the blood rush to his head… if his attacks, even in his draconic form, weren't enough, he just had to improvise, and Ryan had a few ideas on how to do that already.

 After creating two massive Ice Spears, Ryan touched the projectiles and fired them at the cursed dragons. The creatures didn't even try to dodge the attacks, they only used their breath to melt the projectiles, and they succeeded. However, for some reason, they failed at making the ice turn into water and then steam. The water fell on them, and it began to burn their bodies.

Before they could recover from the shock, Ryan teleported toward the first dragon, who was screaming in agony while being burned by the holy water. Ryan had enchanted his spears with holy magic, and that was why even their breaths failed at stopping the liquid. Ryan grabbed the mouth of the first dragon and then forcefully opened it. The creature tried to use the Dark Fire Breath. Still, Ryan prevented it by firing multiple Acid Arrows that exploded in the monster's head, and then the creature was forced to swallow massive amounts of acid.

When the second dragon recovered from the surprise attack, the first was about to fall. The creature teleported to attack Ryan, but then it was almost split in half when suddenly, a massive dark sword appeared on Ryan's hands.

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Cursed Dragon Slayer

Effect: It grants you a ten percent bonus in attack damage when facing other dragons.

Strength + 650, Endurance + 420

Durability: 400/400

In the end, Ryan turned one of the cursed dragons into a massive dark sword. Still, he acted without thinking since he didn't have time. He ended up creating a big sword made of steel by using Word Creation. Still, the result wasn't so bad.

The remaining dragon even hesitated a little while looking at the dark sword on Ryan's hands, probably because he could tell that he was about to face the same destiny deep down.

Instead of wasting any time, Ryan dashed at the cursed dragon, the beast retreated. Still, in the end, it exploded even before Ryan could kill it. Ryan frowned while looking at Thanatos. He was making a bored expression for some reason. In any case, it looked like he was trying to give Ryan even more reasons to be killed by him.

"In the end, you can't expect much from a mad dog," Thanatos said. "Still, you have my congratulations for making two cursed dragons look so stupid. Are you sure you don't want to become one? I am sure you will become much more impressive than them."
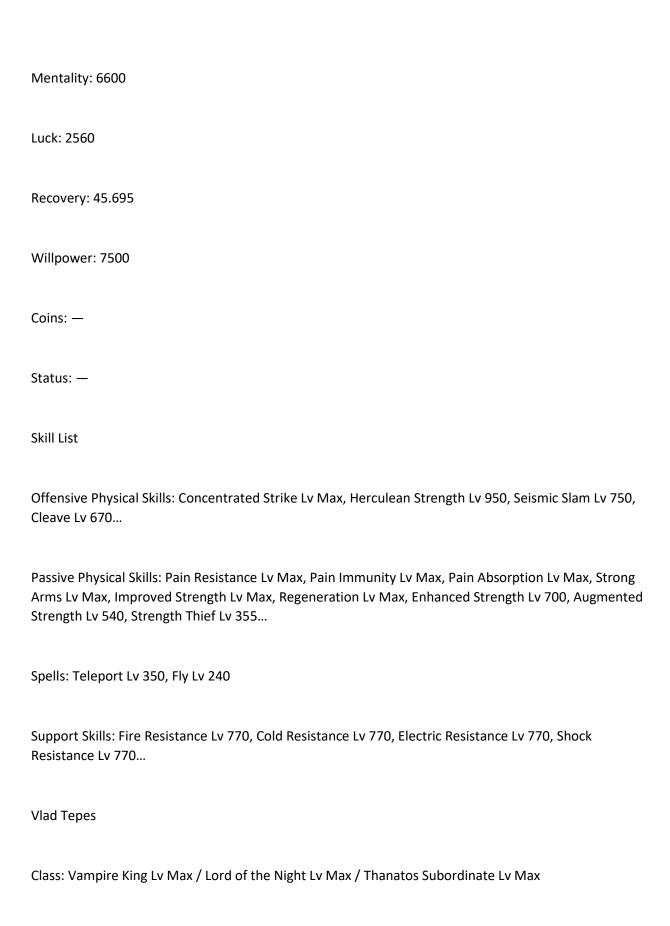
"Go to hell," Ryan said.

"I have visited there once, it was a pretty boring place, so I have no reason to return," Thanatos said. "From my perspective, the Greek underworld is much more interesting. Instead of putting all the damned souls in a single place, we divide them into circles. For each type of sin, you humans have followed most. For foolish and greedy humans like you, the fourth circle is perfect. Being crushed by all eternity by your own greed."

"You are welcome to try to send me there," Ryan said.

"Not yet," Thanatos said. "The fun has just begun. As I told you, it is hard to find a worthy human killing, and even though I like this place, it is difficult to find entertainment. In any case, it is about time to make you face some others a bit smarter than you."

Ryan and Femradiel couldn't help but be paralyzed in shock when he saw two figures appearing in front of Thanatos. Ryan knew them very well since he faced them recently.

Alfur

Class: Nordic Hero Lv Max / Immortal Lv Max / Tainted Berserker Lv Max

Race: Zombie

Rank: —

Health: 237.982/237.982

Mana: 103.580/103.580

Stamina: 174.730/174.730

Strength: 22.320

Dexterity: 4560

Speed: 7820

Intelligence: 2566

Endurance: 25.630

Control: 3230

Mentality: 6600

Luck: 2560

Recovery: 45.695

Willpower: 7500

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Concentrated Strike Lv Max, Herculean Strength Lv 950, Seismic Slam Lv 750, Cleave Lv 670…

Passive Physical Skills: Pain Resistance Lv Max, Pain Immunity Lv Max, Pain Absorption Lv Max, Strong Arms Lv Max, Improved Strength Lv Max, Regeneration Lv Max, Enhanced Strength Lv 700, Augmented Strength Lv 540, Strength Thief Lv 355…

Spells: Teleport Lv 350, Fly Lv 240

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 770, Cold Resistance Lv 770, Electric Resistance Lv 770, Shock Resistance Lv 770…

Vlad Tepes

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

Race: Zombie

Rank: —

Health: 131.963/131.963

Mana: 185.580/185.580

Stamina: 36.730/36.730

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: —

Status: —

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…

When Ryan used Appraisal, he confirmed that the summoned guardians lost their status as humans and even obtained some extra power thanks to Thanatos. He couldn't recall their attributes exactly. Still, he was one hundred percent sure that their health, mana, and stamina have increased at least by thirty percent.

 "This should make things more interesting; don't you agree?" Thanatos asked while smiling. "It is rare to find such souls nowadays. The human race isn't any more a species that creates such warriors."

Ryan clenched his teeth while looking at those two. Not only they grew stronger, but Ryan also could tell by looking in their eyes that they weren't ordinary zombies. Their eyes were filled with anger and grudge… Most likely, Thanatos offered them a chance to revive and face Ryan once again. He didn't brainwash them to turn into mindless creatures that follow every single of his orders without thinking.

Still, in a way, that made them even more dangerous. Ryan and Femradiel defeated them once, but only one at a time. Their chances this time were… rather small.

"It looks like we did well in trying to fight Thanatos at this point in time," Femradiel said. "Later in the game, things could have become much messier if he had the opportunity to summon others like them."

While that seemed logical, for some reason, Ryan felt that in the end, nothing would change all that much from Thanatos' perspective. Since he was much more powerful than them, summoning more or fewer creatures like those two wouldn't change things from him. At least according to the face he was making. If Ryan and Femradiel were to have trouble dealing with them again, their chances of defeating Thanatos would be extremely low.

Alfur began to fly toward Ryan while Dracula began to steal his mana. As expected, they wouldn't fight mindlessly. While taking his time seemed like a bad idea, Ryan decided to do exactly what they wanted for some odd reason. When Alfur attacked him, Ryan used Shapeshifting. He blocked his advance with two arms and then attacked him with four others. Unfortunately, he didn't cause much damage, even though he had used Holy Enchantment.

Chapter 708

It didn't take long for Ryan to feel worried about his mana. Since Dracula was focused only on stealing it, his speed was insane. Still, attacking him while ignoring Alfur wasn't a good idea. While Ryan was expecting an opening, he couldn't help but wonder… How come Dracula was summoned as a zombie, but Poseidon wasn't? Although that seemed a bit crazy, it wouldn't be weird if Thanatos could turn him into a zombie if he had the chance to do so. Both of their souls had been sealed in weapons, so that didn't make any sense. Unless…

"Hey, Femradiel," Ryan said. "How come Thanatos managed to summon Dracula as a zombie?"

"I have a few hypotheses, but… all of them seemed a bit crazy," Femradiel replied. "The true Dracula still is sealed inside that crossbow, but that one was brought back as a zombie anyway… by using the memories of his vampires. A lot of them died, so it wouldn't be weird if Thanatos used their souls to do that."

Thanatos was the god of death, so it wouldn't be weird if he had that kind of ability, but considering that, what were their chances of defeating someone who can make people join his zombie army like that? Regardless, even if Femradiel was right… Why did Thanatos not do the same with Poseidon? Probably because even his powers have limits…

Eventually, Ryan's pool reached the bottom, and he was unable to keep Shapeshifting active. His mana recovery was only enough to keep him flying, and even Dracula couldn't make him fall. Unless he uses his Gravity again… Still, Ryan decided to fight on ground level.

