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少年騎士

お転婆姫につき従い、
振り回される苦労人。
一途な頑張り屋。

ミノ吉

雷牛帝王・超越種となった
オバ朗の親友。
超重量級の身体と武具により、
圧倒的な実力を誇る。

お転婆姫

シュテルンベルト王国の王女。
線の細い見た目に反して、
性格は相当わがまま。

カナ美

アポ朗と共に生まれ育った
仲間にして正妻。
現在の種族は氷血真祖・
超越種。

赤髪ショート

赤髪がトレードマーク
の元冒険者。
オバ朗との間に娘の
オプシーをもうける。

女武者

別世界からの来訪者である
【異邦人】。意外な商才で
アポ朗を助ける。

復讐者

故郷を滅ぼされた【陽光の勇者】。
復讐の為にオバ朗の配下となる。

アポ朗

ゴブリンに転生した主人公。
アバーブッシュ
【吸喰能力】によって、
喰えれば喰うほど強くなる。
現在は金剛夜叉鬼神・
ランクアップ
現神種に【存在進化】している。

Main Characters

主な登場人物

DAY 251

Last night, various things happened and I indulged one of my three primary desires (*TN: Gluttony, Lust, Greed*) to my heart's content.

If not for the help of my comrades and my [Self Replication] ability, the successive tough battles with field bosses followed by the death match with the Flame Dragon Empress could have easily gotten me killed. In the process I accumulated a huge amount of stress, but after that relaxing night I feel a lot better.

That said, we are in the center of a volcanic cauldron so wishing for a pleasant and refreshing morning was hopeless.

The area was quite humid, so we awoke sticky with sweat after last night's exertions - not a pleasant way to start the morning.

I idly thought that it would be so much better if we were surrounded by hot springs instead of lava.

If this place were a hot spring, I would first wash myself clean, then slowly soak in its relaxing waters. After submerging as far as my waist, I would bask in the sensation of my fatigue dissolving away as the water gently warmed and relaxed me.

Then I would slowly submerge myself up to the shoulders and enjoy a good soak while drinking something alcoholic. I wondered at that moment, "What would be the perfect drink for this situation?"

That pride of the Kuuderun Great Forest, well aged elven wine, perhaps?

Alternatively, alcohol dropped from special dungeon monsters might also be a good choice, as I have plenty of varieties on hand.

Or even, the [Named Sake [Endless Drops of Evening Cherry Blossoms]] or [Named Demon Sake [Inexhaustible Demonic Drunken Rampage]] that I received by completing the Psalms might possibly be appropriate.

After imagining all that, I suddenly miss taking it easy at our own hot springs back in

Kuuderun Great Forest.

After a tiring day, fatigue can easily be removed in beautiful hot springs while drinking sake.

Remembering that, I could not hold back the nostalgia. Probably something akin to homesickness.

Well, nothing can be done about it. I have the feeling that I was somewhat overworked, and will need to take a longer vacation. I need to put my worries to rest, and the Kuuderun Great Forest is the best place for a vacation.

Though, in the vicinity of the great forest, there is still much work to do.

Ah, it will be necessary to bring my kids.

Well, I leave the fulfillment of that desire to the near future.

Waking up in the morning, I immediately started to determine the possibilities of my body.

After the [Rank-up] yesterday I found out almost everything, and as a result the time spent with Kanami was more of an application process.

Although the body has been altered, it is still my own, and not someone or something foreign. Once I start to move it will be easy to get used to. So I can still live a normal life.

But I will not say that I've mastered it perfectly, and there's little hope of that since it's not a perfectly stable body.

So to deal with this, I was doing a few simple physical exercises. By doing so, as expected, controlling the movement of my new set of arms was hard. Not that there were any wrong feelings. I could manage them just as easily as breathing.

But compared to a battle with two arms, having four arms changed even the simplest motion, such as a punch. Not only does the application of force differ, but the ways of distributing the upper body weight, how to use the muscles, the reach of each arm, and even the location of the nerves and blood flow, everything has undergone enormous change.

Because of all this, I was a bit confused. Although I've used a similarly structured power suit before, my sense of operating this odd body design was quite disheveled. Therefore, it is necessary that I get used to it in a short period of time.

If I did not capitalize on this experience, I would surely struggle later. Of course, even my combat skills and techniques using the new body need to be worked on; there is still a lot to improve. But right now my goal is to learn to control this body, respectively my own desires. The rest I can work out later by sparring with Minokichi.

Thirty minutes after starting, thanks to my efforts, I have learned how to move so my body's actions no longer cause storm winds, so I won't cause undue damage to the environment even if I move fast during battles.

If there are no surprises, hapless viewers will not become victims. If something were to happen, then it can't be avoided, but there's no need to directly cause unnecessary problems.

While I was testing the movement of this new body, Kanami woke up. Her face while half-asleep is incredibly cute.

After the [Rank-up], Kanami became a Ice Blood True Vampire (Superior Species).

The Ice Blood True Vampire seems to be one of the first races of vampires, one generation down from the [First Vampire], and there is no vampire that can compare in the handling of blood and ice.

According to the information gathered from each country by using my clones, in ancient times, the [Ice Dragon King] who was overrunning neighboring countries fought the Ice Blood True Vampire in a fierce battle spanning three days over territory.

As a result, the very long body of the Ice Dragon King was divided into six parts, and the whole Gulf area absorbed lots of the dragon's blood, which eventually evolved into the [Icy Valley of Blood].

This place still exists but it is quite far away, so we should eventually set out to explore it.

By the way Ice Blood True Vampire has power not inferior to an Emperor. At the same time, being a [Superior Species], it becomes the default level for stronger creatures like the [Emperor]. Given that it has a few [Divine Blessings], it is not in doubt.

The ruler of the Atarakua Demon Empire, the [Demon Emperor] Hyulton, the [King of Beasts] Lionel of the Estgrand Beast Kingdom, as well as the existing level of Legendary Hero characters possessing Psalms, one on one, even when fighting at full strength, certainly lose to the present Kanami.

From a biological point of view, Kanami became incomparably stronger than normal evolution. This Kanami, while not yet fully awake, lightly scattered around the peculiar Ice Blood True Vampire (Superior Species), and the magical power [Charm].

Like a fountain of life, [Charm]'s magical power attracts all living beings within range.

Her every movement fascinated the eyes; and even while knowing why, it was still impossible to glance away. Anyone, regardless of gender, will undoubtedly try to attack when they see her (and will immediately be sliced).

Yet Kanami is most charming when left alone.

To recharge one's forces for the day, it is important to have a good breakfast.

While anticipating how I would enjoy their meat, I subconsciously swallowed.

The ingredients I decided to use are the meat of the Dragon Emperor and Flame Dragon Empress. Well, of course not entirely, but only the smallest part of their huge bodies.

Normally, it would be worth it to wait until everyone is ready, and only enjoy the meal together afterwards, but unfortunately the rest of the team was not here. Once I fell asleep, they went and decided to take a day off so, other than Kanami, there was no one else nearby.

Using the "Labyrinth Business Company Snake's Heart" (a subsidiary of the mercenary corps Parabellum) as a base, the wounded were treated in the adventurer-filled Labyrinth City Radha Lo Dara. Afterwards, they separated according to their hobbies; enjoying shopping at extremely attractive prices, climbing unexplored destinations in search of yet undiscovered ore veins, and collecting valuable information about bosses and dungeons in crowded places.

For such reasons, Kanami and I will taste it first.

Of course, I wanted to tell them to "work hard", but once it happened, there was

nothing I could do.

In addition, in order to learn about how best to prepare this ingredient it would probably be even better to try it first myself. Truly, a perfect excuse.

Well, under the guise of my stupid, selfish motives while sitting in front of a mountain of delicious meat, of course I could not endure.

Especially after [Rank-up], or upon receipt of the [World Enemy [Insatiable Gluttony]], my stomach now empties much faster.

From seeing this hunk of meat, my stomach growled fiercely and saliva flowed from my mouth. Intrinsically, in order to heal, my body depletes the devoured energy rather than fill my belly.

To endure this hunger is, as expected, impossible even for me. However, such instincts are to my benefit, so I will not fight against them.

Only one thing gnawed at my thoughts: "Will I be called greedy?" I suppose I already am.

After asking Kanami to melt the ice around the body of the Flame Dragon Empress, I began to cut the dragon meat.

It is of course obvious, but the dragon meat is incredibly strong. The mithril knife made by gnomes, even with its excellent sharpness, will hardly cut it; and even if I put a little more pressure on it, the knife will immediately break.

Thanks to the strengthening magic supporting its huge body, each individual muscle fiber has tremendous tenacity, much superior to other living beings.

To prepare its meat, not only did you need an exceptionally sharp knife that's able to cope with one's strength, but you need to have excellent chef skills and a deep knowledge of dragon meat.

Killing it of course isn't easy, but it's also very difficult to prepare. The Flame Dragon Empress is such a complex ingredient.

Though I've been kept waiting, this is exactly as I'd hoped.

I'll give a piece of meat to the Sisters and ask them to cook it.

After turning my hands into silver knives, I continued cutting the dragon into pieces.

As a result, I got a mountain of meat around three thousand kilograms. It was only a tiny part of the whole body.

As expected, cooking it like that does not work, so I chopped it smaller, and the three thousand kg mountain became sixty smaller pieces.

All the same, the pieces were quite hefty to the extent they looked even better.

So as I began cooking, I examined the results. Even after spending a few days in a frozen block of ice magic, the meat still had a fresh, luscious, vital force like jewels.

However, no gem's shine is superior to dragon's meat.

Time would stop when viewing its luster; any foodie would give all he had, if only to sample the succulent meat.

Even I, if I had not been able to get this with my own hands, would've easily parted with any amount of money, just for the sake of a piece of it.

I put this magnificent meat on a big pan while using the natural environment to cook it.

The temperature of the pan was unusually high. Average meat would immediately burn and char, but dragon meat is warmed slowly.

The reason is that red dragons have an incredible resistance to heat.

First off, to cook the meat somewhere besides here would be incredibly difficult, since conventional logs are clearly not enough to create a hot enough flame.

Most likely you'd have to build some kind of device for this task.

Unfortunately, to slow roast it thoroughly will still take much time and effort.

I'd heard that when cooking meat and fish, sometimes it's better to cook on low heat so it retains more meaty juices.

Whether this is true, I'm not sure, but this attempt is likely to be convincing. Even if it

doesn't work, I cannot imagine that the dragon meat will be disgusting (luckily, though briefly, I managed to try a raw piece during the battle).

We just kept it roasting over a slow fire. Yet roasting dragon meat, feeling the delicious smell, you need to have incredible endurance to see it cooked thoroughly.

I somehow restrained myself initially; but after a while, one of my hands unconsciously reached for the meat - at the last moment I stopped myself. However, after a while, it happened again with the other hand. I didn't try to keep count after ten attempts.

In the process of cooking, I truly realized the danger of this meat. Dependence on it will be more dangerous than the harm from any magical poison. Its pull on one's cravings is just too much.

While trying to hold back, I even closed my eyes, but the effect was the opposite. The smell of meat awakens my instincts even more, and the hiss of meat juice excites my imagination.

I reflexively swallowed. This meat without a doubt will be the most delicious I've ever eaten.

However, I'm still going to roast the meat in the magic pan to the very end, and then serve it with white rice on a large plate, the latter of which came from outside the dungeon.

By doing so, the dish began to look even tastier; my saliva is overflowing.

By using my favorite chopsticks, I raised the piece of dragon meat together with the rice into my mouth. My teeth sank into the meat without feeling any resistance.

My face involuntarily broke into a smile. At that time, on my face like in a cooking manga (*TN: think Toriko*), happiness gave way to tears.

A variety of textures and tastes mingled in my mouth, but it's not something that is mixed; rather, they harmoniously complement and strengthen each other.

In addition, slow-roasted dragon meat was simply overflowing with juice.

In just one bite, my whole mouth became full.

