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As soon as Ryan used his mana to activate the Checkpoint, he noticed the space around him changing instantly. Unlike when he used Teleport, he saw the fabric of space-changing before his eyes. He frowned when he saw a vast green camp that extended endlessly toward the horizon. It seemed like a planet full of life that had never seen war. Such thoughts disappeared from Ryan's mind when he felt several powerful presences around and when he turned, he saw several white temples that made him recall those from Greece.

"What a nice breeze..." Ryan said as he felt his mind being filled with inner peace.

Ryan blinked a few times when suddenly Poseidon and Thanatos appeared in front of him. Of the enemies that he had fought in the past, those two were the ones who clearly wanted to have their revenge someday. Despite that, they didn't try to attack Ryan.

"What are you doing here?" Poseidon asked without trying to hide his blood lust.

"Artemis and Apollo called for me," Ryan replied, completely ignoring those eyes filled with hatred..

While they were allies, Ryan could understand and knew that Poseidon would never forgive him. After all, his royal guard was composed of his sons, after all. Not to mention, the leader was the kid he had with Aphrodite. That being said, Ryan had no reason whatsoever to ask for forgiveness. They captured Femradial and tried to kill her.

"I think this is enough," A silver-haired woman suddenly appeared and said. "We all know that not a single one of us here will dare to shed blood in this world, but emitting such killing intent is also unbecoming of you, Poseidon."

Ryan didn't have to use Absolute Appraisal to see that it was Artemis. She kind of made Ryan remind of Athena, but she looked more serene with her long silver hair and eyes. She wasn't wearing a single piece of armor, but Ryan could feel a lot of mana coming from her robe.

“So, this is the best archer that the humans had,” A redhead man suddenly appeared and studied Ryan from head to toe. “I can’t see how he defeated Zeus.”

Apollo was like the opposite of Artemis. His red hair and eyes showed how wild he was. Considering that he was the god of the sun, it made a lot of sense that he was like that. Apollo also was wearing light red armor that emitted some fire in the borders. It was enough to make Ryan not stare at it for too long.

“Don’t take your time talking with him,” Poseidon said and then disappeared.

Thanatos glared at Ryan for a while, but then he eventually disappeared as well. They should know better than Ryan wasn’t someone who could be scared that easily...

“I apologize for their rudeness and I thank you for coming here,” Artemis said.

“Let’s not waste time here, we have better things to do than waste time talking,” Apollo said. “I can see that despite not having lived long, you have the eyes of a true archer. Even though you don’t have the presence of someone who defeated Zeus.”

Ryan wondered why he was repeating that. In any case, he decided to stay quiet and see how things would play out.

“Can we ask you a favor?” Artemis asked.

“As long as it doesn’t take too much of my time...” Ryan said.

“We would like to see your battle against Zeus,” Artemis said. “We understand that you don’t have the skills to show us a part of your memories, so I am willing to bestow upon you the skill necessary.”

Memory Transmission

Effect: it grants you the power to transmit some of your memories to a target. The skill level determines the transmission speed, making the target experience the memory ten percent faster per level.

Cost: 500 mana per second.

You obtained 01 status points.

Before he could say anything, Ryan received that skill from Artemis. It seemed like a skill that could be helpful to make his allies train using his own memories, or at least experience certain situations and get used to them. However, Ryan didn't come to receive that... Still, in the end, he decided to show them without making much of a fuss. If he were to gain anything, he would have to start with a good impression... It was hard to imagine that Ryan could improve his image, though. He defeated several Greek gods, after all.

Usually, it would take a while for Ryan to transmit the memories of the battle. Still, he speeds things up by using Mana Manipulation. That made the skill level up pretty fast as well, so Ryan only had to wait for twenty minutes. Once the memories ended, Ryan noticed that Artemis and Apollo looked equally troubled.

"You didn't use an arrow on your last attack," Artemis said.

Ryan rolled his eyes... they were complaining because Ryan used a spear instead of an arrow... that was so stupid that he let out a long sigh.

"Nevertheless... you fought as an archer and defeated Zeus as an archer," Artemis said. "You deserve to have my power."

"This isn't what we agreed with, Artemis!" Apollo protested. "We agreed that he would choose one of us to receive power!"

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Moon Lord!

You obtained the following skills: Lunar Arrow, Moonlight's Blessing, and Lunar Absorption.

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

The skill Lunar Arrow has reached the Max level.

You obtained 866 status points.

Moonlight's Blessing

Effect: it passively increases all of your status based on the phase of the moon. Your status will increase by twenty percent during the New Moon and up to three hundred percent during the Full Moon.

You obtained 01 status points.

Lunar Absorption

Effect: it grants you the power to absorb energy from the moon. You can restore ten points of mana, health, or stamina per second and according to the skill level.

Class: Apocalyptic Archer Lv 59 (+ 04 UP)/ Storm Caster Lv 74 (+ 01 UP)/ Crystal Archer Lv 98

Race: Night Demon /Reptilian Champion/ Lord of the Ice Foxes (-)

Rank: 1st

Health: 68871 /68871 (99,75/s)

Mana: 73099/73099 (99,75/s)

Stamina: 74530/74530 (99,75/s)

Strength: 7281 (+44422) (+130)

Dexterity: 78933 (+52655) (+2550)

Speed: 8870 (+46410) (+548)

Intelligence: 7152 (+42595) (+33)

Endurance: 9198 (+43395) (+160)

Control: 9676 (47050) (+510)

Mentality: 9152 (+42195) (+70)

Luck: 7180 (+36560)

Recovery: 14550 (+52050) (+1045)

Willpower: 9152 (+42193) (+40)

Coins: 37.005.556.145

Status: 00

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: Golden Arrow Lv 88 (+ 87 UP),

Passive Physical Skills: Enhanced Recovery Lv 19 (+ 18 UP), Augmented Recovery Lv 14 (+ 13 UP), Heroic Recovery Lv 09 (+ 08 UP)

Spells: Compressed Time Lv 59 (+ 25 UP), Time Skip Lv 32 (+ 31 UP), Time Percetion Lv 01, Bloody Mist Lv 01, Blood Golem Lv 01, Cursed Whispers Lv 01

Support Skills: Mental Boost Lv 67 (+ 12 UP), Magic Understanding Lv 68 (+ 18 UP), Illusion Awareness Lv 01, Absolute Thievery Lv 01

Classes:

Combat: Draconic Mage Lv 18 (+ 08 UP), Magic King Lv 07 (+ 06 UP), Rich Archer Lv 63 (+ 20 UP), Death Mage Lv 01

Non-Combatant: Time Mage Lv 91 (+ 15 UP), Sloth Lord Lv 46 (+ 04 UP), Time Lord Lv 25 (+ 24 UP)

Race: Centaur, Dragon, Kobold, Triton, Asgardian, Olympian,

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“My apologies, brother,” Artemis said. “I know what we agreed, but I made a vow to help all those who decide to live their lives using bows to open their paths.”