As soon as Ryan landed, Alfur landed as well, and he used that chance to use the power of his legs to charge at him. Thanks to his physical strength, the difference of his charge while flying and while on the ground were leagues away from one another. Even in his draconic form, Ryan was pushed dozens of meters with a single body slam, and the bones of his arms began to crack when he protected himself against them. Thanatos couldn't help but frown at that behavior since he knew how resourceful Ryan was.

Alfur decided to charge at Ryan again, and this time Dracula decided to focus on stealing his health. Even though Ryan had a massive amount of health with his draconic form, he wouldn't only last for a second or so if Dracula tries his best. Still, Ryan didn't show any concern.

 When Alfur attacked Ryan with another body slam, he was greeted with a powerful punch. The Nordic warrior couldn't help but smile as he heard Ryan's bones cracking, but in the end, he didn't see a single drop of blood falling, nor did he saw a single wound on Ryan's right hand. All thanks to his Vampirism and Bloodthirsty. Thanks to his increased strength in draconic form, Ryan recovered a massive amount of health. This amount would take a while even for Dracula to steal.

"So, that is how it is…" Thanatos muttered under his breath.

Alfur wouldn't retreat and just wait for Dracula to finish the job, and Dracula wouldn't get in Alfur's way. Ryan knew that, and it was using it against them. Still, that would only let things stay at a stalemate. Unless Ryan decides to use one of his crazy ideas.

Thanatos waited and waited for Ryan to show one of those tricks, but he didn't do anything. He only attacked when Alfur attacked, and he didn't hesitate even when the sound of his bones cracking echoed in the area. That was odd, but what was really bizarre was the fact that Femradiel wasn't helping, and Ryan wasn't using his arrows or any long-ranged attacks. Ryan did that for exactly five minutes, and then he smirked.

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

Congratulations! You received the class Hercules' Descendant. You learned the skills: Nemean Rage, Semi-Divinity, and Hercules' Valor. Your dexterity and stamina have increased and will increase by ten points whenever this class level up. Your health, mana, speed, and control have increased and will increase by five points whenever this class level up.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Nemean Rage.

Effect: It increases all of your physical attributes by one hundred points per level and per second when active.

Cost: 500 health, 500 mana, and 500 stamina per second.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Semi-Divinity.

Effect: It decreases the effect of attacks that possess a high level of divinity by a percentage and one thousand points of damage per second.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Hercules' Valor.

Effect: It completely nullifies the negative effects of beings who don't possess any divinity against you.

Cost: 200 mana per second.

You obtained 01 status points.

"Mmm, I guess this will do," Ryan said.

Ryan's presence changed, and Thanatos couldn't help but frown when he felt that the human in front of him suddenly gained a decent amount of divinity. That wasn't supposed to be possible… Humans shouldn't be able to gain that kind of power. While Thanatos could tell that Ryan had some skills that could cause damage to elder gods, he imagined that his level of divinity was for being close to a relic or something the like.

"How is this possible?" Thanatos asked in shock.

That level of power still was laughable, but if humans could gain that power just by fighting, then… they were far greater of a threat than Thanatos had assumed. While Thanatos was in shock, Ryan activated Nemean Rage. While the bonus in his attributes was small, he made Alfur fly over dozens of meters with a single punch. That wasn't something he should be able to do. Was it due to his newfound power or a change in his attitude? No one could tell.

Chapter 709

Thanatos decided that it was time to stop playing. However, when he got up from his throne, an ice meteor suddenly fell from the sky and hit him. He was so focused on Ryan that he didn't notice Femradiel's attack. Still, the attack barely caused any damage. It only made Thanatos being enveloped in a small prison for a single second. However, when he freed himself, Femradiel dropped another ice meteor on him.

"It seems that he decided that he had enough," Femradiel said. "I am holding him back, but I won't be able to do so for long."

"All right, I will end things here quickly," Ryan said and then activated all his buffs.

Without thinking twice, Ryan used Teleport and appeared behind Dracula. Before the vampire could do anything, he grabbed him with both arms and covered his whole body. Ryan immediately noticed that his health and mana stopped from being stolen. While Dracula could use the short distance version of

that skill, he had to attack to work, and for the health and mana to be stolen at a distance, he had to look at the target. It was a pity that Ryan didn't notice that in their first fight.

Alfur dashed toward Ryan, but he was stopped by four arms. This time, even Alfur was almost crushed on the ground with a single combination of Ryan's four arms. Before the nordic warrior could react, Ryan bombarded him with punches enchanted with holy magic on the ground. The zombie didn't have any chance to react, and much sooner than Ryan predicted, the creature was half dead.

Berserker's Crossbow

Effect: it grants you the chance to steal five points of strength of the target per bolt for a short period of time. The effect can last ten seconds, and the countdown resets whenever you hit the same target.

Dexterity + 350, Speed + 350

Durability: 200/200

The new weapon was much better than Ryan predicted, so he quickly stored it away in his spatial storage. The last thing that he needed was to give Thanatos the chance to steal it. Soon after, Ryan opened his hands, and Dracula finally had some chance to breathe. Still, in the end, he was bombarded by twenty magic copies of the vampire killer. The weapons easily defeated the creature, and Ryan also sealed that new soul in the weapon. Fake it or not, his crossbow suddenly grew two times stronger.

When Ryan turned around, he saw Thanatos standing and watching him in silence. Even before he could put the asshole in his place, the smile disappeared from his face, and now the god of death was serious. Ryan imagined that he would kill the fragments of his parent's souls a few more times before he could get serious, but it looked like that wouldn't happen.

"How did you change the system?" Thanatos asked.

"The hell are you talking about?" Ryan asked.

"You just increase your level of divinity without doing anything or even absorbing the relic you used to kill Poseidon," Thanatos said. "The only explanation is that you found a way to cheat the system. Not even the elder gods can change their divinity level."

Ryan frowned after hearing that Thanatos was assuming a lot of things. First of all, he didn't use any relics to kill Poseidon. Most likely, since he saw that Ryan had Chronos' Ring, he assumed someone gave him a relic to weaken some elder gods. In any case, maybe Ryan should use that opportunity to plant some doubts in Thanatos' head. Ryan wanted to sweep the floor with his face, but he couldn't let the blood rush to his head. Unfortunately, he had no idea how he could Thanatos either…

"You are saying that despite the system, humans have a limit," Ryan said. "You said that, but you sound like the elder gods didn't have any participation in the creation of the system."

"You are correct, we didn't create it, but we had access since the very beginning," Thanatos replied. "We tried to customize the system, but no one succeeded. Few humans in the past had access to it as well, but now with our return, it looks like all of them can use it. Despite some obvious limitations. Tell me what you did or who did it, and I will release your parents' souls."

That was really weird… Why was Thanatos so interested in that subject? His power over death was nearly absolute, and he wanted even more?

"One of the few things that the elder gods share is the objective to know how to custom the system. Once we obtain that power, we will be able to truly know about the creation of the universe and the one who created the system," Thanatos added. "Give us that information, and I will assure you that all of your crimes against the elder gods will be forgiven."

In the end, not even the elder gods had all the answers. That was only obvious. If they had, Ryan wouldn't be alive at such a moment. Poseidon would have defeated him. In any case, the current Earth sure was a weird place… while humans were struggling to survive and some of them were joining the elder god's side, those individuals had their own agendas. Earth domination seemed more like a game to pass the time from Thanatos's perspective. At least, that was what Ryan was thinking. Still, even that seemed a bit odd. If that were the case, Poseidon wouldn't have played so hard… perhaps, they are thinking that they are going to find something on Earth on their return after so long.

"I am not interested in helping an asshole like you," Ryan said. "I will free my parents with my own hands, and you will regret using their souls and many others just to piss me off."

In the end, Thanatos just sighed. He looked pretty disappointed for some reason… in any case, a dark-purple scythe suddenly appeared on his right hand, and then before he could notice anything, Ryan saw one of his arms falling.

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Ryan couldn't help but freeze in shock due to that lightning-speed attack. It was so fast that he only felt the pain once his arm fell on the ground. Even in his draconic form, it looked like he didn't have any chances of protecting himself against Thanatos' attacks. Regardless, Femradiel acted fast enough before Ryan could lose too much blood, grabbing the arm using ice magic and then healing it after attaching it back to its original place.

Before Ryan could even sigh in relief when the pain disappeared. Both of his arms began to fall once again. At that point in time, there was no denying it… Thanatos was much more powerful than they had predicted. If they didn't know any better, they would have said that his attack was instantaneous and he could damage anything that he could see.

Before Femradiel could heal Ryan's arms again. She felt shivers and then activated the Mana Barrier. Soon after, her barrier began to suffer damage, but then it stopped when she moved away a little bit and then was hidden behind Ryan's head.

"It looks like he can attack anything directly just by seeing the target," Femradiel said. "I guess it is a part of his god of death powers… he can kill anything just by thinking."