If not eaten little by little, it can be quite difficult to chew.

Again the meat juice is delicious. While swallowing it, I once again feel the taste of the dragon meat. The taste is always changing; and no matter how much you eat, there is no limit or feeling of having eaten too much.

The effect the dragon meat has on the face is profound. It is indeed supreme meat.

In addition, rice soaked in meat juice and eaten together with the meat creates a deeper flavor. It's irresistible!

For a while, we continued eating, not thinking about anything.

It was the same with Kanami. We did not stop until we ate everything in front of our eyes.

After the meal, as expected, our bellies were full to capacity. The visible bulge of my belly, however, quickly receded. It seems the food was rapidly digested. It's my body, but it was somehow still a strange sight.

As a result, I can say that the meat of the Flame Dragon Empress, compared with the Dragon Emperor, was softer and its taste was deeper. Personally, I felt the [Flame Dragon Empress] tasted much better than the [Dragon Emperor].

Although the slightly tough meat of the [Dragon Emperor] has its own charm, both have their advantages and disadvantages. There is a difference in strength between individuals, and the differences between the male and female gender must also be considered.

Ability learned: [Heat Immunity]

Ability learned: [Dragon Emperor's Explosive Roar]

Ability learned: [Burning Dragon Blood]

Ability learned: [Dragon Emperor's Inexhaustible Life Force]

Ability learned: [Heat Absorption]

Ability learned: [Lesser Summoning: Dragon]

Ability learned: [Intermediate Summoning: Dragon]

Ability learned: [Greater Summoning: Dragon]

Ability learned: [Chief Guard of the Dungeon]

I was able to get nine abilities but... wait... wait there's a strange one mixed in.

What is this [Chief Guard of the Dungeon]?

Is this generally normal? How else can I say this? Does the dragon not have anything to do all day? How would this work??? Perhaps until the first attacker, all this time she'd slept and eaten, is that why I was able to get this ability?

I don't know. In any case, I don't see a need to find out.

Anyway, now that I've got it, I need to know what kind of ability it is. After activating it, the moment I thought of gems while looking at the floor, a red gem the size of a palm instantly appeared at that spot.

Appraising it and making sure it was real, I tried to eat it. The texture was crunchy with a slightly sweet taste, moreover, it had a decent amount of mana inside, and was delicious in the middle.

...Lost in contemplation...!!!

This time I thought of a treasure chest, and a Treasure Chest appeared. I opened it, and inside was a variety of objects, such as magical metals and medicine. Because it was just good for souvenirs, I quickly put it in my Item Box.

For a while after I tried different combinations. Apparently, this ability is limited to dungeons I've conquered; it seems the user instantly enjoys many privileges.

Naturally, in the dungeon acquired by [Dungeon Plunder - Howls of the Underworld] you can modify any setting, large or small, though a poor change could result in the place being filled with lava. Since such mistakes may occur, it is difficult to use in emergency situations since any error could cost lives.

But using it, you can immediately get almost anything you want, as well as easily change the landscape of the maze. Of course everything has its limits, but simple tasks are easy to handle.

At first I thought, "What is this?", but now I see. Within the dungeon, this can be quite useful.

I continued testing out the functions of the dungeon until late afternoon. I also examined the new ability [Enemy of the World - Insatiable Gluttony]. Although understanding dungeon manipulation will take quite a bit more time, this ability can be figured out relatively quickly.

Apparently it's very similar to my [Absorption] ability. There are certainly some differences, but the main feature is the more the eater (me) eats, the faster its abilities will grow.

Thus, now when I eat, I have two abilities: [Absorption] and [Insatiable Gluttony], so I'll get stronger twice as fast. That's quite nice.

It's likely to help, but in return it considerably raises my appetite.

You may think, now my chance of getting abilities has increased. But the reality is not so sweet. Why? Because I have reached the next rank/evolution.

Even though having [Insatiable Gluttony] and [Absorption] has increased the chance of getting abilities, my current race Vajrayaksa Overlord (Living God Species), is way too strong, so the chance of getting abilities is actually much lower.

Learning abilities would be far easier if not for the [Rank-up], but it's already too late.

I don't think that my choice of race is wrong, but whether the extreme drop in learning probability could've been prevented... well, nothing can be done about it now.

So, having solved another mystery, I decided to work late, altering the dungeon to my liking.

By the way, my name was changed from Aporou to Ovarou.

There were many options with Rou: furious Ovara, furious OvaRod; but Ovarou sounded better so I stopped there.

Incidentally, Kanami's name remained as is.

The result of today's synthesis is:

[Lesser Summoning: Dragon] + [Intermediate Summoning: Dragon] + [Greater Summoning: Dragon] = [Summon Supreme Dragon]

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As a result of diligently working from yesterday up until tonight, the restructuring of the dungeon has finally been completed.

With the ability [Dungeon Creation], I was able to restructure the dungeon through the translucent screen which displayed detailed information and images regarding the dungeon. After choosing from the screen, the dungeon's reality reflects the changes made.

At first, I was surprised but because the operation of the dungeon was quite similar to those of my past life, I was somehow able to get used to it without making much of a mess.

There was quite a difference compared to the previous dungeon as a result of the changes made.

Of course, there were still quite a few resemblance between the two, but let's focus on the main changes.

To begin, the name was changed from Flames of Fire Dragon Mountain to [Divine Volcano of Wailing Ghosts] or Funeral Volcano.

I was complacent even without having changed the name, but with this it would be easier to identify who conquered the dungeon - because from now on, the dungeons I conquer is going to increase.

Then, a number of traps and mechanisms have been incorporated as a part of my hobby. With them, prey wandering into the dungeon will have a higher chance of being captured.

The traps are mainly to block them since new adventurers often avoid these dungeons because most of them start inland.

It is also now slightly easier to take treasure chests compared to before. After assessing the changes, the treasure chests now offer more items to adventurers.

After that, there are the new dungeon monsters that appear using magical items like Black Gremlins who has an ability of using a nasty substance, and then there's the new hidden monster completely made up of lava, the Lava Devils.

Their strength is not something to be concerned about, but their abilities are quite fierce.

The most noteworthy change to the dungeons are the dungeon bosses that appear.

Under the influence of my [Divine Protection], both the old and new field bosses as well as the dungeon boss have their bodies painted in black while their abilities significantly rose.

Now, the previously strong opponents we once faced will now prove to be a powerful existence to explorers and adventurers.

It is an existence that's very dependable for the ruler of the dungeon while a nightmare for explorers and adventurers alike.

Incidentally, among the usual monsters, there were strong individuals; and because the complexity of the Funeral Volcano has changed from when it was Flames of Fire Dragon Mountain, the overall difficulty of the dungeon has risen.

Due to the countless number of veterans being defeated by the dungeon, it wouldn't be surprising if a skilled adventurer decides to challenge the dungeon.

About the other changes, I wonder...

Besides the significant changes, other changes will be omitted because it's troublesome.

Unrelated to the modifications done to the dungeon, some time as I was applying changes to the dungeon, I realized one thing.

It seems that I gain experience when an adventurer dies within the dungeon - though of course not every one of them, this makes me somewhat happy as experience gained from the dungeon accumulates.

I lowered the difficulty of the dungeon on the earlier levels, although it is nothing since the level of people who intend to challenge the dungeon will increase. It seems that the higher the level they reach in the dungeon, the more experience I gain if they die.

It's quite fortunate for me since my current race, Vajrayaksa Overlord, requires an exorbitant amount of experience to gain even a single level. This system honestly saves me a lot of hassle.

"Pathetic prey, though I suppose it will be a good challenge for me."

As I was smiling wickedly, Kanami who was also smiling, hugged me from behind.



Now that there wasn't any more reason to stay here, Kanami-chan and I headed towards the Labyrinth City Radha Lo Dara.

Before heading out, we decided to enjoy the night sky together.

Although both of our races gives us the ability to fly freely in the sky, we had no intention of using it this time. This also served as an opportunity to test my magic.

First of all I gained a new familiar who belonged to a race of dragons called the [Ancient Flame Dragons]. I named him Tatsushirou.

Tatsushirou's body length was about eighty meters. He was also a Wisdom Dragon so he was pretty big. He boasted a huge body frame that was even able to compete against dragons of the [Emperor] class.

Supporting the dragon's huge body were tough limbs that ended with red claws capable of cutting lumps of steel as if they were made up of air. Its body was covered in an ominous combination of black and red dragon scales and its dragon armor cannot be scratched, let alone damaged by a half hearted attack.

Four-spear like objects protruded from its head which appears to be its horns and on its back, a long mane of flaming orange as well as two pairs of four huge dragon wings resided.

The dragon's amethyst colored eyes reflects its high intellect. From its mouth, razor-sharp teeth were dotted as its dragon flame continue to blaze.

The presence that emanated from his body was comparable to that of the field boss, Dragon Emperor within the Flames of Fire Dragon Mountain, perhaps even stronger.

So why did a dragon like Tatsushirou appear from my magic?

Because during the remodeling of the Flames of Fire Dragon Mountain I happened to stumble upon an ancient sleeping fossil that was later named Tatsushirou. Fortunately there was enough of the fossil and I was able to revive it.

The ability for resurrection was not something I had before - only after my evolution to the race of Apostle Lord did I then get the ability [Fossil Restoration].

[Fossil Restoration] cannot be activated unless a certain amount of ancient fossil is

available, which is why it was unused until now. Since it would most likely say that there are no fossils to restore, but it was finally able to demonstrate its true value this time.

The result was the ancient dragon - Tatsushirou.

Though through my observation of the revived dragon, it seems like Tatsushirou's innate temperament is quite implacable. Once he recognizes you as an enemy, he will relentlessly chase you until you are reduced to ashes.

The ancient race of dragons is much more tenacious than the current one, surely enough. The side being chased by Tatsushirou can only be considered to be in a nightmare.

But after his resurrection, he submitted fairly well as I tamed him. Now he emanates an aura which I find quite cute.



Thus, after healing the resurrected Tatsushirou, we rode on his back - all while Kanami still hugged me from behind - and we left Funeral Volcano under the cover of the darkness at night.

We were able to reach an altitude of several thousand meters quickly. While piercing the sea of clouds, Kanami-chan and I enjoyed a moment of flight.

The flight didn't last long, but these few moments weren't so bad with a long-awaited date above a sea of cloud illuminated by the moon.

Looking down on the sea of clouds, various ideas surfaced in my mind.

Interesting things occurred while I had lost my consciousness. The information that flowed through my clones were concealed by its respective countries. My information gathering was steadily progressing as I make a variety of speculations.

Since the scale of things have grown quite a bit, it looks like it will be necessary to take action behind the scenes in order to overcome them as soon as possible.

However, the steady activity up until now shows there is no need for drastic action, so it is not urgent after all.

If possible, I would like to make it as favorable to us as a party as possible since undertaking a variety of actions is necessary.

Oh, I cannot wait. While thinking about the future, I received a boost in motivation, thanks to Kanami behind me.

Perhaps now is not the time to be thinking about it too much. While reflecting, I continued to enjoy our date.

By evening, the ending of the date drew near. As we were almost at the Labyrinth City Radha Lo Dara, that was visible through gaps within the sea of clouds, we jumped from Tatsushirou's back at the height of several thousand meters so as not to arouse any unnecessary chaos and panic.

In the middle of the night sky, Kanami and I were enjoying our time sky diving.

It may have been an "illegal entry", but I don't think such a thing matters at this hour.

Well, at least it doesn't bother me.

DAY 253

In the Labyrinth City Radha Lo Dara, Parabellum's secret branch store [Snake's Heart].

The building was once a renowned residence with a large amount of funds invested in its construction. Now its the location of large quantities of item drops.

Just a couple of days ago it was filled with illegal residents who were captured and killed, much to my pleasure.

It has once again become a really prosperous place after regaining its former glory.