“So did I, but that doesn’t mean that you had to force your power on him,” Apollo said.

“There is no need to fight, I would be glad to receive your power as well,” Ryan said.

“We never helped the same human with our powers before and it isn’t now that we will do that,” Apollo said.

“There is a first time for everything, come on don’t be shy,” Ryan said. “It would be an honor to have the power of the goddess of the moon and the god of the sun with me.”

Apollo wasn’t naive enough to fall for such cheap praise. That being said, he also wanted to see a good archer using the powers granted by him. He just needed a good reason to do so..

“I will consider that if you manage to hit me a single time with your arrows before I hit you ten times,” Apollo said.

As soon as Apollo finished saying that, he felt something cold piercing his shoulders, and then he saw ten ice arrows piercing him slightly. He didn’t give the sign, and yet, Ryan had already attacked...

“How did you...” Apollo asked, shocked.

Apollo tried to understand what had happened looking toward his sister, but Artemis looked equally confused. Neither of them noticed what Ryan had done. However, they had an idea... he used time magic to prove that he was the better archer, and tests were useless. Apollo couldn’t deny that, but it made him feel very frustrated. How come such a young human could have the skills that surpassed them?

“You don’t need my power...” Apollo said.

“You can’t decide that, well, you can, but I want anyway,” Ryan said. “In fact, this is a good opportunity, do any of you know how to fire an unblockable and undodgeable arrow? I want that and Maybe your powers will give me some insight for that technique.”

“What a greedy human... he barely lived a few decades and wants to reach that level of mastery,” Apollo said.

“Unfortunately, we can’t teach you what we don’t know,” Artemis said.

“I guess I will just melt Odin’s trident and then make a bow out of it,” Ryan said.

“That would be quite something to see,” Apollo said. “All right, I will give you my power If you say this to Odin and then show me the memory one day.”

“We have a deal,” Ryan said.

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Sun Lord!

You obtained the following skills: Solar Arrow, Sunlight Blessing, and Solar Absorption.

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

Solar Arrow

Effect: it grants you the power to fire an arrow made of solar energy that will burn the enemy for ten minutes, causing one percent of your intelligence as Damage per second. Upon impact, the arrow will cause Damage equal to your dexterity and will increase by ten percent per level up.

You obtained 01 status points.

Sunlight Blessing

Effect: it passively increases all of your status based on the phase of the moon. Your status will increase by twenty percent around sunrise and sunset and up to three hundred percent during noon.

You obtained 01 status points.

Solar Absorption

Effect: it grants you the power to absorb energy from the sun. You can restore ten points of mana, health, or stamina per second and according to the level of the skill.

Synergy skill: Eclipse Arrow.

Effect: it grants you the power to summon an arrow that combines the strength of the sun and moon at any period of time. The Damage caused will be equal to the combination of Damage caused by the Lunar Arrow and Solar Arrow.

You obtained 01 status points.

“While you caused a lot of problems to us, we still can respect the will and the determination of a true archer,” Artemis said. “Show us that you can reach the level of absolutely mastery.”

“You have our powers, so now more than ever, you can’t be defeated,” Apollo said. “Show to the whole universe that archers are the strongest warriors.”

Ryan nodded. Those siblings were quite weird. Although Ryan caused so much trouble for them, they still could afford to cheer for him from the bottom of their hearts as if the past was completely obsolete. Since they had finished their business with Ryan, they disappeared, and so he lost the reason to stay in that world as well. So, he used Checkpoint to return.

“What? Nothing happened? How boring...” Loki said.

While Loki seemed bored, Athena and Isis looked relieved. They wanted to trust their allies, but in the end, Loki probably made them imagine the worst.

“It seems you obtained their power, but you don’t look satisfied,” Athena said.

“They are supposed to be the best archers of this world, but not even they know how to fire unblockable arrows...” Ryan said. “I suppose, I will have to invent a new technique... or turn Gungnir into a bow.”

“I want to be there when you show that to Odin,” Loki said.

Ryan shrugged and then left the palace. He had to resume his training and then began to think about what he should do as well. When he returned to his Void World, he noticed that everyone was training at the same time. They finally realized that Ryan had to use a lot of mana to keep the spell working and decided to make good use of it. He wished that he could obtain some inspiration to solve that mystery by sparring against others. Still, in the end, he knew that such a thing was impossible.

“I guess it is impossible for me to use an attack that only has corrupt or divine energy, I am not a mage and far more skilled individuals tried to do the same and failed over the last thousand years,” Ryan muttered. “I only have three weeks remaining, so I’d better come up with a better alternative.”

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In the end, two weeks passed, and Ryan didn’t make any progress in that aspect. While Time Skip leveled up a lot and Ryan also made a lot of progress on his ability to recover mana, he still wasn’t satisfied.

“You are getting on edge again,” Feramdiel said when she suddenly appeared and saw in Ryan’s eyes that he hadn’t slept in days. “You are not fighting solo anymore, so you don’t have any reason to think that you need to solve all of the world’s problems.”

“I am not, I am just trying to become stronger and more effective,” Ryan said. “I already found two answers, but I guess I can’t accomplish neither of them. At least not in the way I want.”

“That is impressive, what do you think you should do to be able to fire unblockable arrows?” Femradiel asked. “Truth to be told, I have been thinking about that and nothing came to mind.”

