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It was hard to tell the time in that world, so everything was too colorful, and there was no night, but Ryan assumed that one ten hours had passed when he got the first million points. Without wasting any time, Ryan freed Femradiel. For a while, she looked at him blankly, but eventually, she reacted.

“Is this another illusion?” Femradiel asked.

“No,” Ryan replied. “This is the last stage of Hypnos’ dream world.”

“You are... the real Ryan?” Femradiel asked while frowning.

“Did you meet a fake Ryan before?” Ryan asked.

“I actually did, and he was as annoying as the real one,” Femradiel said. “Anyway, prove that you are the real one.”

“You have gotten fa...” Ryan said and then stopped when he saw the murderous look in Femradiel’s eyes. “Is that good enough?”

“No... you could be another illusion based on my memories,” Femradiel said.

“... This might take forever, so you can doubt my identity while we headed to Hypnos castle,” Ryan said.

Once Femradiel returned, so did Ryan’s draconic powers. He turned into a dragon, and then his speed increased, but he was passing the stages any time faster.

“It seems we can’t just move along the road; we have to kill a certain number of monsters to proceed and fight others,” Ryan said.

“Right...” Femradiel said while looking at Ryan with dubious eyes.

“You are being weird again,” Ryan said. “Did the fake me that you met before did anything?”

“He was a bit different, but still an ass,” Femradiel replied.

“Anyway, if you think I am a fake as well, you can kill some monsters and then bring Alissa yourself,” Ryan said. “Speaking of which, did you find Hypnos dungeon? I assume that you reached the third illusion.”

“Yeah... I reached the third illusion, but I was having a hard time destroying the dungeons since Hypnos was using them to create a domain barrier to protect his own dungeon,” Femradiel crossed her arms and then said.

“I guess I won in that regard,” Ryan said. “It took me five weeks, but I destroyed all the dungeons in the world,” Ryan said. “Anyway, I thought you were the ones that voice mentioned, but I guess I was wrong... Perhaps Yahiko and some others are about to face Hypnos... Speaking of that, I seriously need to sleep for a while. Can you move us using an earth platform or something while you defeat the monsters as well?”

“... Sure,” Femradiel said.

“Those long pauses again...” Ryan said and then sighed.

Regardless, Femradiel was back, so that was just a minor problem. Come to think of it, Ryan was pretty sure that it was amazing that he endured those hellish illusions for so long without becoming wary of some things like Femradiel.

Once Ryan relaxed, he completely fell asleep. In the end, he had no idea for how long he slept, but when Ryan woke up, he was feeling angry and thirsty. It wasn't like he didn't feel like that during the other illusions, but things were more intense this time than before. Regardless, when Ryan opened his arms, he also saw Alissa standing next to Femradiel...

“For how long did I sleep?” Ryan frowned.

“Three whole days,” Femradiel replied. “I guess all this, and you aren’t an illusion created by Hypnos to mess with us. No, he is using this damn environment to do that.”

Ryan looked around and saw themselves passing above some sort of swamp where poisonous trends were trying to attack them. They were pretty strong, but they certainly weren’t the strongest of all monsters they had seen in the last year.

“I guess this journey will take a while...” Alissa said.

Alissa seemed fine, but Ryan couldn’t help but worry about her. Her ultimate goal was to bring back Orgar, and Ryan was pretty sure that she did have the chance to see him, at least during the two first illusions. As for the third one, Ryan could only hope that the situation didn’t mess with her head... still, considering her behavior, it didn’t seem that wasn’t the case. Alissa wouldn’t let herself be controlled by anger again.

“Did you try to work together? Maybe the stages can be cleared faster if we work together,” Ryan said.

“We tried,” Femradiel replied. “However, no matter what, one of us has to kill ten thousand monsters of each species to reach the next area. This fucking game is so annoying...”

“Really? Under different circumstances, I sure could enjoy this...” Ryan said.

“I can’t understand how,” Femradiel said.

“Me neither. The idea of training in a place not bound by reality’s time is appealing, though,” Alissa said.

Since there wasn’t much that they could do, they decided to make the most of the situation. If Hypnos wanted to see others playing that game, then Ryan would play it and then force Hypnos to regret that. Just like the dungeon shop, the things Ryan could buy using that system were based on how many coins he had. Still, it would take a while before he could find anything useful. So, he decided to create a

decent stock of potions. Even the special potions that could boost attributes temporarily were being sold, but they cost one thousand potions. Still, Ryan couldn't help but wonder why he couldn't gain the monsters' essence this time.

“What do you think of this?” Alissa asked. “Why would Hypnos create an environment where he is waiting for us at the end, but we can get stronger along the way?”

“Obviously, Hypnos is gaining something from this,” Femradiel said. “Probably energy... and much more energy than he needs to use to keep this illusion active.

Class: Artemis' Disciple Lv 99 (+ 03 UP) / Frozen Spellcaster Lv 98 (+ 03 UP) / William Tell's Apprentice Lv 98 (+ 03 UP) (-)

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

Rank: 8th

Health: 23332/23332 (32,75/s)

Mana: 23325/23325 (32,75/s)

Stamina: 24530/24530 (32,75/s)

Strength: 881 (+9422) (+130)

Dexterity: 55633 (+12455) (+550)

Speed: 1270 (+12410) (+48)

Intelligence: 1352 (+9121) (+33)

Endurance: 1398 (+10295) (+160)

Control: 1476 (12450) (+10)

Mentality: 1452 (+7395) (+70)

Luck: 1080 (+4160)

Recovery: 6450 (+16150) (+1045)

Willpower: 1452 (+7393) (+40)

Coins: 880.444.986

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Power Shot Lv 135 (+ 20 UP), Dash Lv 95 (+ 40 UP), Rapid Shot Lv 87 (+ 10 UP), Herculean Strength Lv 92 (+ 06 UP), Undaunted Lv 01, Warrior's Fury Lv 01, Steel Storm Lv 01

Passive Physical Skills: Eagle Eyes Lv 219 (+ 24 UP), Concentration Lv 219 (+ 24 UP), Archery Lv 219 (+ 24 UP), Accuracy Lv 219 (+ 24 UP), Stealth Lv 219 (+ 24 UP),

Spells: Draconic Transformation Lv 225 (+ 05 UP), Frost Armor Lv 219 (+ 05 UP), Ice Breath Lv 259 (+ 05 UP), Magic Bow Lv 160 (+ 45 UP), Anger Manipulation Lv 49 (+ 18 UP), Instantaneous Forge Lv 01, Heat Field Lv 26 (+ 25 UP),

Support Skills: Sleep Resistance Lv 129 (+ 50 UP), Nocturnal Eyes Lv 95 (+ 30 UP), Elemental Boost Lv 26 (+ 25 UP), Conversion Lv 26 (+ 25 UP), Inner Focus Lv 26 (+ 25 UP)

Classes:

Combat: Storm Caster Lv 57 (+ 06 UP), Crystal Archer Lv 75 (+ 03 UP), Hercules' Descendant Lv 38 (+ 06 UP), Demon Hunter Lv 79 (+ 10 UP), Marksman Lv 88 (+ 06 UP), Expert Archer Lv 89 (+ 05 UP), Draconic Priest Lv 01, Draconic Lord Lv 01, Legionnaire Lv 01, Arcanist Lv 22 (+21 UP)

Non-Combatant:

Race: Centaur, Dragon, Kobold, Triton,

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Since he had plenty of time while they were crossing the stages, he decided to test some skills that he obtained lately. The main one that he wanted to level up was the Instantaneous Forge, one of the skills he obtained after defeating Hephaestus. Weirdly enough, he just thought of creating a regular sword, and then when the skill was activated, he obtained it.

Short Sword

Strength + 10, Speed + 10

Durability: 10/10

Although the speed of creation was insane, the mana consumed was much larger than expected... Ryan assumed that it was due to the parts of the sword that were made of some sort of material that Ryan couldn't create with his other skills. After that, Ryan tried to use Seal on the monsters, but the skill didn't work... since it was a world created by an illusion, or at least it looked like one. The monsters didn't have souls.

“You should focus on doing something more than just playing with your new skills,” Alissa said.

“Playing with my new skills...” Ryan frowned. “You talk like I have a reputation for doing that.”

Since Ryan had to keep himself focused all the time during the third illusion, he decided to relax a little bit. Ryan could create metal, so he decided to forge a machine gun. While he didn’t have all the knowledge regarding that kind of weapon, he still managed to create one that could fire bullets made of mana. It was excellent that he didn’t have to recharge it.

Magic Machine Gun

Effect: It grants you the power to fire magical bullets that will cause ten points of damage. Each Bullet will cost two points of mana.

Dexterity + 10, Intelligence + 10

Durability: 15/15

“I guess this skill has its own limitations. If that weren’t the case, I wouldn’t have survived the last barrage of Hephaestus’ attacks,” Ryan said.

“I guess you are the real deal,” Femradiel said. “Only the real Ryan would be stupid enough to waste this golden opportunity.”

“Relax, we have a long way ahead of us,” Ryan said. “This kind of skill might help us in the next battle, even more than those points created by Hypnos.”

“How so?” Femradiel asked.

“For example, once the skill reaches a certain level, I will be able to create an armor for my draconic form,” Ryan replied. “Once the skill reaches a certain level, an armor made of mithril will be much more powerful than anything we have seen so far.”

“I also want an armor made of mithril,” Femradiel said. “You can’t get those by killing imaginary monsters... Anyway, I don’t know if I will have enough time to make one that big, but with some luck, perhaps we can get yours.”

“All right then,” Femradiel said. “Let’s optimize this work. I will take care of our mobility; Ryan will play with his skills, and Alissa will kill the monsters.”

“Sounds good to me,” Alissa said.

Ryan sighed... it seemed that his actions still weren’t being taken seriously as they should. Regardless, that idea was good enough since the game created by Hypnos recognized them as a team, and as long as one of them kills enough monsters, they can move to the next stage.

While Ryan leveling up Instantaneous Force, he tried to think of what kind of powers aside from illusory and sleep-related skills he could use. While he had come up with a plan on the third illusion, it wasn’t enough now that he knew that Hypnos could create a system similar to the mana system.

For a moment, Ryan considered asking Thanatos, but that would be too low, even from Ryan’s perspective. Asking him how he should defeat Hypnos? That was probably the nastiest thing he had ever thought...

Ryan didn’t know if he would have time to create a weapon made of mithril after making his armor, so he decided to level up the skill using that massive steel sword. Using a material that already existed was possible, and that would let Ryan save some mana as well.

The weapon was too big, even for his draconic form. So, Ryan decided to make smaller versions in which he could use. It wasn’t much his style, but Ryan first created a double steel club. It was a weapon that could cause the same damage, even if Ryan uses the head or the butt. The weapon was as big as his and quite difficult to handle, but lately, Ryan felt that he would need more ways to cause blunt damage, aside from using his fists.

Double Steel Club

Strength + 500, Endurance + 250

Durability: 800/800

“No effect, huh... I should have known...” Ryan said.

The weapon wasn't that powerful despite the size. The only good thing about the weapon was its durability. In any case, Ryan was planning to use it anyway. After that, Ryan made another sword, and a double-edged ax, and then a spear.

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Double-Edged Steel Axe

Strength + 580, Speed + 280

Durability: 850/850

Ryan confirmed that the power of the weapons was increasing pretty fast. That was another effect of the skill. It could make the weapons stronger with each level up.

In any case, while Ryan was leveling up that skill, he noticed that things were getting weird with the monsters. While they were always stronger compared to the previous species, there were too many variations of them. Species like goblins could become shamans, champions, or archers. Still, some other species were defined by their elemental attributes, like Fire Eagle or Thunder Eagle. Based on Ryan's

calculations, they spent more or less three hundred hours killing fifteen hundred species of monsters. Still, all of them were basically copies of variations of the monsters they found on Earth. Regardless, after all that time, they could see a castle in the distance. That was probably where the last boss of the game could be found. However, first, they had to defeat ten thousand dragons.

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Fire Dragon

Health: 79.000

Mana: 71.000

Stamina: 69.000

Strength: 4500

Dexterity: 6500

Speed: 4200

Intelligence: 10500

Endurance: 5900

Control: 4500

Mentality: 2900

Luck: 3600

Recovery: 15.000

Willpower: 3900

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Explosive Touch Lv 450...

Passive Physical Skills: Mind Enhancement Lv 410, Fire Armor Lv 280...

Spells: Hellfire Lv 400, Absolute Chaos Lv 350, Fire Spear Lv 470, Fire Breath Lv 500...