Most of the merchandise stocked are first class products, but with fair prices, especially for such quality and such impeccable details. It provides customers with unusual products which they flocked to see, thus creating a lively atmosphere.

In addition, spending a certain amount of money earned customers a loyalty card which upon filling provided them with special benefits, such as having the masterfully skilled dwarves repairing your equipment for free.

Since the staff members were elves and demons who are pleasant to the eye, a large number of men, charmed by their looks, constantly crowded the shop. There were those that were obviously sexually enticed by the workers and looked at them lewdly, but they were still outnumbered by the veteran adventurers doing serious preliminary preparations.

Not even a month has passed since its opening, and even without huge advertisement, such a huge crowd gathered. Certainly the opening sale, the location and the novelty of the place were among the primary factors in attracting guests. But the leading cause was something else.

A few days ago, a group of variants came to Labyrinth City Radha Lo Dara, and gathered here. In other words, it was Minokichi's triumphant return.

It is currently known that races that [Rank-up] have been powerful and unmatched, the majority of these races ruled countries as rulers.

But regardless of what they became after the [Rank-up], because they still kept living without hesitation in the Labyrinth Branch Store [Snake's Heart] for the past few days, the people's curiosity was set ablaze.

In a Labyrinth City like this, where might makes right, the presence of such deviants (*TN: strong beyond comparison*) at the shop serves for nice publicity. Because one would expect superior creatures to deal with superior goods, one would be led to believe that this place deals with high-class items.

The truth is that such goods were being sold at the shop, their rarity attracting a variety of customers regardless of their level or strength.

I was worried about safeguarding Labyrinth Branch Store [Snake's Heart]'s original purpose, which is camouflage. Even though I thought this sudden influx of business was crazy at first, since it had already happened, I decided to just let it go.

Since I did not enter the store under my previous disguise, the manager of Labyrinth Branch Store [Snake's Heart] did not recognize me, but Minokichi and the others did at a glance.

There were a lot of rumors regarding our story and I often heard people gossip about it, but when they asked, we just answered that they were rumors. But when they think we are not saying the truth, I will just find another excuse for them.

Anyway, after the initial pleasure triggered by the unexpected activity boom, because of the customers, I had to use [Metamorphosis] and [Shape Shift] to disguise myself as the young businessman with blond hair and sincere blue eyes that has been recognized as the owner of [Snake's Heart] to continue the support with a soft smile.

I probably should have done this for the other branches as well, since everyone prefers a gentle and sincere looking person rather than a man-eating demon.

But here in the Labyrinth City Radha Lo Dara, compared to other places, it seems to have the opposite effect.

Here it seems there is a tendency that a weak person will lick other people's shoes, and because it is the state displayed by my disguise, I began handling the customers with a meek tone.

Those who use intimidation to bring down the prices and those who want to take the

merchandise without paying are mixed together.

Ok, this guy tried stealing, but he was caught immediately and taken into a dark room where we used all kinds of torture to play with him until he learned his lesson; it was hard work.

In the evening, we had a banquet for everyone with dragon meat being the main dish. Because Minokichi and Asue were outside of the city, we left some for them to eat tomorrow.

It is unfortunate, but it can't be helped.

DAY 254

In the morning, I organized the documents that had accumulated in my room, which had the most luxurious interior in the whole house. I also confirmed the items that were collected and determined a price for each.

After finishing at noon, we opened the treasure chests obtained:

- Treasure Chest [Flame Ape General's Coffin], from the field boss Volcanic Ape General.
- Treasure Chest [Spiral-shelled King's Gravekeeper], from the field boss Magma Ammonoid · Sirpendir.
- Treasure Chest [Coffin of the Gigantic Elephant Soldier], from the field boss Large Vulcan Golden Elephant.
- Treasure Chest [Mausoleum of the Wild Boar King], from the field boss Vulcan Bull Orc King.
- Treasure Chest [Grave of the Diabolical Tree], from the field boss Blue Flame Devil Treant.
- Treasure Chest [Monument of the Flaming Demon Ox], from the field boss [Taurus Demon Lord].
- Treasure Chest [Tombstone of the Scarlet Emperor], from the dungeon boss Dragon Emperor.
- Treasure Chest [Precious Corpse of the Empress], from the dungeon boss Flame Dragon Empress.

While with the treasure chests obtained from the Aquarium dungeon the last time it was possible to acquire 50 types of different items, this time it seems like its possible to acquire 100 types of different items.

- The treasure chests [Flame Ape General's Coffin] and [Spiral-shelled King's Gravekeeper] provided me with 5 types of items.
- The treasure chests [Coffin of the Gigantic Elephant Soldier] and [Mausoleum of the Wild Boar King] provided 10 types of items.
- The treasure chests [Grave of the Diabolical Tree] and [Monument of the Flaming Demon Ox] provided 15 types of items.
- The treasure chests [Tombstone of the Scarlet Emperor] and [Precious Corpse of the Empress] each had 20 types of items.

The contents within these treasure chests were quite indispensable as they were able to enhance our combat capability.

Magic armor, weapons, and powerful magic items were inside. Though it was quite a hassle as I was unsure of who to give what.

It's only likely to hinder their growth if I give them a strong item, so I'll just store them in the meantime; it's not that important after all.

Since the awakening of the 18 Demon Warlords happened recently, I will have to give them suitable equipment.

As a result, I'm quite troubled that giving a majority of these [Item Box] is quite early, though some of it has already been prepared for the other warlords.

Thus, the day passed and evening soon came. Since Minokichi-kun and Asue-chan were about to return, we proceeded with preparations for the banquet.

Recently, the snow that fell on the street had gradually stopped. Since it was progressively getting warmer, we decided to have a barbecue outside as I cleared the snow and hung up lamps.

In order to finish preparations while it was still bright, I watched my colleagues hastily prepare tables and chairs as I roasted the dragon meat on a stove type magic item that was installed in the garden.

By reforming my silver hand into a knife, I cut the dragon meat waiting to be cooked in front of my eyes. As usual, dragon meat is delicious.

If it was Burasato-san, the simple recipe would have become even more delicious, but today I only roasted it over the fire since they went to conquer a dungeon with Supesei-san.

Since it was Burasato-san who said "We certainly will bring you gifts from the dungeon boss," I'm sure they could do it. Though, if it comes down to it they can just run away, but they will have to come up with an appropriate penalty for it.

Well, that's why it was decided that I personally cooked. It's a simple recipe, but thanks to the excellent quality of meat, the dish being served can be even more delicious.

Since I caught a whiff of the dragon meat, my mood gradually improved, so I decided to treat everyone to my precious sake. On my way through the hallway, I saw Aifu-chan's figure quickly pacing around the house with a large amount of paper and cans of ink accompanied by unknown women.

Currently, Aifu-chan evolved from the race of [[[Fimerotto]] - Variant] to [[[Adelheid]] - New Species].

Appearance-wise, there were no significant changes. However, now she is surrounded by a fleeting atmosphere that makes her appear fragile. Like a carefully raised princess from some royal country.

But her casual gesture was fascinating, her eyes were radiating decadence and madness while her body emanates a sweet smell of lust that conceals the putrid smell of her rotting flesh.

As such, Aifu-chan went into a room along with unknown women.

TL note: Irofu became Aifu after rank up

Because it was a Aifu's private room, it wasn't strange for her to personally invite some friends over.

What to do... I expected something to happen as a strange smile floated onto the girls' faces. I was correct. Apparently, they wanted to experience some mercenary work.

Since with their current race, they have the [Divine Blessing of the God of Decomposition], their finesse for mercenary work seemed to have increased. Aifu's ability had also increased steadily.

The women whom I was unfamiliar with must have been her companions that she found in the Labyrinth City Radha Lo Dara. They're surely like-minded people.

Among them were several holders of the [Sacred Profession]: the gentle, neat [Clergy], the proud [Noble Daughter], the [Adventurer] with a hardened body and short hair, and finally a [Painter] with an unusual appearance. Unless necessary, I won't interfere since it's not a hobby of mine. Hobbies are a freedom of the individual after all. Others shouldn't say anything. If they are not a nuisance to others, I'll leave them to do their own things. Even if we become models for their hobby, it's just good to be aware of such things.

For my own peace of mind, it's better that I don't know. Absolutely. With that said, I turned a blind eye to those two. I turned towards Kugime-chan and Seiji, both who now emanate a presence similar to those of a Lord.

Apparently, Kugime-chan helped Seiji-kun with cheap treatment sessions. A friendly couple, slowly heading towards our area, where a feast was prepared. The handsome and the beauty, a very picturesque moment of two demons.

Currently, Seiji-kun has evolved to [[[Sereneness King]] - Variant] from [[[Saint Lord]] - Variant] while Kugime-chan evolved from a [[[Kugimeki]] - Variant] into a [[[Kugionihime]] - Variant].

Speaking of Seiji-kun, he surpassed my expectations after he became a Sereness King - since a [Demon King] often has a tinge of charisma.

As usual, his combat capability is fairly low - even for a [Demon King]. It seems that even a [Lord] is capable of achieving victory against him. Though when it comes to healing, finding someone equal to him is almost impossible.

Who would have thought that he was capable of completely healing a [Black Gremlin] that had already stopped breathing after it lost both arms and its lower body in a span of few seconds.

Seiji-kun was capable of healing anyone even if they had lost half of their body; now he's expected to play an active role.

Kugime-chan had become even more beautiful than before; her body became refined while her behavior became even more sophisticated.

Since her power and accuracy improved drastically with her Nine Divine Eyes, she should be able to fight with her own fighting style.

But her distinctive skill lies with her sensory capabilities.

Even in her normal state, her senses far outmatches mine. Let alone the vast capital, in her serious state she's capable of increasing her detection range several, if not a dozen, times.

If a large-scale war happens to take place it's possible for Kugime-chan to see the whole battlefield; down to each and every soldier.

Should the enemy plan for some countermeasure during the course of the war, we would know in advance; making it easier to pinpoint their weakness, allowing us to quickly crush their counter attack.

As a support, it's quite likely that we'll be relying on her now more than ever.

As such, the two demon gracefully arrived in the banquet waiting for the feast to begin.

Both of their reception went fairly well, considering the fact that they're close to the apex of the team. As to why this happens - well... it's likely because I'm the leader.

Well, since I was helping Kanami-chan, it wasn't important.

After a while, both Burasato-san and Supesei-san returned. Since they brought items from the dungeon boss like they said, I didn't complain and told them to relax instead.

More time passed and soon we started the banquet as Minokichi-kun, Asue-chan and company finally returned.

Looking at the dragon meat lined up neatly on the table, I instantly jumped and headed towards the table. Still frozen from the sight of the meat as I ate, I was quite astounded by the delectable taste.

The tears start falling as everyone fell on their knees.

Everyone continued to eat the dragon meat intently; after a while everyone took a breather. The taste of the dragon meat, I'll most likely remember for a lifetime.

As the climax came, the topic of conversations were, of course, the dragon meat and work. While everyone was drinking, they were surrounded by songs and laughter.

The three dozen large barrels containing liquor that I personally prepared had a fairly high alcohol content, I expected no less from liquor that was classified as luxury goods within the Labyrinth City Purgatory.

It was consumed like water. By the time we finished the drinking contest, everyone I competed with quickly fell, while their faces were red.

Compared to the Labyrinth City, where even at night the streets are lively, tonight is no doubt the most fun and busiest it can get.

Though I've already drunk quite a lot, as expected, drinking more is always quite pleasant.

Of course, drinking alone is nice, but sharing a drink with someone else is also quite enjoyable.

As I look at the manner in which everyone happily drank, Minokichi-kun and Kanami-chan sat next to me and drank [Demonic Spirits (Lunar Drop Sake)].

Since the dragon meat was shared with everyone, the special sake [Demonic Spirits (Lunar Drop Sake)] was specifically prepared for the warlords.

It seems that our colleagues were throwing envious glances our way, but I ignored them and continued drinking my share of sake.