“The simplest way would be to kill Lucifer as fast as possible and gain a portion of his powers, that should give me a hint to control corruption,” Ryan replied. “The other would be to be able to manipulate time and attack enemies in a specific point in time where their defensive spells are not active..”

“... Putting the first plan aside, the second seems like something that would only be possible for the most talented mage in the universe,” Femradiel said. “I made some progress compared to my past self, but I am not at the level of my father... I suppose even him would need a few decades to master something like that.”

"I agree with that, after all it would be the same as trying to alterate the past without destroying the future," Ryan nodded. "I guess I will just have to give up."

While only two weeks passed in reality, almost five months had passed in Ryan's Void World. The same amount of time had passed in Hypnos' and three times more than that had passed on Femradiel's. Ryan knew that was a difficult problem to solve. Still, he didn't think that he wouldn't be able to think of even a few plausible ways to do that without considering messing with the fabric of time and space.

Where he stands now, Ryan could see three paths ahead of him. The first would be to talk with Odin and offer his spear back in the place of the knowledge of how to attack and not worry about being blocked. However, Ryan knew that Odin needed Gungnir for that. So, he probably needed the weapon as a catalyst. Even if he obtains the knowledge, he won't be able to put it into practice without the spear. The second option was to assimilate the knowledge and effects of the weapon and hope to obtain a skill. However, Merlin already told him that such a skill doesn't exist. So, he won't learn anything and will lose a useful weapon. The third option would be to use Gungnir as a projectile and fire with his bows.

"We are progressing better than expected, and the demons are expanding their territories, so I am pretty sure Isis will attack them in one week," Femradiel said.

Ryan facepalmed. It seemed that he had put an impossible task on himself. He was so focused on that task that he didn't do anything aside from that in the past few days. He didn't pay attention to Arthur's training and didn't even have some nice times with Femradiel.

"Don't worry, Ryan," Femradiel said and then hugged him from behind. "As usual, your job is to worry endlessly about certain things, but mine is to prevent them from happening. I am sure that in two or in three weeks all of our problems will have vanished and we will have some time for real vacations."

"I guess we will," Ryan smiled.

"Anyway, I am going to help Isis negotiate with the pendragons regarding the mithril that we asked for," Femradiel said. "Try to get some sleep. Seeing things from a fresher perspective might help you."

Ryan nodded and watched Femraidel leave the Void World. Ryan wished that he could sleep, he actually tried, but he failed miserably. Not even his own sleep magic worked against himself anymore. His willpower was that strong...

“Unblockable Arrow...” Ryan said while he activated Word Creation.

At first, he felt his mana being drained, and something in the shape of an arrow appeared in front of him. But then some sparks appeared, and then the energy dispersed. As expected, Ryan couldn't create something that could ignore the mana of the defensive spells while using mana.

“Perfect Arrow...” Ryan said while trying to imagine a perfect arrow and summoning it using Mind Summoning.

In the end, Ryan didn't know the properties of a perfect arrow. So, only a shadow made of darkness appeared before him. Ryan also tried to make copies of Gungnir using both skills, but he failed. If he couldn't understand how the weapon worked, he couldn't replicate its effects.

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

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

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Forgemaster!

You obtained the following skills: Perfection, Weaponry Research, and Armory Research.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Perfection.

Effect: it grants you the power to increase the number of times you can upgrade an item. You can upgrade it one more time for every five levels of this skill.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Weaponry Research.

Effect: This skill grants a bonus in the power of one percent per level when creating or upgrading weapons.

You obtained 01 status point.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Armory Research.

Effect: This skill grants a bonus in the power of one percent per level when creating or upgrading defensive gear.

Ryan even cleared Hephaestus' dungeon in Earth to see if he could understand better the principle of certain magic weapons. Still, in the end, that didn't work either.

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Ryan was forced to admit his limits when it came to archery. Firing arrows that couldn't be blocked and dodged were beyond him. Still, if he couldn't make up with the quality of his attacks, he could always keep using quantity. He had been succeeding until now, relying on that, so he might as well keep going. However, before he could truly move on, Ryan tried to find an answer by doing a certain thing.

Congratulations! You received the class Time King. You learned the skills: Reset, Time Weaponization, and Foresight. Your intelligence and mana have increased and will increase by two hundred point points whenever this class level up. Your health, stamina, recovery, and willpower have increased and will increase by one hundred points whenever this class level up.

Congratulations! You learned the skill Reset.

Effect: It grants you the power to go back in time.

Cost: 100.000 mana per 0.1 seconds

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You learned the skill Time Weaponization.

Effect: It grants you the power to summon a weapon that can steal the time of the targets. Each level of the skill will increase by ten seconds the amount of time you can steal from a target. This skill can't increase your lifespan, though. It only grants you the power to drain all the health, mana, and stamina you can recover in that specific time.

Cost: 200.000 mana

Duration: 10 seconds per level.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You learned the skill Foresight.

Effect: it grants you the power to see the future. The skill level determines how fast you can see the future events, and it increases by one point per second.

Cost: 50.000 mana.

You obtained 01 status points.

Ryan couldn't help but open his eyes widely... now, he could see the future, go back in time, and even steal time from his enemies. While those skills had an absurd cost, they sure were as useful as hell. Unfortunately, he couldn't say if Time Weaponization was a skill that couldn't be blocked. Would that even be useful against beings that have been alive for dozens of thousands of years?

"Merlin, your creator learned those skills? How?" Ryan asked, visibly surprised.

"He lived for a very long time and he also learned a lot from many other people," Merlin replied. "His final enemy wasn't in a hurry and that creature underestimated him and his allies through and through and that gave them the chance to obtain knowledge beyond their limits."

"Wow, I didn't expect you would answer that," Ryan said.

"It doesn't matter, as long as I doesn't give details, it is fine," Merlin said. "Not to mention, there is no one else in the human race that can take your place. I suppose Arthur in the other timeline would be a more suitable human to become the guardian, but since I know that he failed due to the circumstances, I can only hope that you will succeed."

"Guardian?" Ryan frowned.

"Guardian of the human race of this universe," Merlin explained. "You already know that my creator is from another universe and he created me to help people in other's universes. He experienced some things similar to you and he knew very well how harsh the journey would be, so that is why he decided to help."