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 700, Wind Resistance Lv 650, Electric Resistance Lv 700...

“Mmm... their status are a bit weird,” Ryan said after he stopped leveling up Instantaneous Forge and then used Absolute Appraisal. “Something seems weirder here.”

“While we can’t see them, I am pretty sure their power is compared to level five hundred fire dragons,” Alissa said after she killed the first group with a non-elemental breath attack. However, she soon noticed that things wouldn’t be that easy.

“That attack seems interesting,” Ryan said.

“Orgar taught me that since non-elemental attacks can’t be countered by elemental resistances,” Alissa said. “Regardless, you guys will have to help me here.”

“Femradiel, you do that, I will make the mithril armors,” Ryan said.

“I can’t make all of us move and fight at the same time,” Femradiel said. “Not when the opponents are dragons.”

“No problem, after this stage, we will fight him, so it doesn’t matter,” Ryan said.

Femradiel summoned her familiars and then began to freeze all the dragons while Alissa finished them off. Ryan killed some of them when they needed to catch their breaths and because it was impossible to fight against thousands of level five hundred dragons without taking a break. While they were a bit more troublesome than Hydras at the level max, they weren’t much of a threat after Ryan obtained the power of the seven pendragons.

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“In the end, this system created by Hypnos is really a shit...” Ryan said once he saw those notifications. “It is completely unbalanced.”

It took a while to realize it, but all the monsters were much stronger than the ones Ryan faced on Earth. At least when it comes to most species... despite that, the number of coins one could receive was meager. Thanks to that, the idea of summoning others from the dream world didn’t even cross Ryan’s mind. It would take too long, and not to mention, Ryan never found the names of Yahiko, Gustavo, and Lucas. Which was weird since he didn’t see them along the way either.

At some point, Ryan even tried to tame or use the Draconic Lord skills on the dragons around, but they didn’t work. So, Ryan decided to focus on leveling up Instantaneous Force while Femradiel and Alissa

were fighting. A certain idea crossed Ryan's mind, but in the end, Ryan hesitated in using it because he didn't have enough mithril. The idea was simple, try to level up that same skill by using all the mithril and creating a prototype of the armor. Once that happens, Ryan would use Memory Manipulation and make his mind relive that moment several times. However, Ryan was quite sure that mithril wasn't that malleable, so he couldn't reforge the same item over and over again.

"I guess I will do that... it will work," Ryan decided to change his plans a little bit.

In the end, Ryan decided to melt the Hephaestus' destroyed hammer, and once it became more malleable, he decided to use Instantaneous Forge that had reached level one hundred. The armor wasn't that thick or heavy since it was basically a copy of the black armor he obtained after losing Lucia's group. Still, it seemed good enough since it protected Ryan's torso and head, and those were the parts he was hit most.

Draconic Mithril Armor (Heroic)

Health + 3000, Endurance + 1500, Willpower + 1500, Mentality + 1500

Durability: 2000/2000

"Not bad, I guess. I have no idea why it became a draconic armor, though," Ryan said.

"A full-body armor would be much cooler," Femradiel said.

"I don't need to be slowed down by something so big and heavy," Ryan said. "Besides, it will do the work. Armor aren't made to make someone look cooler, either."

After storing the armor away, Ryan began to use Memory Manipulation and then saw those memories several times in a row. It was weird to use Draconic Transformation just for that, but Ryan used it. Unfortunately, things weren't progressing that fast...

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When Femradiel and Alissa finally killed ten thousand dragons each, Ryan had used hundreds of mana potions. Still, in the end, the skill only leveled up a little more than twenty times. It wasn't like Ryan imagined he would reach the level of that skill easily, but that disappointed him.

"We are ready to go," Alissa said.

"... I guess this is it," Ryan said after a long sigh and then summoned all the rest of mithril he still had.

After making the mithril become more malleable, Ryan used Instantaneous Forge again. He created one set of armor for Femradiel and Alissa, and those were completely full-body armor. Ryan wasn't good with his creativity, but he designated the armor to look like the armor that Athena was using. Although it would make them stand out a lot more, it really looked like the armor some female warriors would show on the battlefield.

"Well, well... who could have thought," Femradiel said. "Alissa's armor looks much more imposing."

"It is due to the size," Ryan said. "Stop complaining."

"I didn't ask for one," Alissa said.

"Yes, but since you are too reckless, I decided to make one.

"Well... thank you," Alissa said.

Draconic Mithril Armor (Heroic)

Health + 3250, Endurance + 1590, Willpower + 1590, Mentality + 1590

Durability: 2200/2200

Valkyries Mithril Armor (Heroic)

Health + 2250, Endurance + 1090, Willpower + 1090, Mentality + 1090

Durability: 1500/1500

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Once the preparations were ready, they headed toward the castle in the distance. For the first time in weeks, they felt that they were actually approaching something. However, in the end, that also worked to make them worry a little bit. After a while, the castle was so big that they arrived in a part of the world covered in the castle's shadow, and that shadow was dozens of kilometers large.

"I am starting to think that we should enjoy this chance to grind more," Femradiel said. "This power is beyond what we already have seen until now, and we have seen and fought against troublesome foes."

"If we defeat him, we will have that chance whenever we feel like it," Ryan said. "We can't afford to stay away for much more time away from reality. We don't know if the flow of time here is different or not."

"Do you think we will be able to create a place like this if we defeat him?" Femradiel asked. "That would be awesome... and quite scary. This is like an alternative reality... beings made of flesh shouldn't have the power to create this."

"Perhaps one day we will create a place crazy enough, but at the beginning, only a small version of it," Ryan said.

It was hard to believe that was possible, but once the group reached the gates of the castle, they saw how huge the building was... if they were inside an illusion, they wouldn't think that was possible, but the castle was at least eight kilometers tall and fifty large. Hypnos sure was trying hard trying to make an impression...

Considering that Hypnos created a game world, Ryan imagined he would put some watchdogs on the gates to welcome the visitors, but he didn't do that. As soon as they got close enough, the gate opened as if it was welcoming the guests. Ryan shrugged while looking at the two others who were showing tense expressions. They sure didn't know how to appreciate a good mood... or perhaps Ryan was just a weirdo for liking that kind of tension.

As they crossed the interior of the castle, they didn't find anything special or out of place. Everything seemed weirdly dark, though. Only a few giant torches were illuminating the place, and they were too far away from each other to make the place really illuminated. The dark atmosphere didn't fit that whole situation, even more so when they saw so much color outside the castle for several days.

After a while, Ryan began to worry because fighting in his draconic form would be a pain indoors. Not to mention, he was pretty sure that the castle wasn't just there to improve the mood of the fight...

After a while, they reached the other side of the castle, and there they found the throne room. That part of the castle was a lot less dark if compared to the others. Instead of torches, some golden candelabrum and giants' candles illuminated the golden room. On the opposite side, Ryan, Femradiel, and Alissa found what seemed to be a man with golden hair sitting here sleeping. Aside from the golden hair, he didn't look any special, but that wasn't the case... the man wasn't physically imposing like Thanatos, but he was exactly like him. Ryan confirmed that when Hypnos opened his eyes and showed that same glow with his golden eyes.

Hypnos

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

Race: —

Rank: —

Health: ???/???

Mana: ???/???

Stamina: ???/???

Strength: ???

Dexterity: ???

Speed: ???

Intelligence: ???

Endurance: ???

Control: ???

Mentality: ???

Luck: ???

Recovery: ???

Willpower: ???

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

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

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

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

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

“Welcome, dear guests...” Hypnos said. “I hope you have liked the world that I created to entertain you humans and the female dragon. What do you think about it?”

“Well... you certainly managed to keep us busy, but not in a fun way,” Ryan said. “The monsters spawn too fast, and the numbers are always the same, so that give us the time to obtain strength and get used to them. I guess that is also a good way to prepare for the next stages. Still, the rewards weren’t good enough. Why would a fire dragon give us one fifteen hundred points? They certainly should have given us at least ten thousand. The fact that there is no inventory or saving screen is also a problem. Aside from that...”

Ryan was forced to stop because Alissa and Femradiel were looking at him with dubious eyes. Ryan certainly was talking a lot, but at least Hypnos was paying attention to it. At least it looked like he was paying attention...

“What? He asked me to review this game world of his,” Ryan said.

“Well, I guess your review makes a lot of sense considering that you are a player,” Hypnos said. “However, I didn’t create this to completely please you guys. I created it to be fun for me and somewhat fun for visitors like you.”

“This certainly isn’t a game that is going to sell a lot,” Ryan said.

“That much is fine... now, onto business,” Hypnos said, and then the air around him changed. “Return to me my brother’s soul, and I will let you leave this world. If you do that without making me waste my time, I will hold no hard feelings against you.”

“That seems like a good deal,” Ryan said. “Here is my counter offer: give up on your domain that is connected to Earth, and I return it to you. Your brother used and tormented the souls of my parents, and I believe he is paying for that. If you don’t want that, then offer at least that much for compensation.”

“He is the god of death, and that is what he does. He uses souls,” Hypnos said. “That is his nature. You can’t change a god’s nature. You also can’t negotiate with a god. You either obey, or you are crushed.”

“Well, it seems we have a problem here,” Ryan shrugged. “I was never much of a negotiator anyway.”

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Ryan immediately used Draconic Transformation and equipped his armor. Alissa did the same. Still, then when they were about to attack, they saw themselves standing in a ring at the center of a very active volcano. Ryan felt the strength leaving his body because that heat was even stronger than when Hephaestus’ Heat Field. Naturally, the extra defense that Frost Armor protected began to melt as well...

“I am not much of a fighter, but I understand that the terrain is a very important factor,” Hypnos said, while still standing on his throne.

“Just offer me support, you two,” Alissa said and then prepared to dash toward Hypnos. “I can do this.”

Ryan summoned the double-headed club and decided to fight while using Telekinesis, which should save his energy in case something happens, but then when Alissa was about to attack. Two surprising creatures made of blue energy appeared in front of them. They seemed like ghosts, but Ryan and Femradiel recognized the ghosts... They were copies of themselves in their draconic forms.

Ryan’s copy and Femradiel cast ThunderStorm, and instantly, the whole battlefield was being hit by lightning bolts. Ryan tried to protect them by using his gigantic weapons to block the attack, but he

could only react so fast. Several lightning bolts ignored the steel weapons and fell toward them. However, Feramdiel blocked them with an ice wall.

Alissa opened her mouth to use her breath, but her copy did the same. In the end, the two attacks collided and caused an explosion that made both groups move backward a little.

“Using long-ranged attacks is a waste of time. The attacks will only be canceled by copies,” Femradiel said. “If you want to win against the copies, use your own weaknesses against them.”

Ryan was fully aware that he was weak in close combat, but that was only the case because he was impatient. Since the copy was just a concentration of mana, it couldn't become impatient or something like that. Regardless, Ryan had to come up with some to end the fight quickly, Hypnos still was watching, and he didn't like to show his skills to the enemy like that.

The copies even had a magical version of mithril armor on them, so Ryan assumed that using the steel weapons wouldn't do any good. While Ryan was thinking, his copy recovered and used Ice Breath against Alissa. While it wasn't at the same level of the Dark ice Breath, Alissa still saw her arms freezing due to it. As for her copy, it aimed its mouth toward Ryan and Femradiel.

Ryan blocked the breath by spinning the steel club in front of him, and thanks to that, he had another idea. He summoned the steel sword and spear and made them hit the copies from above, but they stopped the weapons with their hands. At the same time, Ryan smirked. In the next second, he used Thunder Storm and increased the power by using Mana Manipulation.

Femradiel's copy tried to move away from the weapons that were being used as conductors for the lightning bolts, but it didn't have time to do that. Alissa had enough time to concentrate and then use her breath. While being shocked and attacked from above, the creatures didn't stand a chance and suffered damage until they evaporated.

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“Well, that ended much faster than I expected,” Hypnos said. “Still, I should have expected that magic copies wouldn’t win against those that actually have brains.”

“Thank you for the compliment, I guess,” Ryan said. “What will be next? Considering what you showed us until now with the other illusions, I assume you have some other tricks in store for us.”

“Indeed, I have,” Hypnos said. “Still, I am feeling generous to offer you a second chance to give back my brother’s soul. Do you want to change your mind? This second battle, will... well, how can I put this? It will mess with your head. After all, you are fighting to make Earth still a place humans can still live, right?”

“I also feel like giving you a second chance,” Ryan said. “I won’t ask for compensation for keeping us locked in a dream world for two months, but I will ask for compensation for your brother’s actions.”