It's a drink unavailable unless you're a warlord, though it seems it isn't certain that it was enough to go around. But rarely enough, the combination between the sake and the dragon meat was appetizing.

Of course, when separate, the delicacies were already delicious, but when combined the luscious taste just increased.

For a while, we were trying to settle our other colleagues who drank without regards to anyone. But soon after, we gave up and decided to enjoy as we enjoyed our sake.

Though there was the class difference, they had no choice but to give up other than the warlords.

Thus, the banquet lasted until late at night. After cleaning up, I immediately lay down on my bed.

Soon, sleep immediately took over.

[Rubellia Walline has awakened to 18 Demon Warlords]

[Title [Deadly Red Fury] will be awarded]

Just before my consciousness sunk deeper, an announcement resonated in my mind. As expected, Redhead is also among them, I thought.

After that I immediately fell asleep.

DAY 255

In the morning, I immediately got in touch with Redhead.

I wanted to know more about the new powers she had developed and how she got them. However, it turned out that everything was exactly the same as with Rusty Iron Knight. She evolved without doing anything out of the norm.

After that, I instructed my subordinates to prepare a nutrient-rich breakfast. In the meantime, Kanami-chan, Minokichi-kun, Asue-chan and I left the Labyrinth City, in order to go test our strengths at the Funeral Volcano.

Thankfully, the previously accumulated snow has settled, making walking much easier. However, walking isn't much fun. After making sure that no one was nearby, I called the supreme dragon Tatsushirou, and we flew together to [Funeral Volcano].

Once we arrived, using the jump gate at the entrance, we teleported to the same place where I had first enjoyed the dragon meat with Kanami.

At present, there was a new dungeon boss, a black colored Flame Dragon Empress, most probably that color owing to my ownership of the dungeon.

Usually she'd be sleeping, but since I have arrived, she reacted and woke up. Upon rising from her slumber she began to ask us about the purpose of our visit, to which, I told her that I would like to have a duel with Minokichi, because I would like to compare our strengths and see how much my rival has grown.

Flame Dragon Empress immediately in accordance with my wishes rose and attempted to fly, she collected a large amount of magical power in her hands, opened her wings and her body immediately rose into the air, and instantly disappeared somewhere in the sky.

Watching this scene, I was once again marveled by a dragon's excellence, strength and greatness.

Asue and Kanami were also in danger here because I asked them to keep watch of the Flame Dragon Empress's lair.

Asue, a former [Earth Lord - Variant], has the power to become a superior class being [Emperor], [Hell Demon King - Variant], and therefore had a fairly strong protection against attacks like lightning, and now she was quite capable of withstanding a direct hit.

Kanami, even though she looked fragile, was not someone to mess with and could also take a hit. A weak attack would not even leave a scratch on her skin, and a strong attack, even if it breaks through will be stopped by her durable but flexible muscles. Even if she faced an attack that could damage her multiple protections, she should be able to survive and receive treatment before dying.

They had protection in this form at least and most likely wouldn't die perhaps.

But all the same I'm worried. So I gave them new magical items, with stronger effects compared to those that they previously owned, improving their protection.

I used items such as installation, which is not quite convenient to rearrange, but once put it quite simply does not break down.

Thinking it was a good chance, I decided to upgrade the pair's armor.

The overall shape has not changed, but the material and design, are different and much better if I do say so myself.

In addition, the fact that all the items they were given were produced using the items mined in the Age of the Gods Dungeon, meant their abilities that their armor possessed was much higher than before. Weak attacks will not leave any scratches, therefore greatly increasing bearing capacity, while also having their own abilities.

After preparing the girls for the possibility of getting caught in the crossfire of our match, I returned my attention to Minokichi. A former [Minotaur - New Species] he has now become a member of the race [Giga Minoterios - Superior Species] after the [Rank Up].

The abilities of this race are far superior to even an army. Focused on the ability of the [Emperor] and focused on personal abilities, ability [King], with the forces of both classes, this time among the 8 Demon Generals, he became a representative of the most powerful race.

This meant that his power became significantly closer to mine.

His body has grown even more, as compared to before. His muscles now resemble rolled together iron bars that encircle his body, and his body was covered in purple skin with white gold tattoos.

Unless it was the magic sword of a [Saint] nothing could pierce his skin, but it's so nice to feel that I want to stroke it forever. Once touched, I do not want to let go, his skin is extremely addictive. However, it's just not possible to stroke for that long, as around his wool here and there, white lightning appears. Although unless Minokichi wants this, the lightning will not cause harm to others. Only this time they may harm his comrades as we are here to fight.

Due to my abilities I can block his lightning through [Heat Immunity] and [Heat Absorption], so I think that everything will be okay. However, in the case of a gold zipper, there is some chance that [Lightning Immunity] may fail. (*He probably means "in the case of a direct lightning bolt attack..."*)

Fortunately golden lightning can not be regarded as an attack, which is a benefit as his body produces it naturally.

Well, when Minokichi slightly tensed, these gold zippers around him began to furiously cut through the air, and the air around him began to shake.

So I think everything will be fine, it is precisely the benefit of the attack. If you inadvertently get caught in the crossfire, you may die on the spot.

In truth Minokichi's expression today was very appropriate. As his enemy, I had no complaints about his crowded strength.

At this time, for various reasons, the fight will take place without weapons. Locked in each others vicious gazes without a sound we rushed into battle at the same time.

As a result of today's sparring we brought about many changes to the local landscape, and continued to fight until late evening.

By the end of the fight he was unarmed, but the endurance of both, was already at the level where it can be called infinite, because we could without any interruption and fight the whole time at full force.

Nevertheless, the fight resulted in my victory... obviously. But the gap between us was not that vast. Apparently he found a new ability called [Physical Damage Penetration],

the attack Minokichi uses even when being completely blocked, still causes damage.

In addition, it is possible thanks to [Penetrating Physical Damage], or the resulting reward from the subjugation of the dungeon [Dragon Flame's Law], or other rather uncanny abilities [God-Killing Lightning Flames], or as a result of all of them together, not much but after a certain amount of damage, it was beginning to cause me lightning damage.

When you put or render them myself it's hard to understand, but when, even if a blocked attack passes through your body, it gets really disgusting.

So I was able to learn at the same time the chapels of my body and observe the growth of Minokichi. Snacks were prepared by Kanami and Asue, and we collapsed right there on the ground.

Lightly beat down, but from the fact that my skin became stronger, the heat does not bother me as I fall asleep.

Looking up, one naturally has a clear view of the night sky. Due to improvements in my vision, I can see not only the arena, but also many more sparkling stars than before.

Every once in a while, this kind of thing is not bad, so I decided to lie down to sleep right way.

[Akitainu (Kobold Shogun) has awakened to 18 Demon Warlords]

[Title [Loyal Samurai Dog] awarded]

[Therese East Eckermann has awakened to 18 Demon Warlords]

[Title [Brilliant Merciful Knight] awarded]

Announcements in my head. Honestly, Female Knight exceeded my expectations. Although last time I did not give her anything, this time I have to give her good gifts.

DAY 256

Immediately after I woke up, I talked to both of them and found out the details.

Breakfast was dragon meat. Afterwards, we continued the training we started yesterday.

Yesterday I fought only with Minokichi, 1 on 1, but this time Kanami and Asue will also take part. It will be me against the 3 of them.

This time, we will fight with weapons, but holding back on some of our abilities, so the training will more closely mimic live combat.

Located in the front, Minokichi with his favorite weapon, looked like a living mountain after [Rank Up].

His favorite battleaxe, became the heavenly axe [Axe of Celestial Lightning]. His shield, now big enough to hide his entire body, became the celestial shield [Absolute Flame Gates of the Thunderous Bull Emperor].

The weapons' ability to grow is incredible, and the overflowing force was enormous.

Neither of those [Sacred Treasures] are mediocre.

Hiding behind Minokichi's back is Asue, armed with a huge hammer: the hard and destructive [Hammer of the Goddess of the Earth [Yabushiro]], which she was carrying on her shoulder. On her other hand she wore a magic gauntlet, [Lava Gloves of the Boar Demon King], which allows her to create a huge hand made of lava.

Of course, among the 3 weapons her hammer was the weakest, but it has the ability to control the land, also to cover the back, so it has enough power. If you underestimate her, you will pay dearly, because of her new ability [Thunderous Crystal Prison].

Located in the rear is Kanami, removing the [Sealing Demonic Eye Glasses] and armed with an ominous red-colored Claymore-type magic sword, [Drop of Moonlight], which has the ability to summon huge amounts of water, with a minimum expenditure of mana. The [Loincloth Water Grief], absorbs the surrounding water and compresses it. It becomes a magic weapon [water gun] that can shoot water-bullets.

Armed with a large variety of magical items and abilities she is capable of performing numerous different attacks. But even without those abilities, Kanami is really strong.

Not only was their team composition and allocation of responsibilities great, their coordination was simply superb. So much so, that it was difficult to improve anything.

The three of them fought together against me. I was armed with a spear and a red cursed spear, as well as the [Butcher Knife of the Boar King] and the [Soul Sword Quivering Water's Nautilus].

Both of those new swords are very sharp and have high strength.

It is even possible to break the solid skin of Minokichi.

In addition, regarding the [Soul Sword Quivering Water's Nautilus] I still do not know all of its abilities, but with the strength of the [Sacred Treasures], it can be used without any problems in our training.

The result: to be honest, I thought that I was going to die there.

All 3 of them, right from the beginning to the end, were fighting with their full force.

The enemy is me, so they behave as if everything is possible.

The three used depleted attack [(Destructive Attack) Ranks Massacre of 8 Demons (Attack of 8 Demon Generals)] as well as the effects of the fighting formations [Void Form (Combat Formation of the 8 Demon Generals)].

If I were hit by such attacks when I was an Apostle Lord, I would have lost my hands and feet. Well, anyway, somehow I was able to win. This body of mine had greater power than I expected.

So the second day was the same as the first (ended in my victory), and in the evening we just ate together.

By the way, the reason why I suddenly decided to have two days of such training is quite simple. Currently, our training has too big of an impact on the surrounding terrain.

Of course by restricting our full power we could train without destroying the

surrounding area, but that in itself is quite difficult, and I do not want this to become a habit. But to operate at full capacity in the usual place is absolutely impossible.

From the light there of, the attacks crack the ground and create storm winds. A murderous wave of magical power, will be sure to cause damage to the surrounding area.

All living creatures from the surrounding area will sense the danger to their own lives, thus leaving the area of our training in a hurry. Naturally this includes monsters.

Most of these monsters, which are driven from their familiar places, will attack the nearby villages and towns. In the worst case scenario, under pressure from the hordes of monsters, entire cities might get trampled.

It is unlikely, but this scenario seems quite possible. I'm not that noble, but I want to avoid this problem.

Just think of the benefits training in this place could hold for us in the future. But even if not, why destroy the lives of others? We are not hostile creatures.

Therefore it was decided to conduct training in the Funeral Volcano. It has an automatic repair function that makes it perfect for training. After training, we immediately went to sleep to rest for tomorrow's training.

DAY 257

Two days were spent in training; now we have to return to the Royal Capital Osvel and get the kids to head back to the great forest. Or so I thought, but instead I had to spend another day in the Funeral Volcano.

The reason being that Burasato-san and Supesei-san, who were collecting a variety of grimoires and magic swords in the Labyrinth City Radha Lo Dara, as well as Seiji, who was performing cheap healing with the help of Kugime, as well as Aifu leading clandestine activities, had their own plans and were busy.

That is, Burasato and Supesei wanted to spar too. I'm sorry that I have not once yet called them for this fun, I knew how they would react immediately and so I took them with me.

For a start, I held a training session with the enthusiastic Burasato and self-confident Supesei. They fought as a pair, with Burasato as vanguard supported by Supesei.

Burasato-san formerly a Blood Lord (Variant), became a Blood Raid Empress (Variant).