"Is that so... it seems that he was one heck of a mage, and with these spells, I can't imagine a decent mage having a hard time protecting the humans," Ryan said.

"And it is for that reason that I want that my master were another mage... you are too naïve," Merlin said. "While he had these powers, he and his friends only managed to buy time with those."

"Is that so... how they succeeded in the end?" Ryan asked.

“That I cannot tell,” Merlin said.

“So, they managed to obtain powers even beyond this? Can I obtain the classes that will teach me that?” Ryan asked.

“Nope,” Merlin replied. “While I am here to help, I am not your babysitter, nor was my creator someone who believed that a spoiled human could become the guardian of this universe. He had powers beyond the system, but he didn’t put it in my database. He offered help, but ultimately, he wanted to see other guardians breaking their limits like he did to do the impossible.”

It was hard to talk about things without knowing the details... Nevertheless, Ryan once more confirmed that he wouldn’t learn anything useful by talking about Merlin’s creator. It was time to move on and think of better ways to use those new powers.

Ryan soon learned that even those overpowered skills had their weakness. Reset could make him go back in time. However, by moving back in time, he couldn’t actually undo the things he did in the future. So, using all the mana he had, Ryan could go back in time 0.4 seconds, but he wouldn’t return to a point where his mana was full. Not to mention, if he were wounded, he wouldn’t heal.

Time Weaponization could create anything, swords, bows, spears... those weapons didn’t have a physical form since they were made of time energy. Thanks to that, they couldn’t be blocked, but they couldn’t cause damage either. They only stole time from the enemies, and those effects could only take place once for every second. At level max, the skill will grant Ryan the power to take three hours of the lifespan of a target, but it would take a while to reach that level considering the cost of the skill.

As for Foresight, Ryan could actually see the future. However, the future was constantly changing, so his future might change if he changed his mind somewhere. Since he couldn’t see that far ahead in the future, the skill wasn’t that useful yet...

“I guess the key is in Time Weaponization,” Ryan nodded to himself. “I need to create a bow that uses time magic, can have the effects of that skill, but that can also cause damage... no wonder I obtained Wolf’s Greed.”

After five days, Isis called the leaders of all camps to a meeting. This time, even Ryan showed up, but he obviously looked impatient. Everyone could see that his training didn't show the result that he was expecting.

"Thank you for coming," Isis said. "We worked together for the past month and I think that we made a lot of progress, but it seems that we no longer can postpone our plans. Aside from the dungeons that are inside our domains, the demons have obtained control of the majority of all others. Their armies are increasing in size at a fearsome speed, we need to strike them down before they can obtain enough power to fight against all of us at the same time."

"We have obtained some allies in China, but we will need more time before we can reunite everyone under the same banner," Fang Shi said. "The demons are fighting against and trying to corrupt the troops of those who are being stubborn, but suddenly appearing and helping them won't work in our favor. They will think that we are plotting something."

Fang Shi began to participate in the meetings at some point. Still, Ryan didn't even notice when since he didn't participate in not a single one.. Regardless, it seemed that for due to some incidents over the last year, the other leaders in China were being cautious when strangers approached to help. Most likely, some fallen caused a lot of trouble using that strategy. So, using a large army to help will only raise suspicion.

"I see... we can't make a large army to move toward those regions," Isis nodded. "I suppose we can send some small teams to face them. We can't send the elder gods, though. Since it will make the demons warier of us. We need to lure them out and the only way of doing so is by relying on the humans of our side."

"Mephisto is in South America, Beelzebub is between Asia and Europe, Baal is in North America, and Belial is in Africa, organizing the territory that once belonged to Lilith," Athena said. "Those demons rarely work together, so it would be in our best interest if we created four teams and attacked all of them at the same time. I think it would be best if we divided the work among us, the Norse gods will form a team to deal with one of the four generals, and the Olympian gods will do the same and deal with another. The humans will form one and do the same and Ryan and Femradiel will take the last one."

"Why those two aren't being treated like humans?" Daniel frowned.

“They are, but they don’t have many underlings, that is why I am treating them like an independent force...” Athena frowned slightly. “If we work together and wipe out the demons from the face of the Earth, will be able to divide the territories and the dungeons among us to gather resources more steadily. Once we deal with the demons, we won’t have much time, but we will need to prepare as much as possible.”

“Maybe we can buy some more time,” Ryan said.

“How?” Athena asked.

“I will use Belphegor and Lilith to lure the other demons and I will take them down one after the other,” Ryan declared. “We will save our troops from suffering any damage and we won’t give the sign to any external forces that the world is reunited and preparing to face them... at least for a while.”

“That is too risky, even for you,” Isis said.

“It is a necessary risk, besides, if we can’t send the elder gods, then we will have to seal or kill them and that would be a waste,” Ryan said. “However, if I go, I can defeat them without sealing or killing neither of them.”

“I thought your training didn’t grant you the power you wanted,” Loki said.

“That is true, but it should be enough against the demon generals,” Ryan said.

Aside from the elder gods, no one tried to argue with Ryan about the plan. After all, most of those who were training with him saw what he could do with time magic. After that demonstration with Gustavo, he also sparred with some people, and the results were... hard to explain. They knew that Ryan was using time magic, but there wasn’t a single thing they could do to stop him.

“Are you planning to keep them locked in the Void World and use them to train?” Femradiel asked.

“Hahaha, you are very... Yeah, I was planning that,” Ryan replied. “If we don’t kill and seal them, then Lucifer won’t be alerted and we will gain some extra time. But I won’t deny that I will use them to increase my own powers.”

“... I also think that is our best option,” Femradiel said after a couple of seconds of silence. “The demon generals will definitely try to challenge Ryan if he shows Belphegor and Lilith. That will be the best way for them to establish who is the strongest, since they aren’t cooperating, it is fair to say that they want to prove that.”

“Hmm... considering their behavior and their nature, they will probably try to corrupt Ryan and control him as well,” Isis tapped her index finger on the table and considered that. “... What everyone thinks of this?”