Femradiel was strangely calm despite the fact that Thanatos' power was crazy stupid and almost didn't make any sense. All in all, Thanatos could damage all things in his field of vision, perhaps his field of vision wasn't the limit, and he could do that even by using Clairvoyance. That certainly was the most god-like ability Ryan had seen so far. Still, even Thanatos wasn't all-powerful. He couldn't damage Femradiel without seeing her, and skills like Mana Barrier could get in the way as well.

Ryan activated Mana Barrier and then teleported to the right behind Thanatos before punching him. However, his mana suddenly decreased to a dangerous level even though Thanatos wasn't looking at him directly. Ryan couldn't even understand the reason for that, but if he had to guess, he would say that the closer he is to something, the faster Thanatos can kill it.

Ryan used Teleport to move away from him and tried to keep his distance, and confirmed that Thanatos caused a lot less damage to his Mana Barrier. Even so, it looked like his power as a death god had a minimal amount of damage that he could cause.

"It seems your plan to recover your energy in a close fight won't work," Femradiel said. "We will have to use the usual strategy of relying on potions."

After sighing, Ryan summoned his Magic Bows and activated Vital Hunter. However, when he tried to bombard Thanatos, his projectiles were destroyed. Everything in Thanatos' line of sight would be destroyed. Ryan summoned a Hydra's Bow and then pointed upward and then fired. However, after a few seconds, the massive arrow still fell right above Thanatos… but it was destroyed, and Thanatos didn't even have to look at it. There was no mistaking it. Thanatos' presence alone could cause damage to anything that approaches him. He just has to wish for it.

Femradiel helped Ryan with mana and DEX potions. Still, even though his power increased, the projectiles didn't get closer than fifty meters from Thanatos. Ryan decided to approach Thanatos again, but this time he flew while using Ice Breath. His attack almost hid his entire body from the god of death. Still, Thanatos' power completely nullified the effects of Ice Breath. That tactic wasn't going to work…

"Mmm?" Thanatos frowned.

Thanatos finally realized that Ryan used the blood that he lost on the first attacks to surprise Thanatos. However, when the small pool of blood was ten meters behind him, he suddenly turned around. Then the pool of blood was completely destroyed.

"Shit… it seems he has some skill that warns him of danger," Ryan clicked his tongue in annoyance.

Still, at least that made Ryan notice something. Thanatos could only cause damage to things that he was aware of. If he doesn't know that an attack is coming, Thanatos can't destroy it. Ryan bombarded Thanatos with his Spiritualist's Crossbow. Amidst it, Ryan used the Mirage Crossbow and his power to fire invisible bolts. However, not even those hit Thanatos.

"Try to keep him busy for a while," Femradiel said via Telepathy. "I want to try something."

It looked like it was time for Ryan to see Femradiel do something unexpected without knowing what it was. Usually, that was something he often does. Still, in the end, Ryan decided to give Femradiel the chance to do whatever he wants. He won't feel satisfied unless he kills Thanatos himself, but in the end, Ryan couldn't let his pride get in the way of his goal: free his parents' souls.

Ryan began to fly around Thanatos' castle, hoping that it would decrease the damage on his mana pool, but that wasn't working. In the end, he decided to use fire against fire. Still, upon noticing that it could cause problems for Femradiel's plans, Ryan decided to hold it back for a while.

Thanatos wasn't feeling like taking Femradiel and Ryan seriously, so he didn't move from his spot and only looked around to damage them. Suddenly, a massive ice spear coming from the sky fell on Thanatos. The speed and attack of that projectile couldn't be compared to the Ice Meteors. In the end, it completely blocked Thanatos' field of vision.

In the the last moment, Ryan couldn't help but frown when he saw Thanatos stopping the projectile with his spear. He wasn't struggling, but it was the first time he used his weapon to do something in that fight.

"We will need big attacks like that if we want to cause any real damage," Femradiel said. "Unfortunately, an attack like that once a minute is the best I can do."

"Not a problem, we will manage," Ryan said. "Somehow…"

The difficulty was increasing by the minute since, little by little, Ryan and Femradiel were discovering Thanatos' true power.

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Thanatos looked pretty pissed when he was forced to use his scythe to block Femradiel's attack, but he didn't change his attack pattern in the end. He just waited patiently for Ryan to run out of potions, just to prove how much superior he was in all aspects. In any case, Ryan decided to use Thanatos' plans against him, and he already had a few ideas on how to do that.

Suddenly, Thanatos felt something touching his left eye. The discomfort suddenly increased, and the discomfort turned into pain. When he used his left hand to check what happened, Thanatos felt his hand suffering some damage. That wasn't supposed to be possible. The enemy in front of him shouldn't be able to use near-instantaneous attacks. Could it be that Ryan kept that skill hidden despite the difficult fights he had to endure in the last few days? Once again, Thanatos was forced to reevaluate the threats that humans could be.

"Shit, this isn't causing much damage," Ryan said upon noticing just a few scratches on Thanatos' left hand.

He wasn't even bleeding even though Ryan used one hundred thousand coins in just a few seconds. It looked like Power of Money was similar to Thanatos' attack. Still, the difference in quality between them was like heaven and Earth, not to mention, Thanatos could cause direct damage without using a single point of mana.

"That attack doesn't have any divinity level on it, so it won't cause much damage," Femradiel said. "If only we could control that kind of energy… it should be possible considering that he was worried about your sudden power up."

"Any ideas on how to do it?" Ryan asked.

"None," Femradiel replied.

"Then, don't bring up the possibility in the first place…" Ryan said and then sighed.

It was a bit risky, but Ryan decided to use his next plan. He landed on the ground and then undid his transformation. Soon after, Ryan activated the skill: Plagiarism.

You successfully copied the skill: Death Manipulation Lv 19.

Cost: 5000 mana per second

Ryan didn't waste time and activated the skill, and by doing so, he forced Thanatos' to raise his hand and then block the wave of concentrated attack that Ryan fired at him. He used all his mana to do that since Ryan knew that he wouldn't have any other chance like that, but in the end, Thanatos felt the danger for his life and then blocked it. However, not even Thanatos was immune to his own skill. His left hand began to bleed profoundly, and he stared at it for quite a while. That gave Ryan the chance to recover some of his mana and even reuse Draconic Transformation.

Something in Thanatos' eyes changed after that attack. It looked like he didn't imagine Ryan would make him bleed at some point. Still, Ryan couldn't feel anger coming from him. That made Ryan frown. Considering that Thanatos played around for quite a lot until now, he imagined that any real damage caused would enrage him.

"How?" Thanatos asked. "Explain to me how you managed to copy my technique."

"I don't feel like it," Ryan replied.

That seemed like a waste of time. Why would Ryan explain the skill he obtained after clearing a tier two dungeon? It seemed that Thanatos wanted to mess with him in an odd way. Of course, he knew the skill that Ryan used. There was no real reason he wouldn't know. Still, the look of confusion in Thanatos' eyes made Ryan wonder if that was really an act.

"Where did you obtain such power?" Thanatos asked.

"Is this guy serious?" Ryan asked Femradiel.

"Weirdly enough, I think he is…" Femradiel said. "He even stopped attacking you."

Ryan already knew that the elder gods weren't all-powerful. Still, it looked like their knowledge about the system was seriously lacking as well, even though they had been using it for thousands of years. Still, after considering that, Ryan couldn't help but wonder… Do humans have access to certain features that they don't have? When one thinks about it, one can easily realize that the difference in power between elder gods and humans was massive. So, how come Ryan managed to defeat Poseidon, who had the opportunity to polish his skills for thousands of years? Lunar Arrow played a major role in that, just like Draconic Transformation, but were those enough to make a human defeat an elder god? Perhaps Ryan's

ingenuity and persistence also played a major role, but... not even himself was one hundred percent sure of it.

"No matter, once I kill you, I will turn into a zombie and then reaccess your memories," Thanatos said. "I will force you to give the answers I am looking for. Perhaps you don't know anything that I want, but perhaps you know and don't realize."

The atmosphere changed after Thanatos declared that. He disappeared from Ryan's field of vision and then appeared behind him. However, instead of attacking Ryan, he grabbed Femradiel by the neck.

"Let's get rid of this dirty worm first," Thanatos said.

Thanatos' proximity weakened Ryan and Femradiel's Mana Barrier, but Ryan turned around to counterattack despite that. Unfortunately, he wasn't fast enough, and Thanatos snapped her neck and threw her body aside like a ragtag doll. Something inside Ryan's snapped, and then his vision was covered by darkness. Thanatos also noticed that Ryan's presence changed, but Ryan's fists bashed him downward before he could react. Thanatos was caught off guard by the sudden increase of power and speed, but he couldn't have imagined that Ryan had just started and that he wasn't going to stop any time soon...