“Well, then... Let’s proceed to the next fight,” Hypnos said, and then he changed the terrain again.

Ryan and the others saw themselves standing in the middle of a massive grassland. It seemed the perfect place for them to fight without having to hold back, still, considering that Hypnos also knew that, then something was definitely off... When Ryan prepared to attack, he suddenly stopped when some humans appeared between him and Hypnos. The number of humans increased at a fearsome pace until they became a pretty large army. Ryan didn’t recognize anyone among that group. Still, their level of power seemed pretty equal to the guys in the underground shelter under Daniel’s control now.

“What is the meaning of this?” Alissa asked.

“Who knows... before continuing, let me explain to all of you a few things,” Hypnos said. “Most of you experienced seventy-one days worth of memories under my dream worlds. However, only seven days passed in the real world. That is pretty good, right? Despite my powers as the god of sleep, I can’t control the flow of time here while so many of you are here. However, if some of you die or are freed from the spell, that will change.”

“If that is true, why didn’t you do that now?” Ryan asked. “Your target the whole time was me, right?”

“Yes, but I assumed that you have some friends among our ranks, and those friends would protect you once in some sort of way. That is why I destroyed the dungeons in that world and forced your group to return,” Hypnos explained. “I also assumed that you, the human who defeated my brother, would reach this point. So that is why I am going to use these humans against you.”

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Ryan furrowed his eyebrows when he heard that. In the end, he was truly Thanatos’ twin brother... he had little to no regard for human lives.

“Do you know why all of you can gain strength in this dream world?” Hypnos asked. “It is because your spiritual forms are actually here. I put the whole planet under a spell that will pull your spiritual form to this world, and that actually forced all of you to enter a coma. Only those that were inside the domains and remain until now escaped my plan. But I can say that all humans on Earth that have managed to survive on their own are here.”

Ryan didn’t even doubt that because he could see close to one hundred thousand humans between him and Hypnos. Humans who deserved respect survived only relying on their strength, but all their confidence they had was shattered before Hypnos, who would use that spell, and they didn’t even realize what had happened until now.

“Your bodies will probably survive for three to five more days,” Hypnos said. “If some of you die before that, your souls will be trapped in this world. On the other hand, if you die in this world, your spiritual form will disintegrate, and your body will collapse instantly.”

Ryan clenched his teeth because he already knew what Hypnos was planning. Regardless, the humans began to panic after hearing that. There was no reason to doubt Hypnos’ words. If he wanted, he could kill all of them in an instant, after all.

“Those who want to return to the real world, you guys will have to help me defeat those three,” Hypnos said. “I understand I am not in a position to ask any of you that, but I don’t have any choice. I need to recover my brother’s soul, and they refuse to give it to me. Help me achieve that, and I will grant all of you a portion of my power. You will be able to create your own perfect world and live inside it forever.”

“Yeah, the price for that is really cheap. You just have to let your real body rot in the real world,” Ryan said.

Ryan tried to convince the humans that they wouldn't gain anything following an elder god that would go as far as putting the entire world under a sleep spell, but in the end, his words didn't reach them. Not only were the humans scared, but the idea of receiving the power of an elder god seemed really appealing. The humans turned to face Ryan, Femradiel, and Alissa... there was no worst enemy to fight than a cornered one.

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

“What indeed...” Ryan said while he was taking a step back.

With the massive power-up he obtained thanks to Nakine and his pals, Ryan was pretty sure that they could win that fight. However, that wasn't the issue. The issue was that they would have to kill one hundred thousand humans... They didn't want to fight because they were assholes, but because they were scared. They became pieces of a game much more prominent than them. That was exactly why Ryan was struggling to come up with a solution to that problem.

“Listen here, you sorry group of dumbasses,” Alissa raised her voice. “I understand that you are tired and scared, but I can't believe you people survived until now with that kind of attitude. Do you really want to fight your fellow humans just because a powerful monster promised you power? Have you gone mad? Did you really survive in the same world as us for the past year?”

“You are not human!” Someone shouted.

“If we weren't humans, we would have annihilated all of you without hesitation, dumbass,” Alissa said. “I don't have time to waste here, so make up your mind already. However, either side you choose, don't regret it later.”

According to Ryan, Alissa's speech could use some work. After all, Ryan could imagine things going both ways in that situation, considering her words. The humans hesitated, but in the end, that only amused Hypnos. Probably because he knew how things were going to work out in that world, no matter what. In the end, the humans pointed their weapons toward Ryan, Femradiel, and Alissa. From their perspective,

it was a matter of facing two dragons and a human or facing a god of legends that could put the entire world to sleep in a few moments.

Ryan couldn't help but wonder what he would have done in their situation... he had to do plenty of things he didn't want, but neither of them seems compared to that. Regardless, now that it has come to it, there was no time to hesitate. Before Ryan could do anything. Alissa suddenly opened her mouth, the humans felt the danger for their lives and tried to split up, but some of them didn't do it fast enough.

Alissa's breath decimated thousands of humans instantly, but some of them even survived the direct hit. While they didn't join any groups to survive, they obtained strength by themselves and could do at least that much. Before all the souls could disperse into the nothing, Ryan absorbed them into his Soul Armor... that was right. There was no time to hesitate now. Neither Ryan nor the humans could blame him for that. They could only blame their weakness. It was because of that they had to face that situation.

Femradiel fired some Ice Spears toward the enemies, but most of them were fast enough to dodge. Not to mention, those that had powerful long-ranged attacks began to bombard them with those, and those with high endurance began to work to protect them. As if things weren't troublesome enough, Hypnos stepped forward.

"I figured that it is only obvious that I should help you guys with this," Hypnos said and then made some weapons and armor out of mithril appear before the humans. "Use them well."

Ryan sighed after hearing that... in the end, Hypnos even decided to use copies of the mithril armors that he had made. He had no idea if those were real or not, but they sure would be a pain in the ass to deal with.

Chapter 807

Even with their armor, the enemies wouldn't survive if Ryan put a bolt in their heads. That is right. At that point in time, Ryan decided to treat them like he treated all the others that got in his way. Unlike the others, they had the chance to fight alongside Ryan, Femradiel, and Alissa, but in the end, they decided to take the side that had the better chances of winning. That was with Ryan, and because of it, he didn't have to hesitate.

Ryan summoned his magic bows and bombarded the enemies with copies of his Spiritualist's Crossbow. Naturally, the enemies specialized in defense tried to protect the long-range fighters, but even those were pushed backward several meters at Ryan's powerful barrage of attacks. They were pushed back for dozens of meters, and they couldn't do a single thing about it because Ryan's power nearly doubled, at least when it comes to his long-ranged attacks after the trip to the pendragons' world.

It didn't take long for even the ones specialized in defense to fall in the droves. It was only obvious that it would happen... to make things end sooner, Femradiel began to freeze the area around, and with her magic, the enemies started to get stuck on the ground. Thanks to that, Ryan and Alissa's attacks obliterated hundreds of the enemies.

At that pace, Hypnos was going to lose his arms, so he decided to send some help. Suddenly, Ryan, Femradiel, and Alissa saw a group of ten fire dragons appearing around them... Hypnos chose to make use of the feature of that game-like world.

"What an annoying guy..." Ryan said.

Ryan was saving his mana while he was attacking the humans anyway, so he could afford to use some extra mana against the Fire Dragons. He used the Illusory Crossbows and made some of the dragons think that the others were the natural enemies. The fact that he had to hit them for the illusion to keep going was a problem, but it was better than just killing them and make ten others spawn.

"Smart, but how about this?" Hypnos said and then threw some potions toward the enchanted dragons.

Once a weird liquid was poured under the dragons, the illusion broke, and when Ryan tried to hit them again with the Illusory Crossbow, the bolts were repelled, at least their effects. Hypnos had access to some potions that could nullify the power of illusions and create a barrier against them... Although that was a problem, Ryan couldn't help but wonder if, with the Alchemy class, someday he would be able to make such a potion. The skill was about to reach level one hundred, so soon, he should be able to create more than just regular potions and others that could boost his attributes.

"Focus on the mission, Ryan," Femradiel said.

"You even stole my line, huh," Ryan said and then sighed. "Anyway, Alissa, focus on transforming them into magic weapons, this might take a while, but it will be for the best."

“It’d better be,” Alissa said without imagining what Ryan had in mind.

They had no idea when Hypnos was going to fight in earnest, so they had to make sure to make the most of the situation before he decided to pitch in. Alissa also could store the magic items in spatial storage, so she quickly hides those there. Still, even at her best speed, she could only defeat two humans and turn two of them into weapons for a second.

Seeing them fighting so passively made Hypnos wonder about what they were plotting. According to the data he had of them, it was hard to tell what Ryan was planning. Regardless... to save some mana and make sure that the dragons wouldn’t fall too fast and make some fresh ones appear. Ryan made his double-headed club spin at terrific spins, to the point that it even created a tornado that pulled the dragons toward it.

The creatures tried to run away and split when the weapon approached one of them and knocked it down near instantly. Although it was a game world, it was a world that followed some real-world laws. So, even those creatures could be knocked down like that.

The dragons tried to attack the club at the same time with their Fire Breath, but in the end, that gave Femradiel the chance to snipe them with some powerful Ice Spears. She was the best to face that kind of enemy, after all. Still, soon after, ten other fire dragons appeared.

“I am going out for a bit,” Femradiel said. “You two can face them without me.”

Femradiel teleported, and before they could even see her, they saw the head of a Fire Dragon freezing. In the blink of an eye, the same happened to others, but they didn’t die... at least not so fast. Since Femradiel was taking care of them, Ryan began to help Alissa. While he made the massive club scare the crap out of the enemies, he froze some of them with Freezing Bolts and then turned them into weapons.

Pyromancer Staff

Effect: It increases the power of your fire-related skills by ten percent.

Intelligence + 200, Recovery + 100

Durability: 100/100

Enraged Warrior Ax

Effect: It increases the power of your attacks when facing other humans by ten percent.

Strength + 200, Speed + 100

Durability: 150/150

Lightning Beam Crossbow

Effect: It grants you the power to fire a continuous beam of electricity that might paralyze the enemies.

Intelligence + 200, Dexterity + 100

Durability: 100/100

The quality of the weapons was pretty decent, but in the end, Hypnos wasn't fooling enough to let the enemies do what they wanted when he had no idea what they were planning. Ryan, Femradial, and Alissa's bodies suddenly became much heavier, and they felt the danger for their lives. Thanks to Death Sense, Ryan knew from where the danger was coming from... it was from above. Ryan started to sweat cold when he saw a group of meteors moving toward them at unbelievable speeds.

Chapter 808

Congratulations! The skill Gravity Resistance has leveled up.

Congratulations! The skill Gravity Immunity has leveled up.

Even under the effects of a powerful gravity spell, Femradiel managed to return and then create an ice wall to block the attacks. As usual, her reflexes were something hard to believe, but even so, she could only do so much in a few moments. Ryan couldn't move his arms and barely could think at all with his body that heavy, but he still gave her a hand.

The ice wall created by them was hit by the meteors and soon began to crack. They tried to repair it as fast as possible and reinforce it as well, but the damage was piling up too fast. Ryan considered his options, he wasn't much of a mage, and he wasn't much of a fighter either, but at that moment, perhaps using his body and his archery skills were the best way to solve those problems. Besides, Ryan had another thing in mind...

When the ice wall was about to crack, Ryan used all the buffs he had in a single moment. His body got a bit lighter, and thanks to that he then tensed the muscles of his legs before letting all that power proper him upward.

"Shoryuken!" Ryan shouted.

With his right fist raised, Ryan concentrated all the energy he could gather in a single moment on his right fist. Somewhere inside his heart, he hoped that he would learn the skill, but even though his right fist was enveloped in flames, it never happened... However, his punch hit the fifty meters long meteors one after the other and broke them.

Congratulations! The class Brawler has reached the Max level.

Your Health and Strength have increased by six points. Your stamina, mana, speed, and endurance have increased by three points.

Congratulations! The class Brute has reached the Max level.

Your Health and Strength have increased by six points. Your stamina, mana, speed, and endurance have increased by three points.

Ryan succeeded in repelling the treat and even made two classes reach the max level thanks to it, and he only had to destroy his right fist to achieve it... he couldn't have asked for more. Regardless, Ryan learned his lesson. When he landed, he summoned his magic bows and made sure to use only half of them on the enemies around him.