“I agree that is too risky to expose our soldiers to the demon generals... that being said, it would cause issues to let those two kill all the demons,” Zeus said. “If they agree in letting our troops deal with the ordinary demons, they I don’t mind.”

“It is a fact that we need to keep everyone sharp for the final battle,” Odin nodded. “With that in mind, the demons will work well in sharpening the spirits of our soldiers.”

“I wonder if that is truly a good idea...” Yahiko rubbed his chin thoughtfully. “I heard that we can obtain their power if we defeat them. I am sure that would be a pretty useful power in the hand of many humans.”

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“Spare me of your nonsense,” Michael said. “We don’t need the power of the demons. Not to mention, only those that can actually would them can receive their powers. Perhaps the humans present here can receive that, but be prepared to be shunned by the angels once the battle is over.”

“Is that so? I suppose not many humans can have it then,” Yahiko said, ignoring the second part of Michael’s comment. “Still, if that can buy us more time and prevent rifts from happening, I can’t deny that is the best plan of action. That being said, Ryan should have some support in case something goes wrong, like the four demon generals attacking him at the same time.”

"I will do that, you don't have to worry," Femradiel said.

"I guess that is decided then," Isis said and then got up. "Tomorrow morning, you two are to go and face the demons. We will be counting on you. Just to make sure that you won't make any mistake, you should rest for today, Ryan.."

"I will see what I can do," Ryan said, and then he proceeded to leave, but then Femradiel grabbed his shoulder and showed a scary smile.

"You should listen to your friends," Femradiel said.

Once she said that Femradiel teleported then back to the infirmary that Ryan used to sleep. It looked like she had some hidden intentions, but in the end, she just laid on the bed and forced Ryan to rest as well.

"You can fill Soul Eater with mana if you want, but I won't let you do anything aside from recovering your mana," Femradiel said.

"You should know me better than that," Ryan said. "I can't be tamed that easily."

As soon as he said that, Femradiel hugged Ryan and then buried him on his chest. His breathing got a bit rough, and that was quite creepy, but she got used to it.

"I guess I can be tamed easily," Ryan said.

"I can't understand why guys love breasts so much, they are just lumps of fat," Femradiel said and then shook her head.

"Breasts aren't just lumps of that, they carry inside them the dreams of all men of the world," Ryan said. "Putting that aside, I didn't expect you would agree with my plan."

"I just don't agree with your stupid ideas, this isn't a stupid idea," Femradiel said. "I know the strength of the demon generals and I know how to defeat them, but you don't need my knowledge to do that. I am certain that you can defeat them."

"Well, thanks for the vote of confidence," Ryan said.

While Ryan didn't make any true demonstrations of his power lately, he was also very confident. In fact, he was starting to think that a good reason why Arthur managed to achieve so much in the other timeline was due to Merlin. If Ryan only had time to use his features... only one year or two would be enough for him to obtain all classes. That should give him some insight into how to deal with Chronus, Ymir, and Lucifer. Unfortunately, he didn't have time to do that...

"Just out of curiosity, how are you planning in dealing with them?" Femradiel asked.

"I haven't been improving my skills with bows and crossbows recently, so I am planning to recover my skills with them," Ryan replied. "I can't only tell you that without spoiling that I will defeat them in a very amusing way. Amusing for me at least."

"Ah... I know that look in your eye," Femradiel said. "You are planning to do something nasty to them."

"Everything is just a matter of perspective," Ryan said. "Still, while I proposed that, I can't help but wonder... wouldn't be better if I gained the demon generals' powers? We know for a fact how useful Belphegor's powers are."

"Maybe Merlin can grant you those classes without killing them," Femradiel said.

"Can you do that, Merlin?"

"It will take a while," Merlin replied. "Their power is like a fragrance that gets stuck in the body of those who defeated them, so the system can analyze it faster that way."

"Considering that, that means that you already quantified Lilith's power when Femradiel defeated her?"

“That is right,” Merlin replied.

“Why didn’t you inform us of that?” Ryan asked.

“Because you didn’t ask,” Merlin replied.

Ryan bit his lips and then let out a deep sigh to calm down. He couldn’t get angry. Merlin was always like that. While Lilith’s power to convert lust into mana was useful, it didn’t fit Ryan’s style, not to mention, it would take too much time to become more efficient than the skills Ryan already had.

“I can’t waste anymore time leveling up other classes, so I will skip that,” Ryan said. “Just out of curiosity, though, how much coins do I need to pay for that class?”

“Half a billion,” Merlin replied.

“The same as Time Lord, huh,” Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully.

“Merlin, is there any class which can grant me the power to share my power with Ryan?” Femradial asked.

“There is,” Merlin replied.

“What is the name and how much does it cost?” Femradial asked.

“Hey... I like to win my fights fair and square, you know,” Ryan said.

“Let’s put your pride aside since the next battles will decide the fate of the world,” Femradial said.

“It is called Absolute Guardian and it costs ten billion coins,” Merlin replied.

“The name certain is strong, but how can useful it is to cost ten billion coins?” Ryan frowned.

“There is only one way to find out,” Femradial said, and then she lost ten billion coins.

Congratulations! You have become a Level one Absolute Guardian!

You obtained the following skills: Health Link, Mana Link, and Stamina Link.

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

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Health Link.

Effect: It grants you the power to share your health with several targets. The process of division will be automatic when the ally has less health than you. You can have added one ally to the link per level.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Mana Link.

Effect: It grants you the power to share your mana with several targets. The process of division will be automatic when the ally has less health than you. You can have added one ally to the link per level.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill: Stamina Link.

Effect: It grants you the power to share your stamina with several targets. The process of division will be automatic when the ally has less health than you. You can have added one ally to the link per level.

You obtained 01 status points.

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Ryan frowned when he saw those skills. They sure were useful, and the name of the class sure was fitting, but it seemed that something was wrong.

“Merlin, if Femradiel is the caster of any of those spells, will she also gain my health if she needs it?” Ryan asked.

“No,” Merlin replied.

“Oh, boy...” Ryan said and then facepalmed. “What a wonderful class, it grants my allies high chances of dying because of me.”