Class: Artemis' Disciple Lv 73 (+ 04 UP) / Frozen Spellcaster Lv 75 (+ 08 UP) / William Tell's Apprentice Lv 64 (+ 04 UP) (–)

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

Rank: 17th

Health: 12855/12855 (19,25/s)

Mana: 13925/13925 (19,25/s)

Stamina: 148600/14860 (19,25/s)

Strength: 881 (+1986) (+130)

Dexterity: 21023 (+8855) (+550)

Speed: 1270 (+4760) (+48)

Intelligence: 1352 (+3534) (+33)

Endurance: 1398 (+2419) (+160)

Control: 1476 (+4710) (+10)

Mentality: 1452 (+1793) (+70)

Luck: 1080 (+260)

Recovery: 5150 (+5250) (+1045)

Willpower: 1452 (+1891) (+40)

Coins: 43.256.236

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Herculean Strength Lv 52 (+ 06 UP), Fighter's Spirit Lv 46 (+ 06 UP), Nemean Rage Lv 13 (+ 12 UP),

Passive Physical Skills: Eagle Eyes Lv 143 (+ 02 UP), Concentration Lv 143 (+ 02 UP), Archery Lv 143 (+ 02 UP), Accuracy Lv 143 (+ 02 UP), Stealth Lv 143 (+ 02 UP), Pain Resistance Lv 69 (+ 12 UP), Semi-Divinity Lv 01,

Spells: Draconic Transformation Lv 136 (+ 05 UP), Frost Armor Lv 110 (+ 05 UP), Ice Breath Lv 123 (+ 03 UP), Vampirism Lv 25 (+ 08 UP), Word Creation Lv 19 (+ 18 UP), Hercules' Valor Lv 01,

Support Skills: Fear Resistance Lv 26 (+ 03 UP),

Classes:

Combat: Storm Caster Lv 38 (+ 06 UP), Crystal Archer Lv 32 (+ 08 UP), Hercules' Descendant Lv 04 (+ 03 UP), Corsair Lv 36 (+ 04 UP), High Priest Lv 36, (+ 03 UP) Dark Knight Lv 39 (+ 05 UP), Cleric Lv 38 (+ 07 UP), Brawler Lv 60 (+ 12 UP), Death Knight Lv 24 (+ 05 UP)

Non-Combatant: Trickster Lv 25 (+ 01 UP), Transmuter Lv 14 (+ 03 UP),

Race: Centaur, Dragon, Kobold, Triton,

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Thanatos hit the ground and then stayed there for a few moments. That caught him off guard, and the attack hurt quite a bit. That was surprising since the only thing was arms made of only bones.

"HAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAARRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRRGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGGHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH!"

Ryan's howl made the entire area tremble, and his body completely turned dark. He turned into a cursed dragon much faster than Thanatos had predicted. If he had known that killing Femradiel was the easiest way to make him lose his mind, he would have done it a long time ago. However, instead of being satisfied, Thanatos was confused. When Ryan's arms approached his body, it took the full force of Thanatos' Death Manipulation, to the point where every single trace of life vanished, leaving only bones behind, but now… after being enveloped by a dark aura, his arms were back to normal.

"As expected, there is something different about him compared to the others…" Thanatos furrowed his eyebrows.

Thanatos assumed an offensive stance the very moment Ryan flew toward him. Even his speed increased exponentially, thanks to it, faster than an eye could blink, Ryan attacked the place Thanatos had been standing a moment before. Thanatos jumped backward and escaped the attack. Still, he was close enough to see his Death Manipulation eat away the flesh on Ryan's body. That happened, but only for a brief moment. The corruption around Ryan's body began to emit a miasma that covered his whole body like an armor. His body was suffering damage, but Thanatos won't be able to kill him with his presence alone.

"Amidst his range, how can he control his corruption like that?" Thanatos asked. "… Let's see if that can stop him."

Thanatos tried to use Summon Zombie on Femradiel's body, but much to his surprise, the skill didn't work. That was a first, and he finally realized that he couldn't sense her soul anywhere. It was almost like she hadn't died, but that should be impossible. Thanatos couldn't feel any presence coming from her body.

Thanatos reacted too slowly thanks to the surprise when Ryan dashed at him, he almost touched his body and ripped his flesh apart, but his spear stopped the attack. However, the next moment, the dark aura around Ryan's body dashed forward as it had a will on its own to devour Thanatos as a whole. Thanatos' sliced it with his scythe and easily split it in half. Still, then the dark aura attached itself again and enveloped his scythe. Before anything could happen with his weapon, Thanatos teleported away from Ryan.

"Even my scythe that can show the true might of my powers wasn't enough to kill that… it isn't a living being," Thanatos frowned. "It is just a mass of dark thoughts. Is he just an ordinary cursed dragon?"

Ryan looked around and finally found Thanatos. He then opened his mouth and used his Dark Ice Breath. Thanatos furrowed his eyebrows once again when he felt that smell… that was dangerous. Thanatos teleported to high in the sky to analyze the effects of the attack. In the end, he found a small mountain that was created by the breath… a mountain of dark ice. The ice was so powerful that it didn't emit any cold. It was just the absolute cold of outer space… Ryan managed to fire an attack that emulated the total lack of heat and made it even more powerful thanks to the corruption in his body. Thanatos knew someone who could do the exact thing, and that someone was Hades, the Greek god of the underworld. One of the few elder gods that Thanatos respected and considered a friend.

In any case, Thanatos realized that he won't go anywhere relying on his power as a god of death alone. When he tried to cause damage on Ryan, he immediately found him. He protected himself with the miasma while he flew toward Thanatos.

Thanatos raised his scythe, and then the atmosphere changed on the dark hole that was one left side of his throne. Numerous purple shadows emerged and then flew toward Ryan. As if causing death wasn't enough, he even used the souls of the dead to torment Ryan. They entered his body and tried to pull him down by screaming as they tried to touch his soul. Ryan's speed decreased a little, but in the end, Thanatos and his souls weren't fast enough. When Ryan tried to slash him apart with his claws again, Thanatos was forced to protect himself. He couldn't do those things at the same time.

Thanatos tried to buy some time by teleporting too far away. Still, Ryan immediately found him whenever a new soul entered his body. Despite his madness, his instincts and skills still were there.

"He is by far the strongest cursed dragon I have ever fought," Thanatos muttered as he tried to escape Ryan just by flying.

As if that wasn't enough, even though Ryan was using the miasma and the corruption to protect himself, it didn't seem like the energy was getting weaker. It looked almost like his rage was endless… which gave Thanatos an idea. While he was flying around his castle, he pointed his scythe toward Ryan, and then a dark-red energy began to leave his body and gather at the point of his scythe. Thanatos was manipulating Ryan's anger with Anger Manipulation. Perhaps by doing so, he will gather enough energy to put him down with a single strike.

It didn't take long for a massive sphere of red and dark energy flying above Thanatos' Spear to form. Still, even Thanatos was having a hard time controlling all that energy since Ryan was directing all his fury toward him. In the end, Thanatos decided to use it instead of gathering more energy. He teleported to behind Ryan and then swung his spear toward him. Still, before he could finish the swing, his hands were suddenly enveloped by ice, and that stopped him.

"I can't let you do that," Femradiel said.

Femradiel bought just enough time for Ryan to turn around and then blast the sphere of hatred with his own Dark Ice Breath. The two attacks collided, causing an explosion that made the entire world tremble.

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When the massive curtain of dust caused by the explosion disappeared, one could see a deeply wounded massive dragon trembling on the ground trying to stand up, and a few hundred meters away from Ryan, one could also see Thanatos standing. However, he also suffered severe damage. He had lost his right arm, thanks to that, and he was holding his scythe with his left hand.

"I knew you were a dragon that originally made a pact with him, but I assumed that you were free from the pact when you assumed a human form," Thanatos said.

"Most people would think that, right?" Femradiel asked. "That was one of the reasons why I chose a human body but didn't end the pact. It is a bit different from you people, but I obtained my own immortality like this."

"Pretty smart, but that won't work twice," Thanatos said.

Even Thanatos couldn't heal a lost arm so quickly, at least not by using his mana alone. Rebuilding a human body and a god's body was different, after all. Still, he easily solved the problem by raising his scythe. After doing that, numerous souls coming from that hole showed up and entered Thanatos' body. Once that happened, his lost arm began to grow at an astonishingly fast pace.

"This is bad… he was damaged by that much corruption and still can heal himself like that," Femradiel said. "Hey, Ryan, it is time to wake up. You are too old to let your anger control you."

Femradiel was inside Ryan since her body sustained critical damage, but she couldn't talk to Ryan even there. In fact, she felt like she was inside an unfamiliar body. When she is usually inside Ryan, she can perceive things from his perspective, and she feels like she is on a cold island. While it wasn't that welcoming, she was used to desolate environment since she was an ice dragon. However, now Femradiel couldn't see anything inside Ryan. She was in a dark vortex of pure hatred.

Despite saying that, Femradiel didn't notice any response was coming from Ryan. Just like before, the corruption was spreading around his body and healing his wounds. While that was convenient, it wasn't natural. How come such a vast amount of dark energy that is supposed to destroy the minds and make

their vessels go crazy could do that? It was obvious that it wasn't healing Ryan by normal means. Another reason why Femradiel assumed that was that she couldn't use much mana while she was there.