Hypnos didn't imagine that Ryan would actually try that, but he actually did it. When the next wave of meteors came up, Ryan used his magic bows to attack them. He had only one second to attack and hit the targets, but it had been more than enough. Thanks to the extra numbers of magic bows and thanks to Firing Posture, Ryan fired a massive concentration of bolts that completely decimated the meteors.

"Wow, I guess it wasn't a fluke that you defeated Thanatos," Hypnos said, visibly impressed. "But then, how about this one?"

Ryan didn't like to hear that because he knew something bad was going to happen. In the sky, a giant meteor appeared, much bigger than any of the others. If something lands in the area, everything around will be decimated. Knowing that the humans that just decided to fight for Hypnos dropped their weapons... their death was imminent.

However, that gave Ryan, Femradiel, and Alissa the chance to focus only on the meteor. Without hesitating, they attacked the massive piece of cosmical dust. Ryan focused on attacking with his magic bows, while Alissa used a concentrated version of her breath that increased its range like a laser. As for Femradiel, she created a single ice tower that was supposed to stop the meteor advance.

Their attacks hit the target and somehow manage to slow down its advance. However, there was no sign of any damage on the massive rock, and it was still approaching. Things were looking dire. Despite that, Ryan was smiling.

"Have you gone mad, Ryan?" Femradiel asked.

"Maybe?" Ryan said.

Although Alissa and Femradiel seemed a bit worried, they weren't that tense because all of them still had some hidden cards in case things really got dire... Just like Ryan, they grew tired of battles where only they could worry about losing their lives. They needed to enjoy their moments a little more. What

was the point of surpassing a powerful barrier and not feeling great about it? That was exactly why Ryan shouted that earlier...

When the meteor was only ten kilometers away from them, it finally cracked right in the middle of it. Exactly where those three had aimed their attacks. Once the crack appeared, it took only a few moments for the entire projectile to break into several pieces that flew in all directions. They succeeded, and they didn't have to look like they had to endure a lot of crap, not to mention, Ryan also received a reward.

Congratulations! The class Marksman has reached the Max level.

Your Dexterity and Stamina have increased by six points. Your health, mana, speed, and control have increased by three points.

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

Congratulations! You received the class Calm Fighter. You learned the skills: Target Selection, Sixth Sense, and Hand Crossbows. 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: Target Selection.

Effect: Once you hit a target, you mark them in order to make it impossible for them to dodge the bolts fired by Hand Crossbows. With each level up, this skill will increase the power of Hand Crossbows by five percent per level.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Sixth Sense.

Effect: When fighting against enemies that specializes in close combat, it grants you the chance to see where their attacks will come from by watching their muscles moving. With each level up, you will be able to notice the attacks faster.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Hand Crossbows.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon two crossbows that will be attached to your forearms. They will cause damage equal to your dexterity, and they can be fired just by thinking about it. With each level up, you will be able to fire one more bolt per second.

Cost: 50 mana per shot.

You obtained 01 status points.

Chapter 809

Ryan wished that he had the chance to check the skills, but he didn't. Regardless, the power gained by a few classes level up, and by the arrival of another one, was pretty small compared to Ryan's power. Still, he started to feel even more confident than before.

Ryan, Femradiel, and Alissa prepared for the next attack, but it never came. It seemed that creating a one-kilometer-long meteor instantly was the limit of Hypnos ability. Still, that wasn't the only thing that made him stop his attack... it was the fact that the humans now were wondering if they truly had chosen the side with the best chances. Even if that wasn't the case, Ryan and the other two saved their lives. Considering their power, dodging the meteor wasn't something impossible... they probably didn't know that Hypnos had used Perfect Aim when he cast the spell and chose Ryan as a target. So, it was pretty much unavoidable.

"Even more useless than cowards, are hesitating fools," Hypnos said and then raised his right hand.

Hypnos was preparing to onslaught the humans, but Ryan used Teleport and punched him. A Mana Shield appeared and blocked the attack, but he stopped his actions while Ryan didn't even make Hypnos move.

"You people are useless," Alissa said. "Go and hide somewhere else."

It wasn't surprising that Alissa didn't want them in her army. First of all, she abandoned her soldiers, and second of all, she hated cowards. She also didn't let hundreds of humans join her army a few months ago, so Ryan wasn't surprised. Still, he wanted to make people owe him favors.

"You still decided to help them?" Hypnos asked. "How disappointing..."

"What can I say?" Ryan asked. "I am not a huge fan of genocides. However, I am a huge fan of fighting assholes."

Ryan summoned his magic bows and tried to make them penetrate the Mana Shield. Still, as expected, even though he was using his full power, the Spiritualist's Crossbows weren't even making the shield tremble. Hypnos truly was a mage-type elder god.

Congratulations! The skill Double Crossbows have leveled up.

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Ryan used the skill since he had the chance and saw two small crossbows appearing attached to his forearms. They were kind of similar to the ones he had envisioned while he was moving to Russia, but the fact that he didn't have to pull any trigger wasn't something he had planned.

“I guess I really should bet more on mixing several classes that don’t have any connection with each other,” Ryan smiled in satisfaction.

Before Ryan could keep having the satisfaction of seeing a new skill continuously leveling up. Their body’s weight increased yet again... summoning, gravity, meteors... So far, those were the only things that Hypnos used. Still, none of them seemed like his real specialty in a battle. Still, it was annoying as hell.

Once again, the terrain around them changed, and then Ryan, Femradiel, and Alissa saw themselves engulfed by darkness. Even though Ryan could see reasonably well in the dark, even him was having a hard time completely understanding the surroundings. Alissa and Femradiel had good eyes, but even so, they will have a hard time there.

By the look of things, Ryan assumed that they were in some sort of giant cave. The temperature, the humidity, and the format of the ground, and of the few things he could see around made him think of that. Still, before he could understand anything more, Ryan suddenly felt a blunt impact on his face. For a second, he felt that his neck was going to snap, but that didn’t happen. Femradiel and Alissa noticed that Ryan got hit. Still, they didn’t feel anything moving, so they approached to cover each other’s backs.

“That hurt like a bit...” Ryan said.

“Did you receive any notification when you got hit?” Femradiel asked.

“No...” Ryan replied.

Most likely, it wasn’t an elemental attack. Regardless, just knowing that wouldn’t help them all that much. Ryan and the others activated Mana Barrier, but then they felt something hitting their bellies out of nowhere. Ryan had prepared for another surprise attack and even tried to grab whatever hit him, but he didn’t react in time.

“This is weird...” Femradiel said. “You both were hit at the same time, but... I didn’t notice until the very last moment.”

That was indeed weird. Femradiel had sharp senses, so perhaps in that world. Only Hypnos could be faster than her reflexes, but that shouldn't be the case since they got hit at the same time. Not to mention, she didn't know where Hypnos was. Not even her senses could let her know that. So, she couldn't tell Ryan and Alissa either.

Alissa tried to illuminate the place by using a Fireball. Still, much to their surprise, while they could see the spell, they couldn't see the light emanated by it... it looked like that environment could suppress the light emitted by most things.

While Ryan was trying to figure out the situation, he suddenly felt something hit him from both sides. His ribs cracked so easily that Ryan couldn't help but wonder if he was in his human form. The pain made him lose the air in his lungs. Perhaps that was Hypnos' true combat power. Still, it seemed weird... When beings like Hephaestus used their best attacks, Ryan barely could endure them. So, why could he take so many of those hits while he was being almost completely defenseless and not lose his consciousness?

"Follow me," Ryan said.

Femradiel and Alissa didn't know if Ryan had any plan in mind, but at such a point, there was no point in arguing or trying something else. After all, they didn't have any idea where Hypnos was. Ryan was trying to locate Hypnos and then try to prevent those weird attacks by bombarding him. However, Ryan was forced to stop when he felt another attack hitting the area below his left ear. At that moment, Ryan noticed while he was almost losing consciousness, then he was in trouble. After all, his mithril helmet was supposed to protect that area.

Chapter 810

Who prevented Ryan from falling was Alissa. She grabbed him by the shoulders and then used a healing spell. Ryan was completely dizzy thanks to the attack, so she used Purification as well, and that happened.

"It seems he is kind of familiar to Thanatos, even his combat style," Femradiel said.

"Oh, yeah," Alissa said. "You guys defeated his brother, so, what do you mean by that? Maybe we can find a way to counter his attacks by recalling this fight of yours."

“Thanatos can control death itself, so he can cause damage just by thinking,” Femradiel said. “As long as he can see you, he can damage you just by thinking and you can’t do anything about it.”

“That seems like a real pain, so how did you manage to defeat him?” Alissa asked.

“Well, Ryan got mad and became a cursed dragon for a while when he saw Thanatos breaking my neck,” Femradiel said. “He got so wounded during those moments that when Ryan woke up, he was basically dead.”

Ryan was about to contest that, but then he felt an attack on his neck. It almost looked like Hypnos wanted to hear more about it... Regardless, Ryan didn’t have to think because a hit in the neck was even more agonizing than a kick on the balls.

Congratulations! The skill Pain Resistance has leveled up.

Congratulations! The skill Pain Immunity has leveled up.

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At least the notifications confirmed that he was actually being damaged and wasn’t just hallucinating about it. Hypnos didn’t seem like a proper fighter, so he definitely was using a spell similar to Thanatos. Ryan suddenly had an idea. He decided to use Vengeful Explosion and reflect the damage that should stop Hypnos for a while and then give them his current position. However, Hypnos noticed that Ryan was planning something, so he focused on attacking Alissa. When she tried to do the same strategy, Hypnos just didn’t attack, and that worked pretty well since neither of them could keep Vengeful Explosion active for long. Soon after, Ryan returned to be Hypnos punching back. Since Ryan didn’t have any other strategy, he decided to annoy the heck out of his enemy.

“Although apparently, you two have similar powers, you are completely different,” Ryan said. “Let me guess, you were always the scared little brother, right?”

“You like to use your tongue, don’t you?” Hypnos suddenly said. “Perhaps, you don’t need it anymore.”

As expected, Ryan found a touchy subject. Still, for an elder god, Hypnos sure was naïve to fall for that. Regardless, couldn't tell the direction the voice came from, and before he could try anything again, he felt three consecutive impacts on his chin. Once again, his vision began to spin, but since he was prepared for the attack, Ryan endured it.

"You will have to try harder to keep my mouth shut," Ryan said while he massaged his mouth.

"To someone like, to stop someone like you from breathing is a simple matter," Hypnos said. "So, don't flatter yourself with useless bravado."

"You think so?" Ryan asked as he looked around. "Do you think that you can judge what is useless bravado and what isn't? I mean, you are completely hidden in this darkness. I mean no offense, but this sure looks like a plan of a coward."

"As expected, you have better eyes than most," Hypnos said. "Perhaps instead of your tongue, you don't need your eyes."

Ryan couldn't help but feel shivers. That wasn't an empty threat. However, he couldn't just react to Hypnos's words like that, so he didn't try to protect his eyes. Fortunately, Hypnos didn't go for them either for some reason.

Ryan activated Draconic Eyes, but he only saw a massive layer of mana covering everything. As expected, finding traces of Hypnos would be useless in that dream world. Finding Hypnos by looking for his voice was useless as well. Since he could attack like that, he probably could make his voice come from any direction. He also could use Telepathy...

"Hey, Alissa, didn't we have experience in a situation like this?" Ryan asked. "Remember, when we were facing the skeletons, why can't you use your skills like that again?"

"Are you comparing the skills of a bunch of minions with the skills of an elder god?" Alissa asked. "Are you stupid or what?"

“Well, I guess it doesn’t matter, if all he is good at is hiding and punching like a little girl, we won’t lose,” Ryan said.

Soon after, Ryan was bombarded with a rain of those weird attacks. His groin, stomach, ribs, and neck... every possible place he could be hit and receive massive damage, was hit. But amidst the pain, Ryan managed to use Vengeful Explosion, and he felt a lot of the damage being reflected toward the ceiling. The ceiling broke, but then it didn’t hit anything. It just revealed a hole that would lead them to another part of the cave.

“I guess we are making some progress,” Ryan said while he was using Full-Heal.

“That is very manly of you Ryan, but you can stop now,” Femradiel said. “You are not anywhere good at receiving damage, so you are only killing yourself.”

“Well, thanks for the vote of confidence,” Ryan said.

Once they realized that the cave they were in had many layers, Ryan, Femradiel, and Alissa began to destroy all the ceilings they found on their path. Despite doing that for quite a while, they never found the way out of that hellhole. Naturally, Hypnos didn’t leave them alone, even for a single moment. He kept attacking Ryan as if that was the greatest sport in the world.

“I know that I pissed him, but... this is starting to get annoying,” Ryan thought.