Ryan knew that despite being an archer, he always suffered a lot of damage. So, it was only obvious that he would cause a lot of trouble to Femradiel if he didn't obtain the class as well. Naturally, he obtained the class and used it on her.

“This is pretty nice...” Femradiel said while smiling.. “Now, we will protect each other, no matter what.”

“We can also use some summons to increase our mana pool,” Ryan said. “You should create some that have high mana and high recovery.”

“I knew you wouldn't think of this class the same way as me...” Femradiel said and then sighed. “Still, that seems like a good idea.”

It was rare to find monsters with more mana and recovery than them now. Still, it didn't matter since the monsters connected to their mana link would become an extension of their power. As far as they were concerned, the limit was supposed to be one thousand, but maybe there was a way to get rid of the cap. That was a problem for the future, though.

“I will do that tomorrow, let's rest to make sure that we won't make any mistakes,” Femradiel said.

In the end, Ryan nodded and obeyed. He truly needed to rest a little because even though he was confident, he couldn't mess up in the next battles.

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The next day, Baal was proudly making his troops march toward the Northern part of the continent. He knew that there was no one on his path since, in the last month, all the humans decided to hide inside the domains. He was fully aware that they were working for the elder gods, he also knew that they were plotting something, but that didn't matter. As long as they had the chance to expand their territories and corrupt other monsters, he knew that not even all the humans and the elder gods would be able to stop them.

Baal and his army were about to reach Canada, which would signify that they had conquered the Northern part of the continent. After all, there are no camps in the North. However, Baal stopped his advance when the cold winds of that region covered by snow began to move more strongly, and then he felt a familiar presence... two familiar presences. Baal looked above and saw one of the few humans who entered his domain as an enemy. Although he was just a rat that ran away without anything previously, Baal recognized him because he knew of the things he had accomplished and because he was carrying a crossbow that was filled with Belphegor's presence.

"You..." Baal said.

Before Baal could say anything, he felt his body being pierced by something invisible. The number of attacks was impossible to count since he got hit hundreds of times in a few seconds. Baal saw his body being ripped apart while being hit, but he didn't fall despite that. He just endured the pain as he clenched his teeth.

"How weird, he endured all that," Ryan said. "Still, he didn't get slow, Belphegor. What do you have to say in your defense?"

"The demon generals never trusted each other, so we naturally leveled up the skills that could counter each other's powers," Belphegor explained.

"You guys have zero notion of teamwork," Ryan frowned.

Even in that state, Baal decided to fly and attack Ryan while he was creating a massive dark sphere of energy. Thanks to Odin's Eye, he saw the mana leaving the demons and flowing toward Baal. It seemed that he was using this power as a demon of Greed to steal the mana from his army. It was probably the best way since attacking Ryan with his demonic powers would take too long to have any effect.

Nevertheless, Ryan could control Time Skip and be able to use it even in his human form now. Still, thanks to that, Belphegor didn't suffer the total damage Ryan could cause with that type of spell. He didn't want to use Draconic Transformation, but it seemed that Baal wouldn't go down that easily despite everything. So, Ryan transformed for an instant.

As soon as Ryan used Time Skip again, Baal began to fall as his body was destroyed yet again. Even his dark sphere of energy decreased in size and slowly evaporated...

Congratulations! The skill Eagle Eyes has leveled up.

Congratulations! The skill Concentration has leveled up.

Congratulations! The skill Accuracy has leveled up.

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While Baal was falling, Ryan tried to use Wolf's Greed, but the skill didn't work. As expected, the system considered him stronger than the demon general. In any case, before the other demons could try to recover Baal, Ryan used Telekinesis and then used Void World on him. At the same time, Ryan used Teleport and created a Checkpoint in the ground. Soon after, the survivors working for the elder gods began to appear and dash toward the demons.

"You actually succeeded," Isis said via Telepathy. "Your power reached another level thanks to you training and your new skills."

"Where should I put Baal?" Ryan asked.

“I will hide him in one of my worlds, the demon generals have too much vitality so they can survive for many years even while under a powerful sleep spell,” Isis replied.

“All right then,” Ryan said. “Let’s look for the next target before the others can notice that anything happened.”

“I was hoping to see something more interesting,” Femradiel said. “Anyway, you should hurry, since you already activated Void World, Baal will soon cause trouble here.”

Femradiel was monitoring the first prisoner, but she still was aware of what was happening in reality. Truth to be told, she was actually looking forward to seeing how Ryan would fight the four demons’ generals while they were stuck in the Void World.

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Ryan wanted to make sure that the whole continent would be free of demons as soon as possible, so he Teleported to South America and then appeared before Mephisto’s army. Much like Baal, he wasn’t exactly a genius, and since he was the demon of wrath, his demons looked like mad dogs that attacked everything that seemed full of life. Trees, grass, the ocean... they attacked everything, and thanks to that, half of South America had become a land of death. Everything had been scorched due to fire, poison, and Corruption. Seeing all that, Ryan clenched his teeth in anger... those demons sure knew how to piss him off, even involuntarily.

Thanks to Ryan’s presence, the demons were forced to stop their advance.. Ryan agreed that he wouldn’t attack them and would let to his allies, but the story might change if he is attacked first. While he was looking forward to that, Mephisto appeared before him. More than a demon, Mephisto looked like an alien from a b movie. His whole body was green, but he had pointy ears and three horns. On his back, he had two pairs of grey wings. He had the lower body of a bull, and he also looked strong like one, but his upper body was quite human-like.

“You...” Mephisto said while glaring at Ryan with his dark round eyes.

“You guys should learn how to greet others using different words,” Ryan frowned. “I don’t expect much from any of you, but...”

Without wasting time, Ryan used Time Skip and also bombarded Mephisto with bolts of the Deceleration Crossbow. In the blink of an eye, his body was ripped into many pieces. However, just like Baal, the demon didn't fall. Even more annoying the Baal, the pain made Mephisto's anger increased, and his body became larger. He became more powerful with his anger, and his body also began to heal.

"I really wanted this power... But I guess I will have to be patient," Ryan said.

Ryan could have attacked the demon while his body was growing. Still, he wanted to see how powerful Mephisto could become. In the end, it seemed that five times was his limit. Ryan concluded that because his body became five times bigger.