Her outside appearance has hardly changed. Aside from some added Demon Orbs and her appearance becoming more courageous, but as always, in battle she bathed in the enemy's fresh blood. The truth is there was still one distinguishing external feature. Now she has sharp wings of blood.

She previously had a habit of creating a lot of bloody swords, but actually she could not do it. Because the material used for these swords is the blood of enemies, thus it was almost impossible to carry it with her.

But as the Blood Raid Empress, she has gained bloody wings which can be used as a reservoir, making it possible to carry blood with her.

Because of this, even without killing many enemies, it was possible for her to fight at full strength from the beginning.

Now she can simultaneously manage multiple bloody swords, the maximum number being a few hundred (or up to several thousand if limited to simple strokes).

Just imagining this is enough to understand how much of a problem an army led by Burasato was.

But in addition, it significantly increased her combat abilities and changed her fighting style.

Before, her style was to use a magic sword: Princess Fresh Blood with her right hand while controlling blood swords. But now, she also carries in her left hand a new magical sword, The Blood of One Dead Hunter, so now her style has changed.

It became a style with 2 magical swords with which she stirred many bloody swords, bearing multiple attacks like an avalanche. Meanwhile, if you compare her ability to control blood with Kanami-chan, Kanami wins in the amount she can control but the quality of her control is much more clumsy in comparison. Because of this, the difference between them is not that large.

Responsible for the rearguard is Supesei, the former Spell Lord (Variant) who became Spiritian Queen (Variant).

In her appearance, too, there are some changes, such as added Demon Orbs, but the main innovation is the 8 rainbow colored steel spheres, similar to planets, that fly around her in orbit. After examining them, it turned out that they are some type of Demon Orbs and ordinary steel knives are not able to leave any scratches on them.

After trying to make a scratch with one of my hands which I turned into a silver knife, it left a scratch but after a few tens of seconds, it recovered.

I wonder to what extent she could manage them with the help of thoughts. For example, quickly turning to repel the attacks, or attack if the enemy had come up close to her.

But their true role shows when she uses magic. Using these 8 balls as catalysts, it is possible to easily cast the highly ranked magic that previously caused a lot of difficulties. And with the use of 8 areas, the main force of attack multiplies the magic attack 8 times, yielding a completely different level of ability.

In contrast to an obvious growth in her ability to use magic, her physical abilities are now lower than those of Seiji.

If an ogre, after receiving deadly magical attacks, managed to pass through her barriers

and defense of the orbs and could still attack, the ogre would cut her down.

Previously this was not the case, but now she has become physically weaker. But in the end, that only matters if someone can approach her.

Whatever it was, today, I tripled the training with this pair of demons. Located at the forefront is Burasato, and while you're stuck fighting her, some strong magic attacks come flying at you from your blind spots.

Which were followed by a continuous stream of murderous attacks. If you dealt with them, magic attacks would start flying at you again.

They have fought together for a long time, thus their teamwork is incredibly accurate. Well, in the end I still won.

There were many reasons, the primary being my 4 silver hands, which enabled me to counter every blood attack of Burasato. No matter how strong you are, if the opponent is a bad match-up, you can't fight using your full potential.

After trying a variety of combinations, I tried fighting against all 5 demons. I have to say it was one of the most brutal battles since my rebirth.

They all became stronger though, and we all ended up wounded, but they were happy to see me in this state. Well, the others looked even worse than I did, but these moments themselves are quite good.

DAY 258

We woke up before dawn and rode on Tatsushirou (the Fossil Dragon revived by Rou) off the Funeral Volcano.

Tatsushirou's flight speed was frightening, because we almost immediately arrived at the Labyrinth City Radha Lo Dara.

It wasn't convenient to jump from the sky like last time, so I entered the normal way, through the gate.

I had to stand in line, but it was early in the morning, so we were able to enter without waiting too long. Despite the early morning, the city was already awake, and life here is blooming.

On the way, eating food similar to a Doner kebab was quite tasty. Apparently they are using drop items from the nearby labyrinth, it also seems the quality of the meat is good in its own way. Of course the whole secret of the taste was the way it was cooked.

I'll try to do the same, but only with dragon meat. I am sure that it will be delicious because how could it not be.

Thinking about it, instead of heading directly to the house, we each went our separate ways.

Fortunately, we did not stay here for long as we did not have a lot of personal items since items like magic swords, magic books, clothes could be bought here and because I have my item storage, the packing did not take very long.

Because there was nothing to do and the city had numerous kinds of magic shops, everybody went to buy souvenirs. Fortunately it didn't take a lot of time.

We, all 9 demons, will be returning to the Sternbild Kingdom's Royal Capital, while members of Heart of the Snake will stay here and work.

The fact is that in the short time since our store opened, we have suffered abuses from other companies (wrong type of lads came unreasonably complaining about the

quality of the goods), as well as some illegal actions against us (attempted arson and attempted kidnapping of the staff).

The staff also intended to find and hire enforcers among the residents of the Labyrinth City, but it was decided not to do so since people would feel that we lacked the power to solve these problems on our own.

Therefore I cannot remove any of the members from our group that are stationed here to take them with us, since their power is needed here, so this time, only us, the 9 demons returned.

I replaced the blond blue-eyed young businessman with my clone to look after the shop and the staff. It stayed here not only to guard but also to assist the business of the Labyrinth Branch Store [Heart of the Snake].

After putting an end to things, we went on the wagon Skeleton Centipede and left the Labyrinth City Radha Lo Dara.

At the time of our departure we attracted even more attention than we did when we arrived. We were viewed with fear, interest, admiration, a lot of feelings were displayed in the faces of the crowd.

After driving for a considerable distance, taking Great Skeleton Centipede from the item storage, I asked Tatsushirou to carry it.

We could travel on the ground like before, but I wanted to know his maximum speed, load capacity and flying range. For those reasons, we flew this time.

Satisfied, looking at his dashing appearance as he easily takes the heavyweights of Asue and Minokichi into the sky, we certainly could have headed straight back with great speed immediately. But since we're already here, I decided to look around for some attractions in the sky.

In this vast world, there exist some mysterious phenomenons. For example, in the sky above a forest, in various heights there were countless lumps of rocks in various sizes floating. It seems it is inhabited by monsters of the flying type.

Or another example, around a certain landfill there are a wide range of flowers in various colors which are incredibly beautiful. But among these colors a lot of carnivorous plants nectar's has been devoured by the [Scarlet Hummingbird].

Or for example, on a certain river, which is broad, countless fish are floating, which can be seen even from the sky. They look like size of a palm, but their actual size is close to a giant house.

Or like some snow covered mountain peaks which reach the clouds, forming a huge crater with the sun, that gives a demonic look. Admiring the view onto those great places, towards the evening we arrived at a location near the capital of the kingdom.

With the incredible speed of Tatsushirou, even while taking an indirect route, we arrived at the scene pretty quickly.

Thinking that a giant ancient dragon would likely cause panic, it was decided to go land in the woods, where the trees were blocking the view. While we stayed Tatsushirou quickly returned to the Funeral Volcano. Just a few seconds after he pushed off the ground, he was out of sight.

I put my parasites inside of Tatsushirou, so that at any given time when I need him, I will be able to contact him.

By travelling on the Great Skeleton Centipede, we quickly arrived at the gates of the Royal Capital. I have not seen it in quite a while, but the gate to the capital was quite impressive. You could feel its history; it was a magnificent structure.

At the gate, the young guard who was in charge of the gate looked familiar; we were able to enter quickly because I used the pass that I received from the Tomboy Princess.

Inside the capital we continued in the Great Skeleton Centipede. It was more likely to cause panic and confusion which I didn't wish for, but it seems I did not need to worry about it.

The Great Skeleton Centipede hides us well; it is pretty hard to discern us from the outside. However the [Skeleton Spider] service has become more and more popular and the citizens knows which organization it belongs to because of the drivers and advertisements.

So when looking at the special [Great Skeleton Centipede] even the children could have guessed to whom it belongs. In other words, it seemed that even if we hid, everyone would know that we came home.

Among the locals who had gathered to see us, here and there you could see the

silhouettes of fanatics of all ages, falling to their knees.

I was plagued by the thought of what would happen should they suddenly see our appearances.

When we go out, I decided to put on a long mercenary coat with a hood for the time being.

Arriving at the house, I was finally able to hug Auro, Argento, Oniwaka, and Redhead. I have been communicating with them through the clones, but it is important to see them with my own eyes. After having celebrated our home-coming, I thoroughly enjoyed the dishes the cook prepared.

Since they are so tired after making the dishes, we will let them taste dragon meat next time.

DAY 259

Probably because I was able to sleep in a bed after such a long time, I woke up much later than usual. During my most recent adventure away from home, I frequently slept in the Great Skeleton Centipede or sometimes on the bare ground. This experience has opened my eyes to the beauty and charm of warm blankets.

There is no snow on the street, but it was still quite cold, so I did not want to get out of bed. Especially sleeping with Redhead and Kanami-chan using me as a pillow. We started the day with a light warm-up (so as not to cause problems for the neighbors) followed by a tasty breakfast. After that everyone went to manage their own affairs.

I also had a job of sorting documents. But the work was not much, so by noon I had free time. I wanted to watch the training of the children, but Minokichi-kun and company did it instead.

Kanami-chan and Supesei-san are training Solitude. Seiji-kun, and Kugime-chan went to treat people while on call, thereby strengthening the ties with the local community. Asue-chan as usual went her way, so that all were busy with their own affairs.

Therefore, deciding that it was the best time; of the 4 [Sacred Treasures] that I had on hand:

[Sunlight's Soul Sword, Hisperiol]

[Quivering Water's Soul Sword, Neiletis]

[Precious Core of the Demigod of Spring Water]

[God of Rebirth's Dragon Gem]

I chose the [Precious Core of the Demigod of Spring Water].

From one of its kind, it was clear that this Sacred Treasure was Phantasmal class. It was covered in a mystical aura.

I put the [Precious Core of the Demigod of Spring Water] in my mouth and started to bite, and bite and bite. Bite with all my strength.

Earlier I tried to do the same with [Sunlight's Soul Sword, Hisperiol], but absolutely nothing happened. That hurt my pride quite a bit. But now, having become [Vajrayaksa Overlord (Vizra Species - Living God Species)], I decided that I finally might get a result.

Continuing for a while, I did not get any results. [Precious Core of the Demigod of Spring Water] remained extremely solid.

It appears as though it would not work, but I still did not give up and continued to bite it, it has been more on obstinacy.

Biting, biting and biting. With all the strength I continued to bite. Expecting nothing to come out... When I certainly thought so, just for a moment, but just for a moment I felt something under my teeth give way.

At the same moment, I felt the taste, even surpassing the taste of dragon meat. What! This was a taste I could not describe. If I didn't try it again, it would be impossible to explain. Absolutely delicious.

So much for the notion that words could no longer describe its taste. From such a shock, I even thought that I was about to lose consciousness. It was as if my mind received an electric shock.

The taste was the taste of [Sacred Treasure] [Precious Core of the Demigod of Spring Water], which started to yield under the pressure of my teeth.

Now I can chew it! I couldn't before, but now I can! After that, nothing happened, I continued to chew. Then, after a while, I broke off a small piece. My teeth are working! My teeth could break [Precious Core of the Demigod of Spring Water]!

At the moment I swallowed it, I felt the taste of which was impossible to resist, I could not stop until I ate the sacred treasure to the end. After finishing the work, having fun with Kanami-chan and now playing with Auro and company, I continued to chew without stopping. I just could not stop. So it went on until the evening.

[Kumajirou has awakened to 18 Demon Warlords]

[Title [King of Demonic Bears] awarded]

[Kurosaburou has awakened to 18 Demon Warlords]

[Title [Black Wolf Emperor] awarded]

DAY 260

Still chewing from yesterday - which, honestly, I think continued in my sleep - half of the Phantasmal class Sacred Treasure remains.