The damage he was receiving wasn’t critical, but thanks to that, Ryan’s body was starting to get exhausted. Just suffering damage and not being able to cause any sure was a bitch since it exhausts him mentally.

Chapter 811

Once they grew tired of breaking ceilings, Ryan, Femradiel, and Alissa decided to stop to catch a breath. Naturally, Hypnos annoyed the hell out of them with his attacks. Considering what happened before, Ryan assumed that Hypnos was somewhere above them. However, they could only cause so much destruction. Hypnos made sure to create an environment in his dream world where he could attack and be protected by hundreds of layers of earth. If anything, he deserved praise for being that creative.

“We don’t have enough power to keep going like this,” Femradiel said. “For all we know, it is possible that Hypnos is creating another layer of defense right now between us and him. In this place his will is absolute.”

“We have wasted too much time here, we have to return to reality right now, no matter the cost,” Alissa nodded.

Hearing those two talking like that made Ryan realize that he couldn’t pull his punches anymore. Hypnos was powerful and too skilled, so they had to force him to fight seriously in order to make him stop with that crap about changing the place for the better.

“Let’s do that, then,” Ryan said. “It should be enough to let us escape from his hellhole.”

Hypnos didn’t know what they were talking about since they didn’t show any skill in that world that could make them escape the dark cave. While Hypnos could use Absolute Appraisal, he couldn’t find certain skills due to their ability to hide skills. Regardless, Ryan, Femradiel, and Alissa raise their heads, and then in the next moment, they used Draconic Bow.

Even the natural darkness of the place was unable to completely make it disappear the light emanated by all mana of those three. Still, that was the minor of the Hypnos problems. The massive cannon of energy fired by them pierced the layers of the cave and completely destroyed it like it was made of cotton. After destroying hundreds of those layers, Ryan, Femradiel, and Alissa finally could see the sky of that world... but something was off.

“Where are we...” Femradiel asked.

The world seemed different from the previous one, but it didn’t seem like that was the case since Ryan and the others still could see the score. Above them, they found a completely dark and starless sky. Around them, they saw what seemed to be a massive mountain range of mountains covered in darkness... Those mountains were as big as Hypnos castle. So, it wasn’t surprising that they had to use their Draconic Arrows to open the path to the exit. Regardless, they raised their guard since their mana was low, and they didn’t know that place. However, much to their surprise, Hypnos didn’t attack them.

“Keep your eyes open and your senses sharp,” Ryan said. “He won’t take us lightly after we showed that attack.”

Ryan assumed that Hypnos didn’t attack because he was cautious. It was only natural that he would do so since their combined attacks would certainly damage him quite a lot.

After a while, those three couldn’t help but frown. Hypnos was nowhere to be seen, and he wasn’t attacking either. That was beyond weird... while he didn’t seem much of a warrior, he certainly didn’t look like a coward that would run away from the enemy that had his brother under custody.

“Well, let’s use this opportunity to recover our energy,” Ryan said.

They couldn’t throw away such an opportunity, even more so considering that Hypnos had no idea how much energy they spent. Ryan wanted to use some potions that could increase his attributes as well, but since those only lasted for five minutes, it wasn’t wise to use them when Hypnos was nowhere to be seen.

After a while, Hypnos suddenly appeared, and this time he looked different. He was wearing full plate white armor that made him look angelic-like. As if that wasn’t enough, he also had a headband made of some sort of plant and a silver bow on his hands.

“So, he is a magic archer,” Ryan said.

“My apologies for taking my time in preparing for the battle,” Hypnos said. “Still, I figured that in the end, I will have to face all of you seriously.”

Ryan couldn’t help but be a bit surprised. After all, Thanatos lost against Ryan and Femradiel, and now they had the help of another human being who had Draconic powers and, most likely, was stronger than Ryan. Despite that, he still wanted to face those three at the same time...

“Better late than never,” Ryan said.

As soon as Ryan said that, Hypnos pointed his bow toward him, and much to his surprise, he didn't even shoot an arrow, but Ryan felt something piercing his chest.

"What..." Ryan said.

Alissa and Femradiel bombarded the enemy while Ryan was recovering from the surprise. Still, Hypnos just pointed his bow at the ice spears, and the breath and that had been enough to make those dissipate. It looked like he could use some extremely high-level version of Disrupt Magic.

Ryan decided to join the fray, but then he noticed that the area around where he got supposedly hit had gone numb. That was another type of magic that he had never seen before.

"Use the Mana Barrier! Don't let him hit you!" Ryan shouted.

"I wonder if that will be enough," Hypnos said.

Ryan and Femradiel noticed it. Hypnos was Thanatos's brother. It wouldn't be weird if he actually could damage or hit others with his special arrows while ignoring their defensive spells. Just like Thanatos, the only way to deal with that kind of attack was by forcing Hypnos to lose sight of them.

After using Purification for a while, Ryan managed to feel that area of his torso again. Still, it was only because Alissa and Femradiel kept him busy. If anyone got hit multiple times by the arrows of that bow, things would get very messy. Using all her power, Femradiel created a mist to cover the entire region. Still, in the end, Hypnos easily dispersed the spell.

Class: Artemis' Disciple Lv 99 (+ 01 UP) / Frozen Spellcaster Lv 99 (+ 01 UP) / William Tell's Apprentice Lv 99 (+ 01 UP) (-)

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

Rank: 8th

Health: 25332/25332 (34,75/s)

Mana: 25325/25325 (34,75/s)

Stamina: 26530/26530 (34,75/s)

Strength: 881 (+9922) (+130)

Dexterity: 56233 (+13655) (+550)

Speed: 1270 (+12910) (+48)

Intelligence: 1352 (+9621) (+33)

Endurance: 1398 (+10895) (+160)

Control: 1476 (12950) (+10)

Mentality: 1452 (+7995) (+70)

Luck: 1080 (+4760)

Recovery: 6450 (+17350) (+1045)

Willpower: 1452 (+7993) (+40)

Coins: 880.444.986

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Power Shot Lv 165 (+ 30 UP), Rapid Shot Lv 107 (+ 20 UP), Herculean Strength Lv 92 (+ 06 UP), Fighter's Spirit Lv 76 (+ 06 UP)

Passive Physical Skills: Eagle Eyes Lv 228 (+ 09 UP), Concentration Lv 228 (+ 09 UP), Archery Lv 228 (+ 09 UP), Accuracy Lv 228 (+ 09 UP), Stealth Lv 228 (+ 09 UP), Pain Resistance Lv 123 (+ 20 UP), Target Selection Lv 08 (+ 07 UP), Sixth Sense Lv 01,

Spells: Draconic Transformation Lv 235 (+ 05 UP), Frost Armor Lv 229 (+ 05 UP), Ice Breath Lv 269 (+ 05 UP), Magic Bow Lv 170 (+ 10 UP), Hand Crossbows Lv 19 (+ 18 UP),

Support Skills:

Classes:

Combat: Expert Archer Lv 94 (+ 05 UP), Night Ranger Lv 63 (+ 09 UP), Avenger Lv 61 (+ 20 UP), Death Lord Lv 07 (+ 02 UP), Draconic Archer Lv 05 (+ 01 UP), Draconic Warrior Lv 04 (+ 01 UP), Blacksmithing Lord Lv 24 (+ 23 UP), Calm Fighter Lv 07 (+ 06 UP),

Non-Combatant:

Race: Centaur, Dragon, Kobold, Triton,

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"I commend you for knowing how to counter some of my skills, but you will have to try harder if you want to succeed," Hypnos said.

After saying that, Hypnos pointed his bow toward Ryan, Femradiel, and Alissa. In a single moment, and before they could do anything, they were hit by invisible arrows on their left arms. Instantly, a good part

of them began to fall asleep. Before Hypnos could try to hit them more, they began to Teleport around in order not to give them the chance to aim. Usually, that would buy them enough time to recover themselves, but only if the opponent weren't an elder god.

Hypnos decided to focus his attacks on Ryan, and he had imagined that would be the case and then charged toward Hypnos. He tried to land a fake punch and then grab the bow, but Hypnos Teleported away from him. Naturally, while he holds such a powerful weapon, he won't drop his guard. When Hypnos tried to aim the bow toward him, Ryan used Ice Breath, but Alissa and Femradiel attacked with Ice Spears and another breath attack from above and from behind. In the end, Hypnos was forced to Teleport and stop his counterattack.

"All right, let's keep coordinating like this," Ryan said via Telepathy. "He is strong and skilled, but he can't attack and block all of our attacks at the same time. Once he drops his guard, attack with all your might."

Femradiel and Alissa nodded, but even so, all of them knew things wouldn't be simple since Hypnos knew what they were planning. It was a bit risky, even for Hypnos, but he had to select a target and focus only on them. Once he succeeds and puts one of the three down, then things won't be that troublesome.

Hypnos began to teleport at high speeds as well to dodge their combined attacks, but Ryan and Femradiel made sure to activate Perfect Aim. At some point, Hypnos was going to be bombarded by them... or perhaps Ryan and Alissa will suffer the same fate as Hephaestus due to their size. Regardless, it was a necessary risk.

Hypnos focused on evading their attacks and attacking Ryan whenever possible without taking many risks. He sure had steel nerves because he never got too tense, not even when he escaped the attacks by a hair's breadth. When the projectiles were about to unavoidably hit him, Hypnos suddenly disappeared, and then the bolts hit one of the mountains. The whole area trembled, but not Hypnos line of defense. He could teleport to the interior of those when it comes down to it and ultimately return completely unscathed.

"I guess this isn't going to work... unless we use Draconic Bow again," Ryan thought.

Even using that attack wasn't a sure way to defeat Hypnos, perhaps at firing at point-blank range, but there were no guarantees that it would happen. Hypnos already proved himself to be a capable mage,

so his defensive spells will decrease the power of their attacks exponentially. Using his best weapons and long-ranged attacks won't work like that, so Ryan decided to use his newest skills.

Like a madman, Ryan began to Teleport too close to Hypnos while trying to punch him. He wasn't firing any arrows or bolts in order to save mana just for that, and thanks to it, he managed to force Hypnos to focus on moving away from him as well.

"We can't attack if you stay too close to him," Femradiel said via Telepathy.

"Don't worry about that," Ryan said. "Just make sure to take advantage of the situation."

Ryan knew that those two only needed a single instant to land any attack, and that was exactly why he insisted on chasing Hypnos. At first, Ryan was always a step behind Hypnos, but despite that, the target didn't have the chance to use his bow. If he were to aim at Ryan even for a few moments, Ryan would have the chance to land a hit.

Hypnos' expression darkened upon noticing that Ryan wasn't giving him any room to attack. Suddenly, Hypnos disappeared, and then Ryan felt his presence above him. Ryan tried to chase him, but then he saw some meteors falling. He tried to escape by teleporting, but then the meteors chased him. After trying to escape from those for two seconds, Ryan felt his arms getting hit by invisible arrows, and then they fell asleep near instantly.

"Shit..." Ryan said.

Ryan used some extra mana to summon Magic Bows and then destroy the meteors with his bolt, and this time, he approached Hypnos. Much to his surprise, Hypnos blocked a punch with his bow, and as if that wasn't crazy enough, the weapon didn't even move. Soon after, Ryan felt a wave of energy passing through his whole right arm, and then he completely lost control over it.

Alissa and Femradiel attacked Hypnos in the next moment, but their breath and Ice Spear didn't hit anything. Hypnos used Teleport to escape the very moment he achieved his goal. Ryan began to chase Hypnos again while he was using Purification. It was a pain that not a single of his resistance skills worked against that kind of attack. Still, it was only natural since Hypnos was Thanatos's brother.

His normal speed wasn't enough, so Ryan decided to use SPE potions. It was a bit risky to use all of them, but Ryan was dead set on using them to end that fight as soon as possible. At some point, Ryan's reaction speed increased so much that he could even see Hypnos' movements when he was about to attack or teleport.

When that same scene repeated itself, Ryan saw almost in slow motion the moment when Hypnos tried to block another punch with the bow, but in the last moment, Ryan stopped his arm and then used Draconic Bow. An explosion enveloped the area where Ryan and Hypnos were, and since they were in the air, it was obvious that Ryan hit the enemy. Near instantly, Femradiel and Alissa also fired Draconic Bow.

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Before the smoke caused by the explosion could disappear, Ryan appeared while falling in his Draconic form. His body was covered in wounds, and he was bleeding quite a lot. Still, he was conscious...

"I guess I should be happy that they went all out and didn't treat me like someone made so frail," Ryan said and then began to levitate and heal his wounds.