Mephisto summoned that massive sphere of poison and then threw it toward Ryan in the blink of an eye, but the same sphere gained a hole as soon as it approached Ryan. Despite his wrath, Mephisto noticed that Ryan's power couldn't be compared to before. In fact, he couldn't even understand what he was doing. It would be different if Ryan were attacking with Time Weaponization. Still, without that and Time Perception, it was impossible to know when someone uses time magic.

Congratulations! The skill Time Skip has leveled up.

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

Ryan had to use the full power of Time Skip alongside the Deceleration Crossbow. In an instant, Mephisto suffered two minutes' worth of attacks that he didn't have the chance to block, and he still didn't lose consciousness. That helped Ryan level up the skill quite a lot, but it also made him realize that his powers didn't grow all that much.

“This is good and bad at the same time...” Ryan said. “The power to control time is powerful, but it can be fought against like he did. On the other hand, this also showed me that I didn’t have enough time to master it.”

Mephisto’s anger prevented him from falling since it made him stronger. Still, eventually, it also made him fall because his body overheated. Getting five times stronger truly was his limit.

“How are we going, Merlin?” Ryan asked while he used Void world on Mephisto as well.”

“If you don’t make them fight for a while, I won’t be able to analyze anything,” Merlin replied.

Ryan nodded. It seemed that he would have to fight the demon’s generals without using time magic to give Merlin the data that he wanted. That was actually good. It means that the more he fights them, the faster the analyzes will proceed. Regardless, the demons began to riot when Ryan captured their leader. Still, before they could attack Ryan, he did the same as before. He teleported to the ground and then created a link between Egypt and that region. This time, Lucas and Gustavo’s soldiers were the ones who showed up.

“Oh, man... it seems we have a lot of clean up to do,” Gustavo said while looking at that massive horde of monsters in front of him.

“Look on the bright side, if we gain enough coins after this, we can ask Ryan for that power as well,” Lucas smiled.

“Hehe, now I am motivated,” Gustavo said and then used Draconic Transformation and flew toward the demons.

“Maybe I should ask for more coins if they receive enough coins to get the Time Lord class,” Ryan said. “The house shall receive a part of the money.”

“I hate to interrupt, but both of them woke up,” Femradiel said. “I can hold them back for a while, but you are the one who wants to use them, right?”

“Go on, I am sure you can take them down as well,” Ryan said. “Hey, Merlin, you can start analyzing their powers now.”

“That is impossible, I already told you, my existence is attached to yours, I can only see what you see,” Merlin explained. “For me to experience what is in the Void World, you need to be there as well.”

“You sure are complicated...” Ryan said and then sighed.

Before heading toward the next target, Ryan looked at the massive army of demons. He could see dozens of thousands of creatures there... he could receive billions of coins if he could kill them, but he couldn't. It was a pity, but he wasn't the only one who needed to get stronger in preparation for the final battle.

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When Ryan returned to Africa, he found an unpleasant surprise. The demons weren't advancing toward Egypt, and while some of them were moving around and using their magic to corrupt other monsters and increase the size of their army, the vast majority was in the central part of the continent, and they were guarding a domain. Ryan waited for a while for Belial to show up, but the demon never came.

“It seems Belial isn't falling for the bait,” Isis said via telepathy. “I didn't expect she would be this careful, but it seems she already noticed that you captured Mephisto and Baal.”

“I guess I will have to attack her domain,” Ryan said.

“There is no need, if you use the bow in which Lilith was sealed in, it will be enough,” Isis said. “Those two hate each other, quite a lot.”

While the weapon's effect couldn't be used, it still could cause damage and extra damage against that type of enemy. That being said, Ryan took advantage of the situation. As soon as he summoned the bow, he also bombarded the demons around with Golden Arrows and killed hundreds of them.. He could always say later that he was doing it to lure Belial. Unfortunately, he didn't have the time to do that for long. Ryan suddenly lost the ability to fly when at the same time, a red, muscular demon appeared in front of him.

Belial looked like a humanoid red salamander. She even had a long tail that was as long as her body. Unlike Lilith, who used a bikini armor, Belial used a dark one that covered the majority of her body, the whole critical area that was indeed exposed was her head, but also seemed a bit protected since her red hair was also on fire and emitting a lot of heat.

Before Ryan could even fall, he lost his ability to use Golden Arrows as well. He knew that it was only temporary, but that sure was annoying. As if things weren't annoying enough, when Ryan tried to use Time Skip, he suddenly felt his ability to wield the bow getting weird. He tried to Aim, but then he saw that it wasn't as steady as before.

"Fucking bitch... she stole my Archery..." Ryan muttered.

Ryan used Teleport behind the demon and prepared to attack before the bitch could annoy him even more. It seemed that she was pretty sturdy, but Ryan couldn't care less. He will beat her with his hands.

When the demon saw Ryan moving his arms, she prepared to defend herself. However, in the next moment, her face was bombarded with punches that she couldn't see, and she also lost tons of mana.

Belial fell to the ground while conscious of the shock, and Ryan clenched his teeth because the flames of her head burned him. Before Belial could try to heal herself, Ryan used Time Skip again and this time used the bow. After all, he wouldn't miss at that distance.

In the end, in the next moment, her armor began to crack, and Belial began to bleed from her mouth and nose as well after falling unconscious. Ryan began to feel his skills returning... It seemed that Belial's power to steal skills needed her to be conscious to keep active.

"Three down, one to go... still, what are we supposed to do here?" Femradiel asked while Ryan was facing the domain barrier. "It will take quite some time to take down the barrier and then the demons."

"It doesn't matter, it will be a good opportunity for the survivors to put Mana Stealer to good use," Ryan said and then created another Checkpoint.

While Ryan decided to do the whole job by himself, he couldn't help but wonder about the fact that things were proceeding too well. The survivors began to appear and then did exactly what Ryan thought. They used Mana Stealer. It was a pretty good opportunity since the mana in the domains was massive.

"Isis, you should tell the elder gods to keep an eye on these places," Ryan said. "Things are proceeding too well and never that is a good sign in my experience."