"What a troublesome fellow," Thanatos said as he massaged his shoulders after healing himself completely. "Now, I will have to destroy his soul after obtaining the information that I want. I can't let a human who manages to wound me at this point exist in any plan of existence."

Although he said that in a calm manner, Femradiel could tell that Thanatos wasn't joking, nor was he calm. She needed to make Ryan wake up, but that didn't seem like a good idea either. None of Ryan's plans would be that useful against Thanatos. He only survived until now because the corruption made him much stronger.

In the end, Ryan flew toward Thanatos again. Femradiel's words weren't reaching him. This time, Thanatos dashed toward Ryan as well and swung his scythe to stop his charge. He actually succeeded but didn't stop there. When Ryan opened his mouth to fire another breath, Thanatos suddenly hit his head by making a small meteor fall on Ryan's head. Even his control over other elements was pretty good. Still, Ryan soon recovered from the attack.

Thanatos sighed. That human was causing far too many problems for him. Using the tactic to steal his rage might calm him down and even undo the effects of corruption, but Thanatos would need some time, and perhaps the last thing will repeat itself again. That wasn't good. Besides, Thanatos wanted to kill him and then bring him back as a zombie in that form. So, using Anger Manipulation wouldn't help this time.

Thanatos suddenly made a few small meteors fall on Ryan's head to stun him and then used that chance to move away. When Ryan recovered, Thanatos had already disappeared in that dark sky and then began his preparations. While holding his scythe with both hands, Thanatos began to focus all the power of his Death Manipulation on the blade. A single attack like that was the only thing he could use to kill Ryan completely while making sure that the corruption won't protect or heal him.

Eventually, Thanatos gathered so much energy that his scythe began to emit a weird sound. Almost like a scream of thousands of souls screaming in agony. It has been a while since he fought seriously like that, but with that much power, he was one hundred percent sure he will split Ryan in half from head to toe.

When Thanatos began to fly toward him, Ryan's instincts alerted him of the danger, and he found the enemy. Just like before, Ryan charged at him like a mad dog, but this time Femradiel noticed that things

would be different. Even without her body, she could feel shivers just by looking at the shadow around Thanatos' scythe, forgetting about enduring the hit. She was sure that Ryan would be split in half in his Draconic form.

"Wake up, Ryan!" Femradiel shouted.

In the end, there was no response, not even when to steal his mana. Nothing changed. However, at that moment, she noticed that she had access to Ryan's mana pool again. She couldn't understand the reason, but it was probably because Thanatos used Ryan's anger against him. Either way, it didn't matter. In the last moment, Femradiel accessed Ryan's spatial storage and then summoned Poseidon's trident. Even Thanatos was caught off guard when he saw the weapon firing toward him alongside Ryan. Retreating now would make him lose momentum, and any attack that Ryan uses will make the energy in his scythe dissipate. Without any other choice, Thanatos decided to split both of them in half.

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In the last moment, Femradiel increased the firing speed of Poseidon's trident by activating Ryan's Perfect Aim and Deadly Aim. As if that wasn't enough, she also used all her mana to cover it with ice. Much to her surprise, when the trident hit Thanatos' scythe, it wasn't split in half. It actually made his scythe move backward and made him lose some of the momentum.

Something inside Ryan changed at that moment. Instead of using his arms, he opened his mouth and then used the Dark Ice Breath. Another explosion occurred, and once again, that entire world began to tremble.

When Femradiel woke up, she saw a red sky above her. Somehow, the impact made her lose consciousness. Not, it was the massive explosion of mana… regardless, the sky wasn't only red. It was also making lightning bolts like raindrops. It was the same thing that happened when Ryan and Poseidon fought.

"Ouch, ouch… what the hell happened?" Ryan asked.

Femradiel finally realized that she was inside Ryan in his human form. Although his body was a mess, full of fractures and covered in blood, he was alive and completely sane.

"Somehow, you finally woke up, huh," Femradiel said. "Did you sleep well, sleeping beauty?"

"The hell are you talking about? We were fighting Thanatos. I wouldn't have time to…" Ryan said, and then he felt a massive headache. "Ugh, my head is killing me… anyway. Are we on the same planet? This looks more hellish than that depressing world."

In the end, before Ryan and Femradiel could talk for a while longer, they suddenly felt Thanatos presence approaching. It was different from before, and this time they could feel his anger. Still, he sure was taking his time approaching.

When they saw Thanatos, they couldn't believe their eyes. Thanatos was holding his scythe and Poseidon's trident. However, he looked as beat down as Ryan. One could see with their own eyes the wounds in his body healing, but it was too slow considering the level of power of Thanatos. As if that wasn't enough, his wounds were emanating a weird miasma.

"Now you have done it…" Thanatos said. "To think that a human would make me look like this… I will use your words: you won't have a peaceful death; I will deny you of that relief. You will be my stress relief toy for all eternity."

"Free me from this, Thanatos," Poseidon suddenly said. "Grant me a temporary body, and I will help you."

"Shut up," Thanatos said. "Who needs help to crush a single worm?"

Femradiel began to use mana potions on Ryan's body in order to build enough mana to repair her body and return. Even though he said that she didn't want to give any chances for them to team up, that would be that worst-case scenario. In any case, it was really weird that Poseidon could communicate with the outside world using his trident. Ryan and Femradiel never felt his presence while the weapon was in their hands…

"Hey, Femradiel," Ryan said. "Why does that asshole look so beat up? Who was the motherfucker who interfered in my fight?"

"I will explain later, first focus on defeating him while you can," Femradiel replied. "His wounds aren't healing fast enough for some reason, so this is the perfect chance to kill him."

Ryan was confused and angry, but in the end, he ended up following Femradiel's advice. He always does it lately. Regardless, after using Draconic Transformation, Ryan felt the anger inside him growing, and he became lightheaded. He also noticed that the blue scales became details on his body, and now he was mostly covered in dark scales. That seemed like trouble, but in the end, it was trouble for later.

Ryan didn't charge mindlessly like before. Instead of that, he fired with his magic bows. Thana easily deflected them as he swung his scythe and flew toward Ryan. That was odd. He wasn't using his powers as the god of death for some reason. Still, despite his wounds, he was much faster than Ryan.

When Thanatos got close enough to slice Ryan's throat, he found a thick Ice Armor blocking his path. Ryan used all his mana to block that single attack, all in order for him to finally have the chance to use some of the things he prepared for the fight. At that distance, Ryan summoned from his spatial storage dozens of crystal arrows. Thanatos blocked them, but some arrows made of solidified sunlight still flew toward Thanatos after they broke. They hit him, and his body began to emit steam. It seemed he disliked sunlight as well…

The damage caused made Thanatos tremble, so Ryan and Femradiel used that chance to recover the trident. They covered Thanatos's left side with ice with all their might and then pulled away from the weapon. Much to their surprise, Thanatos didn't even resist.

 "Thanatos, you bastard…" Poseidon said.

 "Be thankful that I didn't leave you behind," Thanatos said, looking completely calm. "Elder gods like you always looked down on elder gods like me who lived in places like the underworld. Besides, I don't want to defeat a handicapped human, and there wouldn't be any meaning in doing that."

It seemed that despite all that fight, Thanatos still didn't want to leave his pride go. When Ryan stored Poseidon's trident away, Thanatos swung his spear. Even though Ryan was so far away, he still felt the danger for his life. It was almost equal to the sensation he had when Thanatos used Death Manipulation to cause damage instantly and from a safe distance. However, the attack was now much more concentrated.

Ryan and Femradiel created a massive Ice Wall in front of him, and Ryan also put his arms in front of his pace. Still, the ice wall was easily destroyed, and the scales on his body were easily cut. Ryan began to bleed deeply from his arms. As if that wasn't troublesome enough, Thanatos was already preparing another swing.

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Ryan teleported to behind Thanatos in order to make him miss the attack, but in the end, even before Ryan could punch him, his left shoulder was split wide open. Femradiel healed Ryan, but it will take a while longer and a few more tries to close the wound completely.

In the end, Thanatos didn't even have to worry about aiming while using his Death Manipulation. Healing himself will take too long. Preventing the attack was also impossible. So, Ryan decided to go all out while clenching his teeth.

Ryan summoned his magic bows and fired them. For some reason, Thanatos jumped to the side to avoid them. Most likely, the wounds on his body were preventing him from using his powers like before. In any case, Ryan will have to accept some risks in order to win that fight.

"Femradiel, focus on healing me and using STR potions," Ryan said.

"All right," Femradiel said.

Although Femradiel said that, she knew that her support wouldn't be enough. Ryan teleported toward Thanatos and used his arms to punch him. At first, he ignored it since that was a risky attack and Ryan could lose both arms, but that didn't stop Ryan. He punched Thanatos in the face, even when a massive wound on his right was opened from the hand to his shoulder. Fortunately, Ryan used Vampirism and Bloodthirsty to heal himself. While that didn't solve all the problems, it made Ryan close his wound a little bit.