This was expected, but I can finally start to absorb the [Divine Power] hidden inside [Precious Core of the Demigod of Spring Water]. While waiting for it to be absorbed, I decided to learn more about a couple of my 18 Demon Warlords.

First, Kumajirou. Kumajirou, had a [Rank Up] (evolution) from Oniguma into Desolation Spirit Panda. He now has a thick, sharp horn, like obsidian, one meter in length, coming out of his forehead, and he is now 11 meters (36 feet).

With a tough black and white body wrapped entirely in a flexible body hair, he is lying strewn somewhere in a lovely gesture. Such companion animals, if you ignore their size, could become popular as a type of pet. But do not approach it lightly. Even if Kumajirou is just playing around, the majority of organisms would easily be killed. His huge paw can penetrate a dragons scales, and his teeth easily compete with the severity of a Dragon.

Moreover, the horn on his forehead significantly increased his overall status, shrouding him with a black aura emitted from sharp protrusions found on both shoulders and elbows made from the same material as the horn, and it also allowed special attacks.

He has excellent physical abilities and, contrary to how lazy he may look, he is quite agile. An inept army would quickly be trampled into the ground. In truth, he had a brute force worthy of the title of [King of Demonic Bears].

Next, Kurosaburou. Kurosaburou had a [Rank Up] evolution into Triple-Headed Hell Cerberus from Double-Headed Orthoros Wolf. With bristles as black as darkness, the shoulders of Kurosaburou stand at about 4 meters.

Near the neck grows countless snake heads spitting fire and poison. The tail has become strangely reminiscent of a dragon's tail. With the number of heads, large body, snakes on his neck, and serpent-like tail, he might look a little scary, but in fact he acts like a friendly dog.

The black bristles are soft and fluffy, and feel very good. If you take a nap on top of the black Kurosabrou, you will spend time spoiled comfortably. Of course, his combat capability has been greatly improved compared to before.

In contrast to strengthening the capacity of his individual ability like Kumajirou, Kurosabrou's strength comes from his pack.

Maybe due to the fact that he became [Triple-Headed Hell Cerberus] or got the title [Black Wolf Emperor], Kurosabrou seems to have obtained the [Calling] ability. With a howl, he is able to form a pack which numbers in the dozens seemingly coming out of nowhere.

Kurosabrou has the [Leadership] ability, so that no matter how many they are, they will still move like a single organism. His general abilities were approximately at the Demigod Class [Age of the Gods] dungeon. Overall, I think his capacity compared to bear, Kumajirou, is about the same.

Then, the silver nuclei [Slime War Armor] on his chest has increased in size. Now the mucus covers the whole body, and the slime armor has changed from blue to silver. It also became metallic and thicker than before; the hardness also seems to have improved. Since his visible strength had been so reliant on speed and agility, we should try now to appreciate his more well rounded (whole) abilities.

So I praised them; the pair will continue to be a solid fighting force. Such events are great, as we hope to gain more power. After some time, somewhere around in the evening, I finally was able to completely chew [Precious Core of the Demigod of Spring Water]. The sense of accomplishment when you finish eating, if anything it is hard to say that there is no sense of loss trying.

But surely, [Precious Core of the Demigod of Spring Water] had become my flesh and blood.

Ability learned: [Precious Core of the Demigod of Spring Water]

Ability learned: [Spring Water's Source]

Ability learned: [Skill Gain]

Ability learned: [Capacity Expansion]

Ability learned: [Heathen Retribution]

Ability learned: [Divine Power Conversion]

Ability learned: [Improvised Promotion]

Ability learned: [Form Change]

Ability learned: [Piercing Evil]

Ability learned: [Five Soul Lives]

Due to the digestion and absorption without spilling even an ounce of the [Divine Power] that was included, all of [Precious Core of the Demigod of Spring Water] became a part of me.

Not only was I able to learn a number of abilities but also the [Divine Power] which has been contained is certain to strengthen me. [Divine Power] is a kind of energy, whom none other than the gods can use. But to me, who became the Vajrayaksa Overlord (Vizra Species), it was a useful energy that can be utilized somehow.

The magic is rare to use because there is a limited quantity to the [Divine Power]; these powers do not use mana, and operate under a different system, and their power is simply excessive. Also, they cannot be used without special [Magic]. I think it is best to save these powers as a trump card.

From the joy that I suddenly got a trump card that can save me in a desperate situation, I threw a party with dragon meat. Arranged with a number of dishes at the Banquet Hall in the mansion, it was grand celebration with everyone.

The participants, led by me and Kanami-chan, included Redhead, my children, Female Samurai, and general team members, and everyone else in the Royal Capital, such as Solitude and the hired butlers and maids. After finding out that we had returned, the Tomboy Princess, Boy Knight, First Queen and Dark Hero came to visit.

Quite a large party, it started with a toast, which lead to a bit of friendly conversation, and then finally the dragon meat. Unsurprisingly, the dragon meat caused the same reactions as the other times. In other words, one after another, people began to cry tears of gratitude because it was simply too delicious.

Among them, the reaction that particularly stood out was that of Solitude, who recently lived below the poverty line. I even began to fear that all the liquid from their bodies was being turned into tears.

Most of them burst into tears, which flowed like a stream on their clothes; one of them was the commander of the Solitude, who was the most manly and largest. Since it was not from sadness, and because it is joy that tears came out, while patting everyone on the head, I decided to enjoy this moment.

In general, a lot of things happened.

Tomboy Princess and Boy Knight were surprised that we [Rank up] (evolution) again, and then we told them stories about our difficulties. Honestly, I think it's a little strange that they were divulging state secrets.

From the honest reactions of the First Queen and Dark Hero, I thought their reason had completely blown away. The Queen's maid later secretly took away the kitchen knife, likely on her orders. I hope the fanatical queen doesn't try to do anything crazy.

The children, Auro, Argento, Oniwaka and Opushii questioned me in detail about where I traveled this time, and what I did; they also talked about what they had learned. Lately even the very small Opushii, although clumsily, began to talk. The speed of their development was incredible. As expected from my children.

From the Female Samurai that was left at the Royal Capital's head office, I heard about the manner of marketing the products (which was annoying), purchasing (which was annoying), and troublesome buyers (which were annoying); it was fun but I want a rest from that. Because she was tired, I changed the schedule; I think that I'll take her to the large forest with a hot spring. The store can be left to my clone.

Then I heard from...

Kanami-chan: about how she wants more children

Redhead: education for Opushii

Minokichi-kun and Asue-chan: consulted on what to do in order to have more children

Seiji-kun: discussed efficient treatment methods

Burasato-san: consulted on herbs

Supesei-san: talked about efficient magical operations

Kugime-chan: usually lady-like, but this time entangled by her in a drunken and nagging state

Aifu-chan: half-naked and drinking from a huge wine barrel while laughing with a depressed feeling

Too quickly, the drinking and singing turned into a chaotic banquet party; it became a time of large servings and unrestricted binging. The culprit for this unusual fun, was most likely the dragon meat.

Or a very tasty drink from the labyrinth. Or both of them. Good food, great people to support mood. Throw in a good drink, nothing to patch up that it happened. Delicious cuisine makes cheerful people. Even if we didn't have alcohol, it might have even come to this.

To drink and drink, eat and eat and laugh and laugh are moments to remember. I drank good wine today. I was in a good mood because the next banquet will be in the great forest, where the drinks might even be better.

Blacksmith-san, Alchemist-san, the Sisters, and Female Knight, it's been a long time since I've seen them and soon we will be together again. I want to see them. We continued to feast without stopping, until late in the evening.

DAY 261

When I looked out the window, the sun had long since risen. Apparently we had overdone it, and partied all night.

During the battle with the boss, we stayed awake all night, which was quite a normal thing, but to spend the whole night in a party... it's been a while.

After drinking a golden liquid with a pleasant aroma from the glass in my right hand, a rich and complex flavour spreads delicately throughout my mouth. It tasted similar to an aged sake, if not better. As this wine has a abundance of flavors, every sip would taste unique for different individuals. Personally, it tasted like sweet nectar and I would say it ranks in the top 5 alcohol that I ever had.

This drink was from 1 of the 2 types of liquor that was acquired when clearing the Psalms, received for the execution of [History] [Demonic Spirits [Inexhaustible Demonic Hop]].

As amazing as it is however, it's still inferior to combination of dragon meat and the [Demon Liquor: [Drop of Neverending Evening Cherry Blossoms]]. When ingested, it brings about a warm sensation that spreads top down as the liquid smoothly flows down the throat and into the belly, after-which the warmth spreads evenly throughout the body down to the fingers and toes. Even I would be temporarily drunk not to mention others. Paired with the dragon meat, it's simply divine as the flavor compliments each other.

After-which, a tingling sensation could be felt and it persisted for quite awhile before it went away. Again, you can't help to think how could liquor be that good.

I was only a little annoyed that the container is small. Well, this discontent is quite trivial because the bottle has a wonderful property. Once it's empty, and a set time has elapsed, the content of the bottle returns back to the original amount of demon liquor. So such complaints should be hidden. I put back the bottle but I was still left with the feeling to drink more. It's quite a shame but it can't be helped.

Well, I would feel like I was in paradise even with the liquor alone, but this time, in the banquet, we prepared 3 kinds of meat to pair with this special wine.

The first one was grilled Dainamazu. This type of monster was caught in the [Age of the Gods Dungeons] [Demigod] Rank [Aquarium Forlia]. I wondered about that dungeon monster, it was like a giant catfish. That's the first thought that I had. The most important feature was that it was so large, it was thick with stored fat. There was a sense of satisfaction as if I was eating meat rather than fish. The odor that it gave off as it was being grilled was almost odorless, but the taste was full of protein. It is bland but very thick and the flavor becomes very good after adding a thick sauce. The fish then tastes like grilled meat. Sake is a must to accompany it. Even anyone would be enticed to eat it all if you eat a single bite.

The second is the boned rib corner of dragon meat. The soft dragon meat of the Flame Dragon Empress was used as an alternative to the boned rib of pork. The texture was as if it was melting on the tip of your tongue. It features a slightly sweet sauce which was a little thick. It is a dish that can make you shed tears of gratitude. Also separately, accompanying the meat was the labyrinth alcohol. There were also two prepared vegetables to go along with the meat and alcohol. The "Green-gold color Ryoku Bok Choy" or the "Tianbao Spinach" together, its appeal is further improved. The texture of the vegetables gave you a crisp feeling. All combined the texture became one of stew as they all melted on the tongue. Harmonious taste of harmony, it would be no sure getting tired to eat much.

The third was dragon meat steak. Unlike the boned rib of the Empress, the steak that was used was the somewhat harder dragon meat from the Crimson Dragon Emperor. By carefully cooking it, it has become softer to the extent you could cut it easily without feeling resistance by using forks and knives made out of Mithril. The surface of the dragon meat steak was burned to a brown color, but it was exquisitely cooked so that it still had some redness inside. The crunchiness of the grilled steak with the tenderness of the boned rib corner is simply delicious. It overflows in the mouth with the juices of the meat like it is gravy that it makes hard to resist. Once you tried a little, your hands will be unable to stop until there is nothing left in front of your eyes.

As such these three types of meat have been arranged all over the banquet table in front of everyone. This array of food is a tremendous variety, each one is very appealing to eat, I can not choose one without thinking carefully and if you eat a bite then you will want to eat until there is none left. People who have never eaten any of these before got lost in all these delicacies.

Very difficult problem. There's no answer, it's answer is that it is a problem.

Well, to truly enjoy each of the 3 types of meats at the end of the banquet, you've to be worried after all. The refreshing taste of the grilled catfish, the sweet melt-in-the-mouth boiled rib corner of dragon meat, and finally, a rich and fulfilling meat steak. If you eat a small knob of each of the attractive exhibits, your eyes get bigger than your stomach and your appetite increases by leaps and bounds. The food and liquor made us greedy and we gorged ourselves on everything.