"They are already doing that, we are monitoring all the battlefields," Isis said. "That being said, it is weird for you to say that after declaring that you would defeat the demon generals by yourself."

That was just Ryan's instincts bothering him as usual, but it was better to keep his allies on guard than just ignore his instincts.

"You should know that the level of divinity in your body is already at the level of the elder gods, adding that to the power of controlling time, it is only natural that the demon generals wouldn't resist for long," Isis explained. "We are quite lucky that Merlin fell on the hands of someone that has no interest in world domination. Otherwise, all the elder gods would have reunited with another goal in mind."

Ryan more or less agreed with that. Maybe the world as a whole was lucky because the other two humans who controlled Merlin didn't have the chance to obtain coins enough to acquire certain skills and classes. What were the chances of Merlin falling into the hands of people like Arthur and Ryan? Perhaps they were pretty high since assholes don't tend to live long lives.

"Did something change in the Beelzebub domain?" Ryan asked. "Come to think of it, I should be able to gain some interesting classes here... once the barriers fall."

"Well, things are pretty intense there as usual," Isis said. "There are many more monsters around his domain than in any part of the world. Thanks to that, we are considering giving you the opportunity to clear the place for a while, until he shows up."

Ryan recalled that when he was in Russia, he had to deal with Beelzebub demons. They were weird since they were focused on reproducing more demons, So Ryan could imagine the vast concentration of monsters in that region.

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In the end, when he teleported to that part of Russia, Ryan opened his eyes widely. The number of monsters was much higher than he had imagined. It wouldn't be weird if there were hundreds of millions of wasps and weird plants around and they were so clustered together that they seemed like mountains.

"What the hell... I thought Natasha's friends were supposed to have camps near this place..." Ryan said after he furrowed his eyebrows.

"Apparently, they had to move to other areas because the monsters leveled up too fast and their reproduction speed increased," Isis explained. "We are talking here about what we should do, but it seems we will leave things to you for the time being. We can't send our troops before Beelzebub is dealt with."

"Unless you send the holy knights, I can't imagine any group succeeding in exterminating this many monsters," Femradial said.

"We are going to send them, so rest assured," Isis said.

"Well... things are starting to get noisy here, Ryan," Femradial said.. "Soon, I will be forced to stop feeding Soul Eater with mana."

"You were fighting and doing that?" Ryan frowned.

"I do that all the time," Femradial said, and he could imagine her shrugging. "Nevertheless, you should prepare yourself because once you come here... well, you won't have much peace."

Ryan couldn't help but wonder if he did the right thing. He was planning to use the demons to become stronger, but it would be useless if he lost his mental health. Nevertheless, he had now some leeway with mana, so Ryan made Solar Arrows fall from the sky. Even though the sky was quite cloudy, the arrows fell and burned dozens of wasps and plants at the same time.

You obtained 1111 coins.

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As if things weren't good enough, Ryan was recovering more mana than he used... that is what that stupid demon gets from making his demons stay close to each other like that. Ryan could easily imagine Beelzebub showing in just a few seconds now that his insects were dying so fast like... well, insects. So, Ryan sped up things to make him even more annoyed and for him to gain massive amounts of coins as well.

Congratulations! You have reached the requirements to obtain a special class. Do you wish to sacrifice the classes: Fallen Archer, Mad Archer, and Crystal Archer? Y/N?

Congratulations! You received the class Imperial Archer. You learned the skills: Gravity Arrow, Cannon Arrow, and Archer's Will. Your dexterity and stamina have increased and will increase by twenty points whenever this class level up. Your health, mana, speed, and control have increased and will increase by ten points whenever this class level up.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill Gravity Arrow

Effect: upon hitting the target, it makes them one percent heavier per level for ten seconds.

Cost: 500 mana

You obtained 01 status points

Congratulations! You have learned the skill Cannon Arrow.

Effect: the enhanced version of Power Shot. It grants you the power to charge your arrows with one percent more energy per level. The damage of this skill is equal to Power Shot.

You obtained 01 status points.

Congratulations! You have learned the skill Archer's Will.

Effect: it passively increases your dexterity by one point per level and per minute when fighting without receiving damage.

You obtained 01 status points.

"Oh, yeah... those classes were about to level up," Ryan said.

Ryan soon ignored that and kept bombarding the creatures. Still, eventually, he was forced to stop when the air in the area changed, and all the monsters began to emit some kind of pollen. Ryan's first instinct was to move away from it, but the pollen became denser and then reunited in an area. Soon after, Ryan felt a powerful presence in the middle of the pollen cloud. As if its sole purpose was to be absorbed, the pollen began to be absorbed. Little by little, Ryan felt the presence growing stronger.

"I guess I can't let that happen..." Ryan said and then used Time Skip.

While Ryan couldn't see Beelzebub yet, he could feel its presence, so missing was nearly impossible. To make sure that he would get rid of the pollen as well, Ryan used Time Skip and Solar Arrow. The demon began to tremble in the next moment, and the cloud of pollen began to evaporate. Beelzebub lost control of all the pollen.

Beelzebub was pretty weird, or maybe it was due to the fact that he suffered a lot of damage due to the burning effect caused by Solar Arrow. Either way, his skin was purple, and he had arms and antennae on his head that made him look like a fly. His eyes were red and quite big as well, so Ryan felt quite creeped out by him. He was wearing a dark robe, and he didn't have any hair, and despite the lack of armor, he only suffered some minor burns and was recovering pretty fast.

Congratulations! The skill Solar Arrow has leveled up.

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“Was that the power of Gluttony?” Ryan furrowed his eyebrows. “They said that one can increase their health, mana, and stamina exponentially with that power...”

That combination was supposedly one of the strongest, and yet, Beelzebub was hanging in there and healing unbelievably fast. While Ryan had used all his mana, Mana Link recovered his mana. After thanking Femradiel in his mind, Ryan used the same combo on Beelzebub since that was the perfect chance to make Solar Arrow level up.

Beelzebub tried to resist, he even tried to use the pollen again, and this time, tried to attack Ryan with it. However, that only prolonged his suffering. Being attacked by something that he couldn't see and that also had a high level of divinity made Beelzebub suffer much more damage than the effects of his sin could heal him...