Thanatos clicked his tongue since the attack caused more damage than expected. As if that wasn't enough, Ryan bombarded his enemy with magic copies of the Berserker's Crossbow. This time, while he was flying, thanks to the punch, Thanatos got hit by them.

Before he could land, Thanatos swung his scythe again while aiming at Ryan's right arm. Ryan ignored it and sacrificed his main arm to punch Thanatos with all his might… or so that was what he made him think. Ryan grabbed Thanatos' body, and before he could react, he smashed his enemy against the ground with all his might. Thanatos didn't have the chance to swing his scythe in that situation, but he managed to activate that aura where his Death Manipulation could damage anything around him. Ryan's left hand began to lose all of its flesh due to Death Manipulation, but in the end, Ryan already had reached his goal: he touched his blood.

 Ryan moved away from Thanatos and then used Blood Manipulation to prevent Thanatos from moving for a short amount of time. Thanatos used Death Manipulation to destroy the blood he had lost, but he didn't do it fast enough in the end. A massive arrow of solidified light fell on Thanatos, and for a brief moment, the sunlight bathed that whole world.

Ryan and Femradiel used that brief moment to heal his wounds, but in the end, Ryan couldn't help but sigh. Thanatos didn't die, and while his body was covered in wounds, blood, and burn marks, he wasn't going down with only that much. That was obvious after seeing the glint in his eyes.

"I lost five arrows creating that arrow, damn it…" Ryan said and then sighed.

Although Ryan couldn't recall the moments where he had gone mad, it didn't mean that his body forgot the tiredness of those moments. He was exhausted, and while the idea of running away didn't even cross his mind, his concentration still was wavering.

"Try to use Ice Breath and then get a bit angry," Femradiel said.

 "What?" Ryan asked. "Rage doesn't work while using magic attacks."

 "Just do it," Femradiel said.

In the end, Ryan decided to follow Femradiel's advice. Thanatos was taking his time, so why not? Ryan didn't have any better idea, after all. Ryan faked a punch and then teleported, but in the end, he opened his mouth while recalling all the feelings he felt when he saw the fragments of his parents being killed by Thanatos. In the end, he got lightheaded again, but his Ice Breath froze everything in front of him, including Thanatos.

Ryan became even more surprised when he saw that the ice was dark. It wasn't because that world lacked light. Even his Ice Breath was emitting the same miasma that was leaving Thanatos' body.

"My eyes…" Ryan muttered as he sweated cold while he saw shadows covering his eyesight.

"Just calm down a little bit and should become better," Femradiel said. "Hurry up and finish Thanatos. Even this ice won't hold him back for long."

Little by little, the ice created by the Dark Ice Breath was cracking. Even without being able to move, Thanatos could destroy it by using Death Manipulation. Still, it was surprising from Ryan's perspective that he could do that. It wasn't the same thing, but Ryan also created some ordinary arrows with arrowheads made of sunlight, he made hundreds of them and then summoned them from his spatial storage. However, before he could fire them, Thanatos used the last trick up his sleeve. He summoned all fragments of Ryan's parents' souls and made them attack him at the same time.

"I was wondering when this asshole was going to use them…" Ryan muttered while he was forced to move back from the prison made of dark ice.

"I got this," Femradiel said. "I didn't stay out of this battle for so long for nothing."

After declaring that, Femradiel dropped some Ice Spears on the fragments. Those were special projectiles, they didn't cause any damage, but they froze the fragments completely. It seemed like she was learning from Ryan that having more than a few backup plans for each situation was pretty good.

Eventually, Thanatos freed himself, but before he could try to protect himself or escape, he was bombarded by the arrowheads made of light. Thanatos was unable to resist in any way after the first attack hit him. It was weird that the god of death was that weak to sunlight, but in the end, it made sense since Ryan heard in the few lessons about Greek mythology that sunlight never reached the underworld. His presence grew weaker and weaker, but before it could disappear completely. Ryan sealed Thanatos' soul in a crossbow.

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Absolute Death Crossbow (Mythological) (Cursed)

Effect: A weapon forged using the spirit of an elder god. Due to the power of the spirit used, the weapon is cursed, and its owner will have to endure the voice of the fallen elder god while holding the weapon. When using the crossbow, you can cause ten percent more damage against elder gods. At the cost of five hundred points of mana, it grants you the power to damage any enemy that you can see. The damage caused will be equal to your dexterity, and other skills and equipment can't affect the damage caused. This crossbow doesn't fire projectiles, but certain skills can block the damage.

Dexterity + 2400, Intelligence + 600, Speed + 600

Durability: 1200/1200

You obtained 296.475.777 coins.

Congratulations! For defeating Thanatos, you have become a Level one Death Lord!

You obtained the following skills: Death Sense, Soul Manipulation, and Soul Armor.

All of your statuses have increased and will increase by one hundred points once this class levels up.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Death Sense.

Effect: It grants the power to sense when you are about to be attacked by an attack that most likely will you. For each level of this skill, you will be alerted of the danger 0.1 seconds before the attack.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Soul Manipulation.

Effect: It grants the power to control the souls of the creatures you killed and use them to heal yourself or curse your enemies.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Soul Armor.

Effect: It grants you the power to use souls to create an armor that will protect you against all kinds of attacks, with the exception of divine or corrupt attacks.

You obtained 01 status points.

"To think that I would be defeated by a human…" Thanatos muttered. "I have brought shame to the name of the elder gods."

"You weren't the first," Ryan said. "Still, you weren't defeated by a single human. You lost to a human and… a troublesome female dragon."

"While I am happy to receive my credits, your words still annoy me," Femradiel said.

"Still, to think that I would receive a class by defeating Thanatos as well," Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. "This system is starting to make me doubt many things…"

"What? You obtained a class just by defeating me?" Thanatos asked, visibly surprised. "I knew that something was off with you…"

Ryan decided to ignore Thanatos since his surprise was anything but worrisome. It looked like that kind of thing was unexpected, even from an elder god's perspective. Regardless, that was trouble for another time. Ryan still had to free the souls of his parents.

Hunter's Heart

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

Dexterity + 1000, intelligence + 1000.

Durability: 500/500

Sorcerer's Soul (03%)

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

Dexterity + 1000, intelligence + 1000.

Durability: 500/500

"I am sorry for taking it so long to free you both," Ryan closed his eyes and then smiled while he was holding both crossbows. "Once this all is over, and I am sure that no one will be able to torment you, I will free you both."

Mission accomplished, and Ryan finally felt that the fighting he has been doing over the course of the year finally had some meaning. After healing his wounds, Ryan helped Femradiel fix her body and then return. It was kind of weird to use a body that died a few hours ago, but in the end, neither of them was bound by common sense.

Thanatos' Scythe

Effect: it grants you the power to look for the souls of the fallen to bring them back to life and fight as your minions.

Intelligence + 7.000, Strength + 7.000, Speed + 7.000, Dexterity + 7.000 Willpower + 7.000, Recovery + 7.000

(Only the god of death can use this weapon to its utmost limits.)

Durability: 10.000/ 10.000

In the end, everything happened all over again. Ryan gained one hell of a weapon that had some crazy restrictions. Still, storing it and trying to use it later was better than nothing.

"Let's leave this shit hole," Ryan said.

While they were flying toward the portal, Femradiel told Ryan what happened. The things that happened while he was being controlled by anger and hatred.

"So, in the end, Thanatos tried to use his anger against me, and that worked in my favor to decrease the effects of the corruption on my mind?" Ryan asked.

"That is my theory anyway," Femradiel replied. "Still, you are not entirely free from the corruption. Your vision was getting blurred because the anger was taking your mind again, and that was why your Ice Breath changed and became strong enough to damage even Thanatos. You reached a level of corruption that even affected Thanatos' body… I guess that proves that not only divinity can cause damage to the elder gods. Anyway, to think that you would become that mad for me… I knew that you wouldn't resist my charms for so long."

"Don't flatter yourself…" Ryan said and then sighed. "I would have become enraged if I had seen any of my friends being killed in front of me."

"Not that you have many," Femradiel said.

"Quality over quantity," Ryan said.

"Try to say that while showing your collection of crossbows," Femradiel shrugged.

It was hard to win an argument with Femradiel since she was much more intelligent than him. Regardless, at least that conversation made Ryan relax a little bit. He needed that since his head was filled with anger in the last few days.

"So, what is the next goal?" Femradiel asked.

"Relax as much as possible while gathering some intel," Ryan replied.

"Intel about what?" Femradiel asked.

"About why according to Thanatos, humans have access to certain features of the system that they don't have," Ryan replied. "Well, maybe they have, but since they never killed each other, they didn't know about it. I doubt that we will find some answers any time soon, but anything can be useful. At some point in time, we will have all the pieces of this puzzle."

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When Ryan and Femradiel returned to their domain, they found things in the same way they left. It was surprising given that they spend more or less two days in Thanatos' world. It was a pity that Ryan didn't obtain control over his domain, but not everything was bad news. Now the specters dungeon could reach the max level, and Ryan didn't have to worry about their leader invading his turf.

"Whatever, I am tired of worrying about their lack of action," Ryan said.