Fortunately, Hypnos's skill worked to help Ryan. Since his arms were still asleep, he wasn't suffering all that much. Regardless, before Ryan could heal himself, another explosion happened and dispersed the smoke. Hypnos's figure appeared, and he seemed pretty pissed. His wounds weren't as big as Ryan's, and he barely was bleeding, but he suffered some damage. Ryan's surprise attack messed with his rhythm and made him unable to react to even Alissa and Femradiel's attacks.

"I guess not even in this world, you are all powerful," Ryan said. "This is good."

"It wouldn't be fun to create a world where I am completely invincible," Hypnos said and then took a deep breath.

Hypnos was angry, but he wasn't the type who tends to let his anger control his emotions. Still, it didn't mean that he would let things go unpunished. Ryan, Femradiel, and the others prepared to attack, but then Ryan stopped in midair after he used Teleport to move behind Hypnos. Thanks to that, he easily blocked Alissa and Femradiel's attacks. Suddenly, Ryan began to fall while he was making a surprised expression.

“What the hell happened?” Ryan asked in shock.

Ryan suddenly lost control over his entire body, with the sole exception of his head. Almost at the same time, he understood what had happened. Just like Thanatos, Hypnos had the ability to make the enemies that approach him suffer under some effects. In his case, it was the effect of making the enemies’ bodies becoming asleep.

Femradiel and Alissa flew to help Ryan, but he stopped his fall by using Telekinesis. It looked like the enemies couldn’t use their mana properly while they were close to Hypnos. That would be the only explanation for his fall since his head was what controlled Fly.

“What happened?” Femradiel asked when she approached.

“He created some sort of magic field that numbs your senses around him,” Ryan replied. “Except my head, I can’t control any part of my body. Be careful because using mana is also difficult around him.”

While they were talking, Hypnos, for the first time, made an arrow appear and nock it. Soon after, he also pulled the string and began to concentrate on his next attack. In the blink of an eye, so much energy was gathered that Femradiel and Alissa couldn’t help but sweat cold. An attack like that was gathering energy enough to cause more damage than that one-kilometer-long meteor.

“We have to attack that,” Alissa said. “Now!”

Following Alissa’s lead, Ryan and Femradiel used the Draconic Bow. Their attacks united as one and then quickly approached Hypnos, but Hypnos also fired his attack and easily overpowered it. Ryan imagined that their attacks wouldn’t stop Hypnos, so he had already prepared his next move. He ate the magic weapons he created earlier, recovered a lot of mana, and also received a boost in power.

Congratulations! The skill Cryomancy has leveled up.

Congratulations! The skill Power Shot has leveled up.

Congratulations! The skill Electric Resistance has leveled up.

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Somehow, Ryan reacted in time and recovered enough mana to teleport himself, Femradiel, and Alissa away from the blast, but even so, things didn't end just by moving away. Hypnos' attack obliterated the entire area and kept expanding for quite a while, turning the dark mountains into nothing while being eaten by the ever-growing pillar of light.

When the pillar of light finally disappeared, Ryan and the others found the result of Hypnos's full power. There was no hole left by the attack, only what seemed to be a space where nothing could be seen or put. It was like a version of outer space on earth, but it was nothing like that in reality. It was just a destroyed part of Hypnos' dream world. Still, it wouldn't be stupid to think that an attack like that could destroy a small country, and if Hypnos has the chance to charge that attack for longer...

The idea was just too much for them to bear, and unfortunately, Ryan, Femradiel, and Alissa saw Hypnos charging another arrow. Their best attacks couldn't defeat Hypnos, not even if they could fire it in a quick succession.

"Well... what now?" Femradiel asked. "Just like Hephaestus said that elder gods have a near unlimited mana pool, I would say that Hypnos' mana pool is even larger in this world. Most likely, even if he doesn't kill us, he will destroy this world and make us unable to do anything, much less defeat him."

Hypnos looked as calm as always, but Ryan could see another level of anger in his eyes in the end. He didn't fear those that express his anger like beasts. Ryan fears those that express their anger like that.

"... Things will work out in the end as long as we try together," Ryan said after a long sigh. "Alissa, protect Femradiel with all your might. Femradiel, you should work on leveling up Anger Manipulation while you can."

After saying that, Ryan used the small amount of mithril he still had and created a chamber big enough for two people on the back of his armor. That should keep those two protected from his own attacks if Femradiel takes too long on recovering his mind.

“Are you sure of that?” Femradiel asked. “There is no telling if I will succeed in doing this, Thanatos succeeded because he is an elder god and he was good at doing that.”

“There is no other choice,” Ryan said. “The enemy this time is that troublesome, and we aren’t strong enough to defeat him on his turf.”

Femradiel and Alissa could only nod after hearing that. Ryan’s idea was probably the best one, but not even Alissa could offer such an option. After all, she barely could remember anything when she was a cursed dragon.

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When Ryan decided to stop having fun and enjoying the situation, his blood began to boil again. Alissa and Femradiel also decided to enter the chamber he created on his back to offer some support and stop him if they ever have the chance. After all, there was a chance that Ryan wouldn’t win by letting his anger control him once again.

Almost near-instantly, Ryan’s body was covered by that shadow, and he began to emanate the miasma. Femradiel imagined that he would lose his mind after a certain point, but much to her surprise, even when she noticed that Ryan was no longer there, the rage didn’t turn him into a beast-like before. While she heard Ryan’s grunt, Femradiel also noticed Ryan starting at Hypnos.

Ryan charged toward Hypnos, and the elder god couldn’t help but frown. That was pretty much suicide since Ryan wasn’t the type who could withstand many attacks. While he knew that those three were plotting something, it was hard to imagine any plan being useful right at that moment. Regardless, Hypnos welcomed the attack since his arrow will obviously cause more damage the closer Ryan gets.

When Hypnos fired the arrow, Ryan opened his mouth and used Dark Ice Breath. The attacks collided, and much to Hypnos, Femradiel, and Alissa’s surprise, the attacks apparently had the same level of power. Neither cannons of energy win the war of attrition, but Ryan and Hypnos were forced to back down due to the sheer power alone of their attacks. Hypnos moved to high in the sky and tried to attack Ryan with his special arrows, and he hit him, but he didn’t notice his body getting slower or weaker.

“What is wrong with him?” Hypnos asked, confused.

It was impossible to dodge or nullify the effects of his arrows instantly so that Hypnos couldn't understand it. He faced plenty of cursed dragons in the past, but neither of them resisted the power of his arrows. While Hypnos was confused, Ryan suddenly increased his speed and hit his body before Hypnos could use his bow to protect himself. Hypnos clicked his tongue in annoyance since Ryan's resilience against special attacks wasn't the only thing that grew.

Before Hypnos could try to stop moving after the impact, Ryan used Teleport and appeared right behind him and tried to slice in half with his claws. However, Hypnos moved away by using Teleport as well.

"It looks like you managed to keep your sanity even after reaching this level of corruption," Femradiel said.

Femradiel hoped to hear an answer, but she didn't hear one. She had assumed that Ryan was somewhere in there since he was using his old tactics, but it seemed that wasn't the case. The madness within him was just trying to defeat the enemy before him no matter what.

"Orgar told me that cursed dragons are stronger than ordinary ones, but this boost in power isn't anything that he had mentioned..." Alissa said. "I don't remember many things when I lost my mind, but I didn't feel that powerful."

"It is probably because you didn't have much rage inside you to begin with," Femradiel explained. "Considering your past and Orgar, you were more sad than angry. Ryan is stupid enough not to let himself get sad. He doesn't show his anger, but when he is not calm, he is usually pretty mad. Since he doesn't do many things to let out his frustration, that is why he has so much rage accumulated inside him."

From Alissa's perspective, Ryan didn't look like that kind of person. Still, he couldn't disagree that Ryan was the type of person who would deal with certain troublesome things with sadness. Even on the few times, she saw him angry. It was only a demonstration that lasted for a couple of seconds. While looking at Ryan fighting like that, Alissa couldn't help but think that Ryan always forced his anger to stay inside him to use in moments like that.

When Ryan got close enough again to hit him, Hypnos focused on blocking the attack with his bow. However, even with that, he was being pushed backward. The difference in size didn't help Ryan before, but now it was working. While clenching his teeth, Hypnos used his bow and tried to numb half of Ryan's body before his punch could overpower his bow. However, that never happened. What happened was the fact that Hypnos was sent flying backward and only stopped after hitting one of the dark mountains

in the area and only stopped after piercing it for hundreds of meters. For the first time in a long while, Hypnos coughed blood.

“I see now... this miasma...” Hypnos said. “My brother should have a fearsome ability to heal himself. Adding vampirism and his power to control death itself, he should be able to heal from most wounds instantly, but thanks to this miasma...”

No one knew who Hypnos was talking with, but it certainly wasn't Ryan. He flew toward Hypnos again and tried to smash him with his knee, but at the last moment, Hypnos escaped, and Ryan only ended up opening another massive crater on that mountain.

While he was cleaning the blood from his mouth, Hypnos' face darkened again. At that point in time, there was no reason to keep hiding his cards... Hypnos moved his bow to the side and then suddenly punched the air in front of him, but before the swing of the motion could end, a dark sphere appeared in front of him and engulfed his arm. In the next moment, Ryan was hit in the stomach and was forced to slow down his charges.

“So, that is his trick...” Femradiel said. “He is bending space to cause physical damage at any distance on Ryan. What is even worse is the fact that his arm doesn't have to appear near the target.”

“That sure is a troublesome ability... do you know how to counter it?” Alissa asked.

“No...” Femradiel said.

“Me neither,” Alissa added.

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Alissa and Femradiel couldn't help but frown. Hypnos was causing just too much damage using that strategy. Ryan's endurance should have increased three to four times when he became a cursed dragon, but even so, he was suffering too much damage.

“He is going all out this time,” Femradiel said. “He didn’t do that before because he didn’t want us to understand his ability.”

Hypnos attacks were strong enough even to stop Ryan’s charge in his draconic form, and while the corruption, the corruption had utterly overtaken his mind. They had assumed that Hypnos was a magic archer, but he was more all-rounder than any enemy they met so far. In fact, that made sense considering this nature. However, Hypnos attacks only worked to make Ryan even madder. He managed to fight like an enraged human until that point, but it seemed that would be no longer possible.

“HAAAAAAAAAARRRRRRRRRRGGGGGGGGHHHHHHHHHH!” Ryan roared.

“Here it comes...” Femradiel said.

Ryan flew toward Hypnos again, but this time he did so while he was using Dark Ice Breath. Hypnos tried to dispel the mana of the attack, and he actually succeeded... to some extent. As it turned out, Hypnos failed at dispersing the attack because the attack had more than just mana. It had dark energy that Ryan’s rage had given birth to.

Hypnos escaped before the Dark Ice could hit him, but in the end, even amidst his madness, Ryan grabbed that massive block of ice and then looked for Hypnos. Once he found it, he threw it at him after activating Perfect Aim. Femradiel assumed that Ryan wasn’t there anymore, but whatever was controlling his body still made good use of his instincts and experience.

Hypnos tried to hit below one of the dark mountains, but he made a mistake when he assumed the dark ice wouldn’t reach him. The projectile cut the dark mountain like butter and hit Hypnos that was hiding right in the middle. Although the dark ice was supposed to be pretty resilient, it started to crack after hitting the target.

“I guess even that has some level of durability,” Femradiel said. “Since it is a massive concentration of energy, it can penetrate almost everything, but after a while...”

Alissa nodded after hearing that a projectile like that would usually last for a lot more, but since Ryan threw it in his draconic form and with that power up, not even that could endure more than a single throw. Not to mention, Hypnos dispersed an excellent part of the energy used.

When Hypnos showed up again, his left arm was bleeding, and some miasma could be seen from the wounds. He didn't reach a critical level, but the damage was piling up... at that rate. Femradiel could imagine Ryan winning. Still, her instincts were telling her that things wouldn't be so simple.

"Yeah, that is right... this is how it should be," Hypnos said.

Ryan dashed toward Hypnos again, but then Hypnos used the same trick with space bending, but this time he punched so many times that in the end, Ryan was forced to stop while coughing blood. Hypnos didn't stop there. He kept punching until Ryan's neck was moving from one side to the other. At that moment, Femradiel and Alissa started to get worried, they were healing Ryan whenever possible, but he might break much sooner than imagined.

Much to their surprise, the miasma around Ryan's body began to act weird, and then it created a thick layer around Ryan's neck. That was weird since the area that was getting hit was the face, but that worked pretty well in the end. Ryan's head stopped moving, and then while ignoring the damage, he flew toward Hypnos again. However, for some reason, he didn't use Dark Ice Breath.