There was nothing else important to do so the group decided to pamper themselves and enjoy the food and drink full glasses of [Demon Liquor [Demon's Drunken Slaughter - Inexhaustible]] while enjoying the afterglow, I turned around. And saw the members in the banquet, the butlers and maids who were hired in the mansion, and hundreds of people together, such as the Tomboy Princess and the First Queen was participating too. The result was completely different than last night.

First Kanami-chan, Minokichi-kun, Asue-chan, the group resistant to alcohol, they had been eating and drinking or talking to me, we have been up all night. As a result of the night banquet, next to the table, laid a mountain of empty barrels that used to contain liquor.

According to my approximate estimates, the number of empty barrels already exceeded more than 50, staking up to be like a wooden mountain. Wine barrels are usually made of special wood, durable wood for special requirements, because they looked almost the same.

Because of this, the barrel mountain was stable, and even if one of the barrels was taken away from it, I didn't think it would collapse.

Although we consumed nearly the entire mountain of barrels, Minokichi-kun and Asue-chan still sat right next to me, drinking wine straight from the labyrinth barrels, and there was no doubt that we could still easily continue. I wonder how much they will get. Well for starters it would be necessary to remove the accumulated barrel-mountain pile into the item box.

Minokichi and Asue heroically poured a drink, Kanami-chan behaved differently. She elegantly enjoyed a drink out of the labyrinth liquor, as if tasting the wine from the silver wine glass. Her movements and gestures exuded elegance, this spectacle is worthy to be printed on a picture. A great masterpiece.

She has become a member of one of the races that stand at the top of the Vampire race,

and now her body exudes the constant aura of a [Ruler] even from a casual gesture, and that's not because of [Charm], but due to her beauty. If there was a person who could resist it, he would have gained my respect.

Just right behind her, as if trying to hide it from others, the entire tower of empty wine bottles was placed regularly, despite the fact that each of them was of the highest quality, and cost a king's ransom. We can thus assume that even if the outside seems dignified and elegant, the person inside is as greedy as before.

All this, she drank alone. Now she's drinking the [Shanburu Dunessa], a little sweet wine that is acquired from lower level bosses of the underground [Demigod Rank] [Age of the Gods] dungeon.

Because of the difficulty of obtaining it, the price for a single bottle easily exceeds several gold plates. A large amount of such an expensive commodity, even for the nobility, now rested in her stomach. She very well liked it, for it was difficult to obtain expensive wines, thus it will be necessary to plan the next dungeon conquest to gain more of it.

Trying to drink sake from many other places, in itself is not bad. Yet, as we drank, Burasato was not here. She carried Supesei, like a princess in her arms, into her room. Of course, it was late at night, but it took several hours, and she never came back. We waited in vain, with so many drinks left. Maybe she fell asleep in between. I wonder what happened...

Of course, she could, from fatigue change her mind and go to bed, as her room was nice and it was very close to the bedroom of Supesei. Yesterday, the day after they conquered the labyrinth, they probably felt tired. That time when she was carrying Supesei, I happened to notice on her face, a seductive smile. It is also conceivable that something is happening.

The probability of this is quite high. She clearly had the eyes of the hunter. Or the eyes of a predator, staring at the weakened prey. Well, whatever it was, I personally will not climb into their problems. We're comrades after all, and one family.

Personal tastes are different, we need to respect them, while maintaining the freedom of each. No one should engage on their business until they asked for help. Personally, I will not meddle in this issue. My clone is there, but the details are not known because that side should not be touched.

As for Redhead, she was tired after the party so I took her to my room, and now she is fast asleep hugging Opushii. Auro, Argento, and Oniwaka also went to rest in their rooms. At this time, they may already be awake, but the training ground still lay quiet, so they are probably still in their rooms.

Seiji-kun who slept on a large sofa with a blissful face, a little away from us, had the same drunken stupor as Supesei. On both sides of him were Aifu and Kugime who were also sleeping. With them slept a few more random demon girls. They were ladies in love with him, in other words, members of his harem.

Seiji was popular before, so this is not surprising. Honest and good, nice looking and has a high status in some sense, we can say that falling in love with him was quite natural.

Moreover, when receiving fatal injuries during a training, seeing Seiji-kun carefully treating their wounds will trigger a "suspension bridge effect", it is quite natural to fall in love with him in that situation.

It is a kind of levity, he does not hesitate, saying very constraining phrases. In the eyes of the girls that is worth a lot. The trembling girl's heart, Seiji] catches naturally, without any calculation.

After falling in love with the natural gigolo Seiji, the demon girls will likely bring us more problems. But also at the head of this list were Kugime and Aifu, who were getting close to him and had overpowering skills. Because of that fact if all this becomes something extreme, I will intervene. The demon girls, in internal consultation, took their hands-off him in iron rule, so currently there is no strife.

The fact that Seiji was basking in that situation made the unpopular party members jealous, but Seiji still maintained peace and order. Well, in this direction, it is better to not dig deeper. After all it is a troublesome matter. It's Seiji, so he will overcome it.

Next the Tomboy Princess, Boy Knight, First Queen, and Dark Hero stay over for the night. Though I had prepared them private rooms they slept on luxurious sofas along the walls in the same way as Seiji-kun. Even though a sofa bed is slightly inferior to dedicated bedding, because the furniture is top class, it is easy and comfortable to sleep through the night.

The sleepy people who got on this sofa, a young couple, the Boy Knight and the

Tomboy Princess are now blue. Apparently in their sleep they suffered from nightmares. Perhaps the reason for this was because the fact that they slept in their clothes, but it's most likely the effect of being drunk. They're still children, so initially I just treated them to fruit juice from the labyrinth. But apparently fascinated by the atmosphere of the holiday, or leaning on someone or some provocation, they are now as drunk as a lord. Maybe it's because they breathed in the smell of alcohol that permeated the entire ballroom. The latter reason is most likely.

Fortunately, this time was especially served the popular drink and dragon meat. Dragon meat is fine alone with nothing to complain about, but with the drink, it becomes simply unbeatable. Such a delicious thing I just can't help but want to make it even tastier.

In addition, we, a race of [Demons] originally liked alcohol very much and are good at drinking loads of it. Many of us drink it like water. But if the amount of alcohol in the drink is too small, or if it doesn't pass certain thresholds, we just can't get drunk. Before we can get drunk, most of the alcohol just degrades in the body.

One example is, my [Absorption] ability, the cases where I got drunk at least a little was pretty low. This is one of these days. Fortunately, in today's drinking, the amount of alcohol was fairly high, so we partook in carefree drinking. One of them was Minokichi-kun, who devastated the barrels one by one.

Thanks to his efforts, the amount of liquor consumed at this banquet was enough to swim in it. As for me, I was drunk. However it was an easy matter to throw back another drink or two, especially in a drunken state. Nonetheless because of the amount of liquor consumed at the banquet the room was stifled with fumes that caused a choking smell. From only this smell, those who are weak against alcohol could easily get drunk. The smell did not get weaker, but rather accumulated, it filled easily in the great hall. The smell of sake, it feels like it soaked in the body.

Among those affected by alcohol, it was not only Boy Knight, Tomboy Princess, but also the Solitude team under the tutelage of Punk Commander.

All of the younger group, almost immediately went to their rooms, but the group head, Punk Commander and some younger ones did not escape this fate and became drowsy. Greedy because of eating, the younger ones and their commander were drunk and they did not even drink, they probably did not have time to escape. Surrounded by older members, perhaps they even watered them, but at their age, it is not contrary to

the laws of the kingdom, so I will not be punished.

Well, whatever it was. Drunken Princess Tomboy and the company felt unwell. What a business... Thinking of alleviating a little the suffering of the normal punks collapsed here and there, I started using [All Creation], and got rid of the vomit.

By controlling fluids and gravity, I squeezed the vomit into a small ball. Freezing it, I sent the ball into the bin. A very simple action and useful, and I did not even have to get my hands dirty. It seemed a bit strange to use such a powerful skill for cleaning vomit, but it was clearly faster. It is painfully convenient.

Like Tomboy Princess and company, the First Queen and Dark Hero are on the other sofa and are thoroughly drunk, but their stomachs did not empty, so I pretended I saw nothing. Saliva flowing from their mouth, and sliding on their clothing, it's nothing yet. Sloppiness is in each of them, because of their vulnerable species, they became defenseless.

The First Queen pressed the knife and fork I used at the banquet close to her heart like some sort of treasure. Using a handkerchief, I wiped the drool flowing out of her mouth, and as I was doing this I heard "ehehe" and on her face appeared a depraved smile. It was hard to look at. As if under the influence of dangerous magical drugs. It was difficult to do something.

Typically, following in the shadow of the elegant First Queen, was the Dark Hero, who now looks worse than the Tomboy Princess. The same is true around her maids. At that point, they would just go on stage, but not only is the hostess drunk, but her servants are as well.

Therefore, I personally did not see anything. Touching them is dangerous. Because, it is possible that their spirit will receive fatal moral damage...

At the same time, a lot of our friends fell asleep on the floor and tables. The ratio was approximately 7 to 3, that is to say, on the floor there were more. But the floor of the great hall was covered with a magnificent carpet, and it is likely that to sleep on it was nicer than on an average bed. This carpet, stained with food and drink, vomit, saliva and mud, will be difficult to clean.

Well, it's nothing to worry about, those who have smeared it will be the ones who clean it even if using force is necessary. Well, in this way, the dawn of the feast was over.

With the end of the holiday, those still conscious, did the cleaning. I removed the mountains of empty wine barrels and bottles, sending them into the item box.

But, in order to remove the heavy tables, I had to push aside the sleeping members, and while they were sleeping with happy faces, but in order to help me with the cleaning I needed to wake them up. I awoke them by pouring water on their faces by using [All Creation]. After this they immediately woke up. It is certainly a harsh treatment, but compared to the conventional training, it is still very soft, so there should not be a problem.

But among some of the sleeping members were the maids and butlers, in their case, I acted softer. The maids and butlers were engaged in service, but apparently they became intoxicated by the smell of wine as well. They fell asleep when they became too drunk. As expected, for normal people today's drinking was probably too strong. Well, not that someone has gotten acute alcohol intoxication. So it should be fine.

Awakened and being fellow professionals, the maids and butlers significantly helped with the cleaning and completed in a short time because we were quite quick. I wholeheartedly think that for the cost, the need to hire professionals for such a time like this is very great.

Before returning to the great forest, we had to send the Tomboy Princess, Boy Knight, the First Queen and the Dark Hero back to the palace. Last night, a messenger was sent, so not to cause a panic it would be better to send them back as quickly as possible. I woke them up and gave them the remains of the food in a lunch box, afterwards I sent them home through a group of Skeleton Spiders.

It was a bit strange, to give the leftovers to the royal family as a meal, but all the leftovers were of dragon meat. Though a bit cooled, it was still quite tasty and good enough that you would be willing to sell your soul for it.

Moreover, it is likely that the problem here would be that declared nobles would want to take over this meat, but I think that in that scenario, neither the Tomboy Princess or the First Queen, will let them take it.

Well, if they are too annoying, they will probably disappear. That certainly can happen, but it's better to avoid it. Not for us, but for them themselves. After finishing the clean-up of all the messy things and troubles, we began to prepare for the departure to the great forest.

As usual, in the morning there should be training, but after yesterday a lot of us were suffering of a hangover, so today is a day off. At this time, the group who was returning to the Great Forest was collecting their belongings and putting them in their luggage. We will depart from the Royal Capital after 3 o'clock in the afternoon, due to the fact that many people went to buy souvenirs.

Initially, I wanted to leave Female Samurai in the capital's shops, but I already decided to take her with me, so she hastily gathered her belongings. Using [Summon Archfiend], I made up for the missing store personnel.