"It seems you returned from a pretty crazy adventure," Isis suddenly said.

"Why can't we have a single moment of peace alone?" Femradiel asked and then sighed.

"My apologies, if I am getting in the way of something, I can talk with you two later," Isis said. "I just wanted to confirm what you did in Thanatos' world and inform you of a few things about the lack of actions coming from the elder gods."

"It is fine, we are listening," Ryan said. "The plan was to look for intel while relaxing and there is nothing more relaxing than obtaining information for free."

"Not quite, we will be exchanging information here," Isis said. "Your smell changed once again... you have Thanatos' scent into you... as the scent of corruption. May I ask what happened and why you went to face Thanatos without asking for help?"

"It was due to some personal matters," Ryan replied.

Ryan decided to explain what happened in Thanatos' world. He had no reason not to since Isis was going to answer one of the things that have been bothering him quite a lot lately. Ryan also learned that he began to smell like them by defeating Poseidon and Thanatos, probably because of the classes and the weapons he obtained. That smell wasn't coming from his body but from his mana pool.

"Some of us assumed that we could obtain the power of other elder gods by defeating them, but we didn't imagine humans could as well," Isis said. "It is weaker inside you, but it seems it is growing steadily."

"That means someday I will become as good as controlling the seas and death just like Poseidon and Thanatos?" Ryan asked.

"It is possible, I guess," Isis replied. "I don't know for sure what will happen once a human made of flesh bones obtains that much power. Still, you should be fine since you stink like corruption, but you still are sane."

"Stink like corruption?" Ryan frowned.

"It is another figure of speech..." Isis replied. "At this point in time, there is no point in denying since you used that to defeat Thanatos, but corruption is kind of poisonous to us and we can detect it pretty easily since we hate it. Anyway, only a few creatures managed to cause trouble to us by relying on corruption and not a single one of them managed to recover themselves from that state. I wonder if it is because of your level of divinity, or if it is because you have a small portion of Poseidon's power."

"We can talk about those possibilities later, I want to know about the information you came to give me," Ryan said.

"All right… thanks to your friend, Alissa, the elder gods decided to focus their attention on a certain planet," Isis said. "She inherited many skills of the dragon she was working with, many skills and some valuable knowledge. After dealing with the dragons of a certain planet, she learned how to read their words. Her powers for some reason increased manifold once she learned that and then found a portal to another world that was being used by some elder gods. It is a world that had many dragons' centuries ago, but the elder gods defeated them and now are using them to strengthen their soldiers and to mine a certain magical ore."

"Another type of magical ore?" Ryan frowned.

"That is right, it is called mithril, and it is two levels above Elunium and Oridecon," Isis replied. "It is a magic ore that only appears in worlds that have massive levels of mana, or many inhabitants that have that. I assume it is about to show up on Earth thanks to people like you, but finding it might take a while. Mithril can turn into absurd powerful weapons or pieces of armor since it is basically an ore that appears when concentrations of mana gather in a single place. Even elder gods want as much as they do of that ore. Speaking of which, Thanatos' Scythe and Poseidon Trident are made of mithril."

"Really? It doesn't look like that," Ryan said.

"Since it is an item that enhances magic powers, that would explain why Poseidon managed to communicate with Thanatos," Isis said. "After being used by them for thousands of years, those weapons absorbed so much of their mana, that they even absorbed their wills and copied a part of their souls."

That was irrelevant, but the fact that mithril was the metal that created those god-like weapons was a valuable piece of information. After all, according to Femradiel, those weapons withstood being in the center of massive explosions that made the entire world tremble. It was no wonder the elder gods wanted that ore… perhaps the demon generals were also involved.

"Who are the elder gods directly involved in that world?" Ryan asked.

"Well, that is a difficult question," Isis replied. "Perhaps less than twenty elder gods have direct access to that world, but the vast majority are standing by to help in case Alissa causes something that will break the balance of power between those twenty. They are working together to obtain the mithril for themselves, but their real allies might help if a fight breaks out."

"All of them?" Ryan frowned. "It is not surprising that mithril is that rare, but… how many planets are out there again? Considering that and how long-lived the elder gods are, I imagined they could have found more than a few since the age of gods."

"We found, but we lost those worlds," Isis replied. "As I said, everyone is willing to fight to obtain mithril, and considering your experience fighting Poseidon and Thanatos, you can imagine what might happen to the planet when three or four elder gods decide to fight."

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Total annihilation… It looks like the elder gods destroyed many worlds while they fought against themselves over mithril. Alissa probably isn't interested in mithril, but it wouldn't be weird if she decides to pick a fight with those elder gods to rescue the dragons of that world. Just like the elder gods, they are probably one of the more knowledgeable creatures in the cosmos, and they might have the answers that Alissa wants.

"After hearing this, what is your plan?" Isis asked.

"I owe Alissa quite a bit, but I am not sure I can do anything or that she wants my help," Ryan replied. "First of all, the only way I know to follow her is by asking that friend of hers in China and he definitely won't cooperate. Do you have any access to that world?"

"No, they set up a barrier to prevent elder gods from finding," Isis replied. "Seth is one of them, so the chances of me obtaining access to travel there is close to none. Unfortunately, I don't think you will find his real base by using that dungeon near mine in this country. He isn't that careless."

"What about Athena and Loki?" Ryan asked.

"I don't believe Loki has any interest in mining for mithril, instead of that, he would rather fool someone to obtain it," Isis replied. "As for Athena, she was the one who informed me of this situation, and since she didn't mention anything about going to that planet…"

"I guess this is it then, I can't do anything for Alissa," Ryan shrugged.

"Aren't you giving up too soon?" Femradiel asked.

"I am not giving up, I am just recognizing that I can't do anything right now for her," Ryan said. "Anyway, is there any news about her becoming a cursed dragon, if she is intending to help the dragons, I don't think that she has become one, but her level of corruption…"

"Yes, it is pretty high," Isis replied. "I have some agents infiltrating the first dragon world she visited and they confirmed that she left some high levels of corrupted mana wherever she went. I don't know if you got lucky that you managed to recover yourself, but I don't think that she will have the same luck."

"I bet that she won't need any luck and in some way or another will sort out her feelings after a while," Ryan said. "She was once weak mentally speaking due to the circumstances, but she isn't anymore."

"I also think that but I am worried nonetheless," Femradiel said. "We should try to find a way to go to that planet."

"Elder gods have more resources than us and they failed at finding such a world for who knows how many years…" Ryan said and then sighed. "How do you propose that we find this planet?"

"Maybe by defeating a dungeon master that has access to it," Femradiel replied.

"Do you have anyone in mind?" Ryan asked. "I assume that looking for run-of-the-mill dungeon masters will only make us waste time."

Femradiel didn't have an answer for that, and that was weird. They stayed silent for a while, thinking about what they should do, but in the end, nothing came to mind.

"Although I was the one who informed you this out of consideration, I also planned to stay out of this because after killing two Greek elder gods, things will become even more complicated for you two," Isis said. "The very moment any of them lay their eyes on you, they will notice what you did and you will become their single target. It won't be weird if at some point the whole army of Olympus comes to crush your domain. This has become a matter of pride for them."

Femradiel wanted to help Alissa, but those words made her feelings waver. It was quite weird, given that they only met a few times. Regardless, laying low doesn't fit Ryan's style. So, he was really considering attacking several dungeon masters in order to find a path to that dragons' world.

"I can help," Loki's voice suddenly echoed through the area.

"I already told you, Loki," Isis said, and she sounded pretty pissed. "Don't hijack my communication magic."

"Then you shouldn't use such simple spells," Loki said. "Anyway, I have kept my eye on certain troops and in one of them, the quality of items of the small fries increased exponentially. I assumed that the reason is due to the fact that the big bosses are obtaining even better gear made of mithril."

"Whose army are you talking about?" Ryan asked.

"Belphegor's, one of Lucifer's generals," Loki replied. "Based on my intel, he doesn't like to fight and he is lazy. That is why he wastes his time gearing up his minions. Maybe it is thanks to that or for some other reason, his minions are incredibly powerful. His army is close to Italy and they are responsible to keep a certain dungeon and the creatures being spawned there in check."

"Why do you always stop talking when some important piece of information is about to be revealed?" Ryan frowned.

"To make things more interesting, of course," Loki replied. "While I know the locations of the six demons' generals, I only know the location of four of their enemies: the angels. One of them is in Italy and another is in Israel. Gabriel is helping protect the dungeon a few kilometers away from the Vatican. Considering your accomplishments, normally, he would treat you well, but since your corruption level increased astonishingly. I would devise not contacting him. He may attack you on sight since you smell like a dragon and they hate dragons almost as much as they hate demons."

Ryan didn't like what he heard. He never found them, and that is why he never got worried. Still, his Night Demon's blood makes him almost automatically an enemy of the angels. Regardless… it looked like things were becoming even more shocking than before with those new players involved.

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"Wait… you mentioned Gabriel, didn't you?" Ryan asked. "You mean that Gabriel?"