Femradiel tried to see things inside Ryan's mind, but she couldn't see anything aside from the darkness covering his spiritual form. Which was weird since, in that world, they were already in their spiritual form... Regardless, when Hypnos realized that Ryan was suffering damage, but that wouldn't stop him, he moved away and stopped attacking.

"It seems he can't bend space like that while moving... some concentration must be required to use that technique," Femradiel said.

While Hypnos was trying to gain some distance over Ryan without having to move so far away and unable to deal any damage, Ryan's speed suddenly increases, and he Hypnos with a Body Slam. Hypnos and even Ryan were caught off guard, probably because he wasn't used to using Haste and Heat Field at the same time. Regardless, that worked pretty well. Hypnos was sent flying in the distance and only stopped hitting the peak of a dark mountain. This time he quickly got up since Ryan didn't attack him with the corruption.

As if the madness controlling Ryan's body had noticed that, he created some Dark Ice Arrows around. Naturally, they were as big as Ryan himself. Hypnos tried to rebel against those with his magic and with his real arrows, but in the end, one of the arrows hit him.

“That is new...” Femradiel said.

“Did I use any attack like that when I was, you know... mad?” Alissa asked.

“Only the Dark Non-Elemental Breath,” Femradiel replied.

It wouldn't be difficult for Hypnos to dodge the attacks. While they could easily pierce the dark mountains, he knew the entire environment, so he could hide much deeper than the arrows could pierce. Still, Hypnos was liking the fight, so running away every single time was boring, and that hurt his pride quite a lot.

When Ryan approached to finish the job, he suddenly was welcomed by a kick in the stomach. Instead of using tricks, Hypnos kicked him with his own leg. The entire area trembled with the impact, and Ryan's body bent toward the enemy, and soon after, he coughed blood. Even his mithril armor cracked a little after that attack.

Soon after, Hypnos slapped Ryan's face with his bow, and then the sound of the armor and scales cracking began to spread around the area. That wasn't good, the corruption, the mithril, the Frost Armor, and the scales were supposed to be protecting Ryan, but with every passing second, he was coughing more blood.

Chapter 816

“HAHA! This is it!” Hypnos said. “This is so much fun! It has been so long since I had this much fun!”

It seemed that Hypnos had forgotten about his original goal of rescuing his brother. He didn't look like someone who enjoys himself that much in a fight, but he sure looked delighted while he was beating the crap out of Ryan. Femradiel thought that the more he gets hit, the angrier Ryan would become, and thus he would gain more power, but it seemed things weren't that simple...

In the end, Hypnos finished the sequence by charging the last attack for half a second and then hit Ryan's head. This time, Femradiel and Alissa heard his neck cracking, and they feared the worst. However, they didn't have time to worry since they were on Ryan's back, and his body was sent flying in the distance. He flew for dozens of kilometers in a few seconds, only to stop after rolling on the ground

for half a minute. It was a miracle that Femradiel and Alissa didn't suffer much damage, but even so, they worked hard to heal Ryan's body.

However, before their spells could have any effect, the miasma fixed Ryan's neck in just a few moments. That was good, but it was also bad. Femradiel knew that not a single body could withstand that kind of damage for long.

"Let's use some potions," Femradiel said. "This should give Ryan some boost in power."

"Ah, I hate to stay in the background like this..." Alissa said.

Although she wanted to fight, Alissa worked hard to use potions that boosted Ryan's status. Still, for some reason, he wasn't as active as before. Neither of them could notice that the real Ryan was back, but his rage seemed quieter than before... However, when Hypnos approached to attack, Ryan suddenly attacked him with his double-headed club. Hypnos' kick and Ryan's weapon collided, and a powerful blunt sound echoed through the area. The weapon broke, but Ryan recovered a huge deal of mana. The club broke into several pieces in the same instant. Ryan used his Dark Ice Breath at point-blank range.

Putting aside Hypnos, not even Femradiel imagined that Ryan would be able to lay such a trap while he was completely mad. In the end, it worked pretty well. Hypnos was completely sealed inside, and his body was emitting a lot of the dark miasma. The block of ice fell on the ground, and then Ryan began to fly... that was another weird step considering how violent he was when he became a cursed dragon.

After Ryan reached a certain altitude, he stopped and then saw the dark ice cracking. Hypnos was still trying to fight, but Ryan wouldn't let that happen even in his madness. So, he began to focus all his energy on his right fist. Weirdly enough, even the corruption began to concentrate on his right arm. Until it reached a point, it became a huge, dark arm that resembled the wing of a fallen angel.

"This is going to hurt..." Femradiel said.

Ryan flew toward where Hypnos was stuck, and at the very last moment, he was able to free himself and charge toward Ryan as well. Hypnos tried to disperse the energy, but in the end, it barely made any difference. Ryan's fist and Hypnos bow collided, and then a massive explosion happened that destroyed all the dark mountains in the area.

The explosion of energy made the entire space vibrate, and Femradial and Alissa saw some distortions in the illusion. It seemed that they could escape using those, but not while Ryan was trying to overpower Hypnos with that attack. In the end, they saw his right arm completely being destroyed by the massive impact... that was bad, really bad. However, the energy collision suddenly stopped, and Ryan's attack won the exchange, much to their surprise. Hypnos was sent flying toward the horizon, and his body was completely damaged and emanating miasma and blood from all his wounds.

When that ended, Femradial and Alissa saw that their attacks destroyed that reality, just like Hypnos enhanced arrows. However, Ryan lost a hand, and not even the corruption was healing it so fast. Ignoring the wound, Ryan looked for the place where Hypnos was sent, and only after quite a while. He found him unconscious on the ground and in the middle of a dark forest. Why was he unconscious in his own dream world? No one could explain, and Ryan couldn't care less about it either.

"HAAAAAAAAAAAAARRRRRRRRRRRRGGGGGGGGGGGGHHHHHHHHHHH!" Ryan roared.

Ryan landed right above Hypnos and then began to hit him with his left arm. With every hit, he created a crater below them, and then it expanded. Although Hypnos was already half-dead, that was just a minor detail for the current Ryan. He attacked and attacked, and at some point, even his left arm broke. Once that happened, he noticed that it wasn't causing much damage, he began to headbutt him.

"I really don't want to rely on a power like that..." Alissa said. "What is the plan?"

"I am already working on it," Femradial replied.

Since the moment Hypnos lost the exchange, Femradial began to use Anger Manipulation, but even so, that wasn't making any difference. At that rate, Hypnos will die, the dream world will disappear, and Ryan will rampage on Earth. That was the worst-case scenario.

Although he was unconscious, Hypnos' body was enduring the damage quite a lot, but there were no signs of him recovering consciousness. At that rate... Ryan will end up killing an elder god, and that probably wasn't good since they had no idea what might happen. Sure, turning them into tools was a crime from their perspective, but not as much as killing. Fortunately, Femradial had an idea...

"Let's use Seal on Hypnos, once we defeat him and turn him into a weapon, we will obtain his powers and use it on Ryan and then force him to calm down in this dream world," Femradial said.

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It was insane to try to stop a lion in the middle of a meal, but Femradiel was pretty used to situations like that. After all, she had been fighting the elder gods with Ryan pretty much every week for the past two months. In the end, she didn't hesitate in using Teleporting and taking Hypnos away from Ryan. Fortunately, he was so beaten down that Femradiel didn't have to move for long before Seal finally worked.

You obtained 1.685.692.125 coins.

Mithril Crossbow of the Instantaneous Sleep (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 one thousand points of mana, it grants you the power to put to sleep any target for five minutes.

Dexterity + 3600, Intelligence + 1000, Speed + 1000

Durability: 2400/2400

Congratulations! For defeating Hypnos, you have become a Level one Sleep Lord!

You obtained the following skills: Void World, Sleep Manipulation, and Darkness Manipulation.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Void World.

Effect: It grants the power to create a world alternate from reality where you can create things as you see fit. You can also make the time in their pass faster or slower. The speed of time in such space increases or decreases by ten percent per level of the skill.

Cost: 10.000 mana per second

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Sleep Manipulation.

Effect: It grants the power to put your targets to sleep near instantly. The amount of mana to make the target fall asleep will depend on their resistances and statuses.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Darkness Manipulation.

Effect: It grants you the power to manipulate darkness and shadows as you see fit. At high levels, you will be able to bend reality by using this skill.

You obtained 01 status points.

The name of the class seemed pretty lame, but that was just a minor issue at the moment from everyone's perspective since the dream world began to disappear. Femradiel and Alissa suddenly felt light-headed, but that probably was how it should be...

When Ryan opened his arms again, he saw himself looking at the unknown ceiling. His head was hurting like a bitch. He was hungry and thirsty as well. When he got up, he saw several other beds around, and he saw Alissa, Femradiel, and many other individuals. One by one, they woke up, and thanks to that, Ryan soon recalled the fight against Hypnos. It seemed that they won. Ryan checked his status screen and confirmed that was the case.

When Femradiel and Alissa started to move like they were about to get up, the door of the room opened, and Ryan saw a familiar figure. It was Mohammed, probably the only person in Egypt that he talked with aside from Isis.

“Hey, it has been a while,” Mohammed said.

“I guess we owe Isis one,” Ryan said and then sighed. “How have you been?”

“Well, considering the situation, pretty good, actually,” Mohammed said. “I am better now knowing that you and the others are back.”

Soon after, Alissa and Femradiel got up, and they couldn't help but frown while looking at Ryan. Now that he thought about it, he planned to rely on his Cursed form to defeat Hypnos, and then Femradiel would make him recover his sanity, but considering her expression, it seemed that not everything went as planned.

“Did something happen?” Ryan asked.

“We won, but... we thought you wouldn't return to normal soon after,” Femradiel said.

“I guess we were lucky that the destruction of the dream world made me return to normal,” Ryan said and then noticed that he was burning with a fever. “I guess this is the price of relying on that power and making my spiritual body suffer so much.”

“It has been a while,” Isis suddenly opened the door of the room and said.

Instantly, the people who knew Isis bet their knees. Even those who just had woken up. That had been a better idea, though. Since they hadn't been using their bodies for the past week, many of them fell to the ground.

“Don't push yourselves,” Isis said. “This is hardly the time to do anything reckless. Rest easy because we all know that you have been fighting. As for you... you are full of surprises. You return after several weeks and already fell for a trap.”

Isis seemed a bit tired. Even though she was an elder god, that was kind of weird. Now that Ryan thought about it, it was also risky for her to show up in the middle of the city, even though she could already show her full power on Earth.

“Can you explain to me what happened while you were unconscious?” Isis asked.

“Do you want to hear from there?” Ryan asked.

“I already know what happened in the pendragons’ world,” Isis said.

In the end, that wasn’t even a single bit surprising. Regardless, Ryan owed at least that much to Isis, so he explained in detail what happened in the dream world. Those had been some pretty intense days, but in the end, things ended well... or so, Ryan thought.

“It looks like you three were pushed pretty hard by Hypnos,” Isis said. “He didn’t underestimate you, so it is only natural. Regardless, you have emerged victorious so you should feel proud for saving so many lives. Rest for a few days, and once you recover your strength, we will talk about what changed while you were away.”

“Yeah... we will do...” Ryan said.

Before Ryan could finish his sentence, he suddenly felt the world spinning around him, and in the next moment, he lost consciousness once again.

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“Hey, Ryan?” Femradiel frowned when she suddenly saw Ryan collapsing.

Femradiel and the others quickly approached to check what was going on with Ryan, and then he noticed that he had one hell of a fever. Aside from that, his body seemed fine, but it was weird that he lost consciousness after sleeping for so many days straight.

“What happened? Why did he collapse?” Femradial asked.

“... His spirit has become too powerful for his human body,” Isis replied after she got closer and noticed Ryan’s presence. “I heard that you three obtained a huge deal of power in the dragons world, but I didn’t imagine it was this massive... adding that to the power of Hypnos that he just obtained, his body is trying to adapt in order to withstand it.”

“Will he be fine?” Mohammed asked.

“His body just needs to adjust to his new powers... it might take a while, but he will be fine,” Isis replied.

“How many days will he stay like this, isn’t there anything we can do?” Femradial asked.

“None,” Isis replied. “I thought one problem was finally solved and then this happened... still this might not be so bad.”

“What do you mean by that?” Femradial asked, visibly angry.

“I was planning to talk about this after a while since you three are exhausted, but I guess the situation has changed,” Isis said. “While you were under Hypnos spell, the world changed a lot. No, even while you were on the other planet, things changed. Most of the elder gods can show up on Earth now, and thanks to Hypnos, they have massive armies under their control, that is because Hypnos spell only targeted humans.”

Alissa and Femradial looked at each other. That was some seriously bad news. Since all humans outside the domains fell to the spell, the monsters had the chance to gain territory and numbers, and those inside the domains couldn’t do anything about it.

“For the time being, things are pretty calm, but once a single large scale battle breaks out, you can be sure that many elder gods and dungeon masters will use the chance to gain some edge over others,” Isis said. “As someone who has defeated some elder gods and dungeon masters, Ryan will be targeted wherever he goes. So, perhaps this problem with his body isn’t all bad news.”

"I know that he wouldn't sit still knowing all this, but there is no way this is good news," Femradiel said.

"It is if you play your hands well," Isis said. "You obtained a part of Hypnos power, so you can create a world like he did, by using on Ryan, you will be able to communicate with him there. If you let him train his skills in such a world, his body and mind will get used to his new powers faster and he might even gain a huge deal of power as well."

That made sense, but even if Femradiel uses Soul Steal, she could only make that skill work for so long. Still, there was no other choice. As long as Void World levels up, Ryan will have the chance to return faster.

"I guess I will do that," Femradiel said.

"I wish I could help, but I will have to leave," Alissa said. "I have to look for my guys and then inform my allies in China about my return. I am sorry."

"Don't be," Femradiel said. "Thanks to you, we escaped that world and things are under control here. Besides, in his own weird way, Ryan would feel bad if he were to get in the way of your goals."

"My goals, huh..." Alissa said and then looked through the window of that room. "I guess I won't be able to try to chase my goals so blindly as before. Thanks to this idiot I have friends and people who look up to me, so I can't mess things up more than I already did. I will stay nearby in case something happens and I will come to help."

"Thank you, Alissa," Femradiel smiled and then said.

"I don't really recommend you to leaving so soon, but I can't stop you," Isis said. "If I remember right, the people that Ryan referred to as your followers are in Canada fighting against the Ice Trolls and their dungeon master."

"Thank you... but they are my soldiers, not my followers," Alissa said.

Things got quite busy after that, the people who stayed trapped inside the dream world didn't want to rest since they stayed unconscious for too many days, and after hearing the news, they felt like all that was a big waste of time. And after a while...

"Eh? Where am I?" Ryan said.

Suddenly, Ryan felt himself standing in a completely white world. Since he wasn't feeling tired and he couldn't see anything, he imagined that he was in the beyond, but then he realized that his body was the same and he had clothes. Not to mention, he could access the system.

"Did someone use Hypnos power on me again?" Ryan frowned.

"Yeah, I did," Femradiel suddenly appeared and then said. "Everything went exactly as I had imagined and you fell for my trap. Now I am much stronger than before, and I have access to all of your powers and items! I am now completely invincible! HAHAAHAAA!"

Ryan stared at Femradiel with a blank expression, she sure likes to fool around, and it wasn't that time that she tried to do that kind of prank. If Femradiel's acting weren't so horrible, maybe Ryan would fall for it.

"It didn't work again, huh?" Femradiel asked.

"Yeah, but you know what they say: the third time's a charm," Ryan said. "Anyway, what am I doing here?"

"Well, perhaps you should sit since this explanation might take a while," Femradiel said.

Ryan thought that it would take a while before he messes things up again, but it seemed that wasn't the case. In the end, Ryan sighed after hearing what happened and why he was there.

“So... there is no prediction as to when my body will return to normal?” Ryan asked.

“Nope, right now, you are burning so that we could fry an egg on your forehead,” Femradiel said. “According to Isis, if you train here and obtain full control over these crazy abilities that we obtained in the last few months, you should recover faster. She even went as far as helping me with the mana to create this environment and since we were at it, I decided that I would send some other people who need to be trained to this place in order not to let you feel lonely.”

Ryan furrowed his eyebrows after he heard that, most likely, Isis offered a hand but also the fact that some people might find this opportunity pretty good. After all, time could pass differently in the Void World. Still, if he had to train, he would train by himself, not with others. However, that would be a bit unreasonable. After all, a stupid amount of mana was being used to keep that world working.

“Isis said that she can create a place similar to this, but it requires a lot more mana than when Hypnos or us can use it,” Femradiel said. “She also said that I can customize this place as I see fit, so let’s make things look a bit more interesting.”

In the blink of an eye, the Void World became blue like the color of the sky. After that, Ryan and Femradiel saw themselves standing on a pretty small island that had only space for a single coconut tree.

“Mmm... it seems the level of the skill also determines how large this place is,” Femradiel said. “Right now, this is the limit of what I can do.”

“Are you messing with me?” Ryan asked since that was supposed to be an island, but there was no sea.

Femradiel solved that issue quickly since the skill was already leveling up. Still, even so, from above, it looked like they were standing in the middle of a large-sized pool and someone decided to create a fake island in the middle of it.

“Anyway, I am going to return later to upgrade things a little bit,” Femradiel said. “I don’t like this type of world, not even a little bit, even despite its usefulness. I have some things to do as well, so it might take a while before I return.”

“Can you at least make some dragons spawn in order to make time pass faster?” Ryan asked.

Femradiel tried that, but in the end, the best she could do was to make a single level one goblin appear, and he didn't even appear as often as in Hypnos' dream world. In the end, Femradiel shrugged before leaving.

“This girl seriously is...” Ryan said and then sighed.

A single kick had been more than enough to make the goblin disappear, and another creature appeared after thirty seconds. Also, neither of them gave Ryan coins or points... It looked like Ryan will have to find some other way to have any training done in such a world.

Although Ryan had a golden chance to train, now that he thought about it, he didn't know what he should do. After all, his skill with bows and crossbows probably was leagues above any other human. Not to mention, his skill increased naturally as his dexterity went up.

“Oh, well... might as well have some fun while I am at it,” Ryan said and then began to use Chi Explosion.

Ryan fired spheres of energy through his hands and made them fly into the distance until they completely disappeared. As expected, using that kind of spell without a target was boring. Still, eventually, Ryan got used to it as the skill leveled up. While that was happening...

“How did he take it?” Isis asked when Femradiel opened her eyes.

“He didn't complain as nearly as he usually would,” Femradiel replied. “I guess deep down he knows that something is changing inside him and that he has been overworking himself.”

“You said that this anger reached a whole new level this time, even though she still managed to fool Hypnos in that state,” Isis said. “I faced some cursed dragons myself, so I can understand how things got complicated. Did you manage to create an environment where he will be able to learn how to control his rage?”

“I think so, right now he is standing in the middle of a five per five tropical island,” Femradiel said. “Once Void World levels up a bit more, I will make the place more relaxing.”

The idea was to make Ryan train in a place where he could have some peace of mind while training, not for him to take a vacation on a tropical resort. Still, Femradiel probably was the one who knew most about the current Ryan, so Isis decided to trust her judgment.

“Are the people who are going to join Ryan ready?” Femradiel asked. “Many of them saw us fighting Hypnos, so it wouldn’t surprise me if they got scared of him. Not to mention, he isn’t the most patient person in the world.”

“Mohammed is making a list since we can’t send all those who want to become stronger to that world at the same time, it will be ready by tomorrow,” Isis replied. “You should rest in the meantime.”

“I am going to bring Furball over, he should help Ryan to relax in that world,” Femradiel said. “I will return as soon as possible.”

It was already night, so Femradiel would be hard to find, not to mention, her mana pool grew so much since the last time she had been on Earth that perhaps she could return before one hour. As soon as Femradiel left, Isis stared at the night sky and started to wonder. Those two worked a lot to defeat several elder gods. Still, according to Isis’s intel, only Ryan was being hunted for, and that was weird in more ways than one.

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In the end, Ryan soon learned how to make that skill level up faster and while he learned that, Ryan also learned how to use it in quick succession and look exactly like KAMEHAMEHA. As soon as Ryan succeeded that, an old friend suddenly appeared, jumped onto him, and then began to lick his face.

“Hey, there, buddy,” Ryan said to Furball. “It has been a while.”

Furball

Health: 65.852/65.852

Mana: 35.632/35.632

Stamina: 43.523/43.523

Strength: 9523

Dexterity: 8522

Speed: 7486

Intelligence: 7512

Endurance: 7451

Control: 6632

Mentality: 4563

Luck: 8536

Recovery: 11562

Willpower: 4452

Coins: —

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Charge Lv 223, Body Slam Lv 199...

Passive Physical Skills: Improved Strength Lv 188, Improved Speed Lv 181, Improved Recovery Lv 173...

Spells: Fire Bullet Lv 218, Electric Bullet Lv 203

Support Skills: Fire Resistance Lv 245, Cold Resistance Lv 192, Electric Resistance Lv 175...

“It looks like you haven’t been slacking off despite the fact that we were away,” Ryan said while he patted his legendary squire.

“Since Hypnos spell didn’t work on monsters, he had been working quite a lot in fighting the hordes of monsters in the area around Isis’s domain,” Femradial said and then began to work on expanding the Void World. “Anyway, I finally had the chance to check things on your country and from a certain perspective, it looks like it is completely in the hands of the monsters.”

“That bad, huh...” Ryan said. “What about Baal and Lilith?”

“I didn’t have the chance to check their dungeons, but I am pretty sure they will try to take over the entire North America,” Femradiel replied. “Alissa’s men and your friends back in the underground hideout are probably the only ones that may get on their way.”

“If they succeed, they will be able to march South and take over the rest of the continent,” Mephisto is in South America, so if they join forces...”

“Isis is already too busy in this region, so she won’t be able to offer any help to your friends there,” Femradiel said. “Do you want me to give them a hand?”

“I want to give them a hand, I want to leave this place as soon as possible and do that,” Ryan said. “Besides, we know that the demon generals are as strong as the elder gods. Not to mention, they can corrupt other monsters, so they can increase their own army exponentially faster than any other enemy.”

“Sure, I can bring you to the battlefield and do the same thing you did to that woman in Russia,” Femradiel said. “Using Telekinesis, I will make you spin and then attack the enemies. It should be even more effective while Draconic Transformation is active. Anyway, this place is already big enough, so I will start to send some people here. If you don’t have anything to do, you can help them.”

“I am pretty busy here,” Ryan said.

“Sure, trying to mimic cartoons sure is busy,” Femradiel said.

After Femradiel left, Ryan checked and confirmed that the island and the whole scenery were at least ten times larger than before. Ryan finally could take two steps without having to worry about wetting his feet. In any case, he couldn’t spar with others. So, the only way he could help other people in getting stronger was by using Skill Bestowal or becoming a target for their skills. Naturally, Ryan didn’t feel like doing anything like that for free. Furball seemed pretty strong, but the island wasn’t big enough for them to fight in the end.

While Ryan was considering what to do, suddenly ten people appeared behind him. That was actually good since Ryan could act like he didn’t notice them. While he was thinking, those people began to train with each other. That was a golden opportunity, and they couldn’t afford to waste it. Trying to train Chi Explosion seemed strangely silly while others could see him, so Ryan decided to try something else.

While he was checking his skill list. Two people approached him. Ryan didn't like people approaching from his back, so he turned.

"Hello... we came to apologize for before," A certain young man said.

Ryan frowned since he didn't recognize him, but he frowned even more when he saw that there was a woman on his side, but they looked alike a lot. They were probably twins.

"I don't know you, so I don't know what you are apologizing for," Ryan said.

"We were there... when Hygnos started to fight against you," The young woman said.

"Oh, yeah... well, it doesn't matter," Ryan said. "I have no hard feelings, so don't mind me."

After saying that, Ryan turned around again. While Ryan usually doesn't forgive those that point their weapons toward him, he wasn't harsh to the point where he would go as far as killing every single one of those. Even more when there were dozens of thousands trying to attack him due to a complicated situation.

Ryan seemed unapproachable, and due to his cold attitude, those two assumed that Ryan didn't want to get involved with them. So, they decided not to get in his way. It was the least they could do after what happened. Thanks to that, Ryan realized once more that he didn't have any reason to worry about what others think of him. So, he resumed his training with Chi Explosion. However, after analyzing things for a while, he understood that such a technique wouldn't work against tougher enemies, only against small fries.

"Well, it is not like I can only train my most powerful skills here, but..." Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. "Perhaps I should level up the weakest ones for the sake of status points."

Ryan didn't have the chance to check some of his skills truly through, so perhaps that was a good chance since he finally had some peace and time to do so.