"Yes, there are found dungeons that are spawning angels, and they are being controlled by the four angels," Loki said. "They are: Gabriel, Michael, Raphael, and Uriel. Michal is in Israel, Raphael and Uriel are guarding two dungeons in the United Kingdom."

"I can understand why they are in the Vatican and Israel, but what are those two doing in the United Kingdom?" Ryan asked.

"Who knows?" Loki asked, and Ryan imagined him shrugging. "They set up a barrier around those islands, a pretty powerful one. I cannot even take a peek at what they are doing there."

"I see… Anyway, why do you want Belphegor out of the game?" Ryan asked.

"Who said that I want that?" Loki asked.

"You wouldn't give me such a valuable piece of information, unless he is a problem to you," Ryan said. "Still, if you don't want anything, that is fine with me. I won't have to worry about anything else since it is obvious that you will benefit indirectly from it."

"No, no, no. Let's talk this through," Loki said. "I don't care about Belphegor, but his domain interests me. So, I would like to have it if you succeed in defeating him."

"Why would I give you access to a world where mithril can be found?" Ryan asked.

"Don't be so stingy," Loki said. "Why not help a friend by giving him a gift now and then? If you give me that domain, I swear, on my name as the god of mischief, that I will give you half of all the mithril that I find."

"I am not interested," Ryan replied. "Still, if you want to buy some once, I will start to mine, I can't see why I shouldn't sell it."

"… Give me some time, I will prepare a better offer," Loki said.

After hearing that, Ryan felt a bit more relaxed. Loki's eyes probably were no longer on him, and that is why his instincts told him to relax. Anyway, Ryan obtained the information that he wanted a lot sooner than expected, so it seemed that he won't have much time to relax.

"Are you going to depart soon?" Isis asked.

"After preparing a few things," Ryan replied. "I don't know a single thing about Belphegor, so preparation is the key in case anything happens. I also assume that he probably can appear on Earth and I don't want to fight a being like that on this planet."

"I don't have much information regarding him, but Loki has, you could have asked him about it," Isis said.

"I would rather reach my own conclusions after seeing the enemy with my own eyes," Ryan replied. "Come to think of it, Alissa and I fought two of the demon generals hoping to learn why the dragons don't remember anything after coming to Earth and you never asked Isis about it, Femradiel. Did you assume that she wouldn't know?"

"That is right," Femradiel replied.

"Why?" Ryan asked.

"For no particular reason," Femradiel replied.

That sure was weird, but everything regarding Femradiel was weird lately. Since she was rescued, she has been keeping too many secrets… Regardless, since Isis didn't refute her, it seemed that her assumptions were correct, and Isis probably didn't have the answers for many of Ryan's questions.

"It seems that every month, new planets become part of this system," Ryan said. "I assumed you created dungeons in many worlds, right?"

"You are correct," Isis replied.

"In how many of those worlds where you created a dungeon, dragons with amnesia showed up?" Ryan asked.

"Not a single one," Isis replied. "I guess it is a good time to talk about this, as you already know, there are dungeons that spawn dragons, but they aren't supposed to appear like that. Not to mention, they were far stronger than any other dragon that was being spawned by dungeons."

"So, someone really summoned them to Earth and that someone also erased their memories," Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully.

"I reached that conclusion as well," Isis said.

"You don't have any idea of who that might be, do you?" Ryan asked. "Or what their goal is."

"You are correct," Isis said.

As expected, it looked like some things changed when Earth became a part of this massive game. Considering all the pieces of the puzzle, everyone with half of a brain would notice that Earth was about to become the center of something troublesome that will change everything. Ryan couldn't help but worry since all the big bosses were more worried about strengthening their armies and solidifying their strength instead of fighting one another. Things would be much easier for humans if the dungeon masters just killed each other, but things wouldn't be that convenient.

"It is time for me to go, my dungeon is about to reach the max level and I have many details to adjust," Isis said. "I wish you good luck."

"Thanks for telling me about Alissa," Ryan said.

After saying that, Ryan also felt that he wasn't being watched by Isis, and he finally had some time to think about things. Perhaps trying to help Alissa would only cause more problems in the long run, but Ryan felt that he had to try at least once more. Even though that might make him being hunted by the demon generals as well.

"You will get wrinkles even before you become thirty at this rate, you frown too much," Femradiel said.

Ryan didn't say anything, but perhaps that was for the best. Staying on the offense was better than staying on the defense, at least according to Ryan's preferences. Regardless, after finishing his preparations and checking the domain system, Ryan and Femradiel departed.

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

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

Barrier Lv 51

Level UP cost: 296.000 coins or 2.960.000 mana

Army Lv 69   Level UP cost: 3.698.000 coins or 36.980.000 mana

Dungeon T1 Lv 379 (23%)   Level UP cost: 4.698.000 coins or 46.980.000 mana

Coins stored: 233

Mana stored: 15.633

Chapter 720

It didn't take long for Ryan and Femradiel to reach Europe, and while finding Belphegor's dungeon wouldn't take more than a few minutes at that rate, Femradiel asked to stop.

"I can sense a lot of tier three dungeons here and it would be a waste to ignore them," Femradiel said.

"I suppose so," Ryan said.

Ryan obtained some skills later that he didn't have the chance to test and now seemed like the best times since the dungeons Femradiel found only spawned monsters that he already fought.

Zombie Fire Harpy

Health: 35.350 /35.350

Mana: 65.650/65.650

Stamina: 40.400/40.400

Strength: 2525 (+1800)

Dexterity: 2020 (+500)

Speed: 4545 (+1200)

 Intelligence: 6565 (1200)

Endurance: 2020 (+1500)

Control: 2525 (+800)

Mentality: 4545 (+800)

Luck: 2525 (+300)

Recovery: 15.150 (+2000)

Willpower: 4545 (+800)

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

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

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

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

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

"Interesting… all the status of the zombie increased by one percent," Ryan nodded to himself in satisfaction. "But in exchange…"

Ryan used Heal on the zombie, and the creature trembled as if it had been hit by a lightning bolt. It was weird since the monster had so much health, and the skill was supposed to heal less than one thousand points of health. After rechecking the status, Ryan confirmed that the monster lost twenty percent of its health.

"What did you expect?" Femradiel asked. "It is obvious that undead monsters would be that weak against healing magic."

Adding that to the cost of the skill, which was one thousand points of mana, it made Ryan wonder if it was worse the hassle of leveling up that skill. If the skill reaches level one hundred, he can make any creature two times stronger, but what would be the point if they can suffer so much damage from a simple healing spell? Regardless, Ryan will have to try to find a solution for that problem because Summon Zombie was weirdly appealing.

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: Cavalier, Poison Archer, and Battle Mage.

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

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Cavalier!

You obtained the following skills: Heavy Slash, Blade Aura, and Broken Strike.

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: Heavy Slash.

Effect: A powerful strike that might stun the enemy the longer the attack is charged.

Cost: 50 stamina per second.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Blade Aura.

Effect: It grants you the power to envelop your sword with mana and cause physical damage while damaging the mana pool of the foe.

Cost: 50 mana per second.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Broken Strike.

Effect: It grants an extra effect to your attacks, decreasing the enemy's endurance by one point per level and per strike. The effect will last for five seconds and is reset every time the skill is active.

Health: 20 per level.

You obtained 01 status points.

While the new class wasn't that impressive, Ryan learned a lot as he killed the monsters. First of all, his Absolute Death Crossbow was as overpowered as he had imagined. Ryan could kill any beast in his line of sight even without aiming. The reason was simple, his incredibly high dexterity and the fact that he could hit any part of the enemy's body. The only downside was that Ryan couldn't use any skills alongside it. He couldn't even make a magic copy using the Magic Bow skill.

 "You are a lot more useful than I expected, Thanatos," Ryan said.

"I am the god of death, not even death itself can stop me," Thanatos said. "Don't you think this mere crossbow will either."

"Sure, sure," Ryan said. "In any case, this country sure seems abandoned. The population of monsters is stupidly high."

Ryan and Femradiel were in Portugal, very close to the capital, Lisbon. Still, neither of them could see any survivors' camps or feel humans' presence. While that country wasn't that big, he imagined that things wouldn't be that bad… Still, considering that Belphegor and an army of demons were less than one thousand miles away, it wouldn't be weird if all humans in the region had been wiped out.

"··· If I were you, I would avoid using that Summon Zombie skill," Femradiel said while she was frowning. "The smell of corruption changed quite a bit and turned into something very… it is hard to describe with words."

"Why does everyone talk like I am smelly and it is not due to these weird powers?" Ryan facepalmed.

"Well, don't worry about it, it isn't permanent," Femradiel replied. "The effect decreases overtime. Still, considering that we are going to attack a demon general, perhaps avoiding it will help us in catching him off guard."

While Ryan was using Clairvoyance to make sure that the path ahead and around was clear, in the end, all caution was more than necessary. Things would be fine as long as they exterminate the monsters in the area as fast as possible. In any case, that was an excellent opportunity for Femradiel to level up classes as fast as possible and for Ryan to obtain a fair number of coins. Thanks to that, he recalled that Thanatos granted him a massive number of coins and that he forgot to use them…