I called upon several demon merchants known as [Trade Lord], a race of demons very good at trading. It seems that after becoming a [Living God] I fulfilled a certain condition. This allowed me to summon demons via [Summon Archfiend] that possessed a high degree of intelligence. That allowed them to potentially become excellent employees, which only encourages the use of [Summon Archfiend]. These demons were the best option in this regard because in the next few years the business will expand, entering the top of the merchant trade. Up until now, I just needed qualified personnel, so things would not be out of place, so any additional help is much appreciated.

Because, to begin with, for the sake of the experiment, I decided to leave one of them in the capital's shop. If all turns out well, I'll replace all the members of the store with the new demons and send them to the branches.

Freed workers serve for the benefit of Parabellum. After all the general chamber of commerce is going to extend steadily.

While I was doing this, and other routine business, it was finally time to go. When we finished with the preparations, we were aboard on [Skeleton Centipedes] and [Skeleton Spiders], and we happily went towards our base in the Great Forest.

Just before you leave the capital, you have to travel a small distance of the city, primarily the Noble Street and Castle Street. Therefore without wasting time, it was decided during the travel to do some advertising.

Compared to the morning, in the afternoon there was a crowd in the streets, but this time outside the streets were unusually crowded. It was the best time for advertising.

After lunch, music suddenly spread in the streets near the entrance of the capital. Easy

and fun, we made them tremble with anticipation. Before us, leaning out of the windows, the faces of locals, fascinating pictures appeared. Members, using a variety of magic and magical items, created on the streets of the parade a roaring flame lion and a water army.

Some looked at this magnificent sight from the streets, and those who came closer, our members showed some magical items sold in our store. Causing the residents to enjoy the event even while being puzzled.

Enjoying the carnival broke the monotony of an ordinary day and it well-publicized our shop. With preparations completed, I created dragons of light and darkness in the sky using [All Creation]. Sitting in a carriage of [Skeleton Centipede], we enjoyed the spectacle.

This advertising was similar to a parade or circus or even a theme park. In this world, this is not a very common technique. The effect of it was much better than expected. But most of all the biggest attraction that got the resident's attention was Minokichi with Kumajirou and Kurosabrou.

If you ask what he was doing, it was juggling. Of course not just simple juggling. Minokichi juggled Kumajirou Kurosabrou]. Kumajirou weighed just under 10 tons, but thanks to the incredible power of Minokichi-kun, he easily lifted him and even Kurosabrou with just one hand.

He juggled, with their bodies curled up in balls of wool. Kumajirou's biceps which turned into a hand-riding wolf rounded like a ball, the sight of a huge object dancing lightly accompanied a tremendous intimidation, but something was left out. It felt rather charming. This overwhelming show of force from the outside suddenly looked pretty cute.

On all sides could be heard cheering and flying coins. Thus, we were able to triple our advertising, at the same time earning some money. In addition, we were showing our great fighting force, thereby getting rid of fools who were willing to interfere with us. So we were able to achieve another purpose, in truth it turned out to be killing two birds with one stone.

While thinking this I thought that maybe we will repeat this in the future. Of course prior to doing this, I got permission from the Tomboy Princess and the First Queen. As expected, to arrange this without permission, it is easy to imagine what panic could

rise. Although it is possible to pass forcibly, because an unnecessary dispute will happen, if so it would be cumbersome. It would not be wise to create an enemy.

After a while, we came to the gate, where we waited for a short inspection, but we had a pass so it was over pretty quickly and we left the capital of the kingdom. Picking up Kumakichi, Minokichi-kun's bear, waiting outside he now showed us juggling with 3 pets. The figure is a masterpiece. He looked pleased. Thus killing time until all the members came out, we continued our way to the top of the high mountains. Columns of stretching unusual vehicles, we moved faster than horses, but to others we looked quite strange. Well, we are used to it. As planned, we went by the shortest route to the Labyrinth City «Purgatory».

We arrived pretty quickly, but did not go inside, instead we decided to stop nearby. Joining us from there were a few employees of the branch in higher positions, but it was not the lower members, because they were had work. Because charges have not taken a lot of time, and quickly left the neighborhood of the labyrinth city «Purgatory», heading to a slightly distant, less popular mountain range.

After a while, we arrived at the scene, Kugime-chan checked that no one was around, and I even used a wide range of perception abilities to examine around us for safety, I called Tatsushirou the [Great Ancient Dragon]. A few seconds later, his huge body could already be seen. His body bent the trees under him, but this cannot be helped. Now it will be necessary to bring everything in order here using [All Creation] (ability synthesized from various elements).

While I was patting the playful dragon, I changed [Skeleton Centipede], fixing it on his back. I made sure that it would not interfere with his wings, so that problems during the flight will not occur. Thus, a large number of members will be able to comfortably travel by air.

However, we have too many members, so to carry all of them and drop them off at the great forest was simply impossible. Given that we had the huge Minokichi, as well as pets Kumajirou, Kurosabrou and Kumakichi. Kurosabrou still did not weigh much, but then there was the incredibly huge Kumajirou and even heavier Kumakichi, a [Great Armored Bear]. As expected, the breaks fall from being overloaded. Of course, I can fly in the sky, and to reduce the number of victims to an imaginary, but it will look rather silly.

For the members on Skeleton Spiders, I used [Summon: True Dragons], to call black

dragons. Of course compared with the power of Tatsushirou, they are not equal, but thanks to my influence, the black dragons were very strong, besides, I could call quite a lot of them. So in less than a few minutes, we left the forest for the sky. Many of the members that first took to the air were shocked but quickly got used to the feeling. Among us there were those who, like Kanami-chan and I could fly, but most of them did not know how.

Although raised in the air like Tatsushirou, the black dragons were experiencing this feeling for the first time, from different sides you heard them cheering. It is their first experience, so they should be. Enjoying the general reaction, I suddenly noticed among our luggage, two strange barrels. Lightly tapping on it I heard some movement inside. Based on this, I could not throw them away, so I begin by making a small hole in the barrels, using [Venom] created a soporific poison, vaporizing it with [All Creation] and drove inside. After this I heard from inside the loud snoring. That's because, well, okay, it is also not quite a bad chance. Thus, the mission of the terrible sky, ended in an instant, and in the evening we arrived at the base in the great forest.

DAY 262

What are hot springs in this world? I believe that they are the place where the soul is purified. While filthy with sweat, tears, and dirt, my exhausted body is wrapped in warmth, forcing my rooted core to ascend to a heavenly world. Power slowly leaves your limbs, while the accumulated damage to the body and fatigue begins to gradually melt away.

This is a true hot spring. Especially because it wasn't artificially created, instead, it was formed by the order of nature. Once experienced, it is no longer possible to forget that feeling.

Fortunately, in this world, they have a wide variety of positive effects caused by magic power, which was not possible in my previous life. As a further result of magic, the once imperceptible effects are enhanced and become quite noticeable

Among these sources, you could say that our spring excelled over all of them in this. In the blink of an eye, you can cure tiredness. And if used regularly, even someone with a fatal wound or a deadly and incurable disease would improve their condition. Dry and rough skin would become as smooth as a baby's, and if the water itself is consumed by someone with a healthy body then it will help further reshape their figure.

All of this is caused by the act of spirits, which are invisible to the naked eye. As these spirits dwell in the water under the light of the night sky, when touched, they'll bestow the life force that causes all of these various aftereffects.

One of our best selling products is in fact water from the spring. Sold in small vials and other recipients, the water is so popular that it is almost immediately gone after reaching the store. Most of our customers are women and daughters of royalty and the aristocracy, who are ready to buy it in spite of its high price, bringing us a solid source of income.

However I have to admit that the new natural hot springs found near the summit of our new base Funeral Volcano which I named "Bath of the Violent God", is, by the combination of a first-class bath, amazing scenery, power to heal, is the best place to

relax.

You just had to enter the water, and waves of pleasure overwhelmed you, as if your soul was washed away from your body. In the morning, going to the hot springs was so nice that there was a risk of going to Heaven from bliss alone. After enjoying the thermal springs, I went down to business. I finally returned to the Kuuderun Great Forest, where I had accumulated a whole bunch of work.

From Blacksmith-san I received my fully repaired halberd. I then went to Alchemist-san where we worked on a new drug using the diverse drops and collected materials I got from my adventures. The sisters Alma and Felicia were busy cooking and Female Knight, Female Samurai and the Gladiator King, all opponents that I would not be afraid of accidentally killing if I hold back, had a training session with me. I also took a look at the newly evolved Black Skeletons who were born in the fighting pits. I decided to check on the residents, and the number of Goblins, Hobgoblins, Ogres and Half-Lords had increased quite a bit, many other things required my attention.

Although I originally came back here on vacation, that would have to wait for there was much to be done. Thanks to my clones, I was aware not only of external events, but also those within the Parabellum HQ. But as a leader, information is not enough to rule. It was a necessity to show myself and display my charisma and power to my employees. It was yet another task I had to accomplish.

I would have liked to immediately prepare another banquet with dragon meat cooked by the Sisters, but there were still many Parabellum members that had not yet returned to the base. We thus delayed the feast a bit.

Me and the Sisters happily began working on the best way to cook the dragon meat. Soon we will find the best way to cook dragon meat.

DAY 263

I woke up covered in sweat and felt sticky. I was reunited with Blacksmith-san and for the first time in a long while, I had a hot night with Blacksmith-san and company.

I decided to bathe in the [Fierce God] hot spring before starting the training, I wanted to try out the [Heat Absorption] skill. Having done so, the heat energy rushed within me, and I felt like I was dissolving into the water. The test from this experiment of enjoyment had exceeded my expectations.

"Fuuahhh", words can not convey the feeling but my brain was dominated by happiness. In my mind, it was like I was dissolved in hot water.

Most likely, this was one of the most dangerous states placed upon my body. I tried to get myself out of this situation, but I could not. My mind fell apart and I fell into a trance. When Minokichi entered and saw me in this strange situation, Minokichi called out to me. Receiving no answer, with one hand, Minokichi pulled me out of the water.

Once my mind returned back into my body, I stopped the [Heat Absorption] skill. So I survived this crisis which was rather pathetic (which looked pretty stupid, so it was decided to keep this our little secret).

Yesterday was very busy, because we had to reconcile with the "Uninvited Guests" for whom it was necessary to keep an eye on. The "Uninvited Guests" were Tomboy Princess and Boy Knight. Lulled to sleep by my poison, they appeared from the 2 extra barrels.

In her words, "I wanted to look at the home of Aporou and his companions but Aporou wouldn't allow us into the secret fortress." Thus she decided to secretly sneak inside! Having come to the conclusion, "while everything was going well, nobody would have thought that we would be put to sleep! We were sincerely waiting for the flight across the sky on a dragon! But it turned out into something like this."

Pouting with her cheeks with an expression that was dissatisfied, she protested as she pounded on the table with both hands.

Apparently after we sent them back to the castle they used a secret passage to the

mansion, and during the time Aporou and his comrades were preparing for departure the Tomboy Princess and Boy Knight climbed into the luggage.

Judging by the expression floating on the face of the Boy Knight, who was currently sweating, he tried to persuade the Tomboy Princess not to go but it was a waste of effort.

As the secret base was discovered, I was angry with her for a long time. But since the Tomboy Princess was somewhat like a niece to me, I can't show it or she may become conceited, and I was too tired with continuous problems stacking up I'd rather not be too angry and reflected upon the situation.

But should she cross a certain line, I'll have to get rid of the Tomboy Princess. And there will be no negotiations, for I have no pity towards enemies, but after intimidating her I felt pity for her.

I was convinced after thinking about the reason that the Tomboy Princess cannot betray us and become our enemy, so it's useless thoughts.

Naturally, Tomboy Princess, as a member of the royal family, is well aware of the danger posed by the Holy Kingdom. The fact is that the Lumen Holy Kingdom is making preparations for the Holy War against the [World Enemy - Gluttony] (me). As befits a [Holy War], all who oppose are considered accomplices of the [World's Enemy] and shall be destroyed.

The Lumen Holy Kingdom will not be forgiving. Absorbing the earth, the Holy Kingdom will invade the land, consuming everything in its path. The Holy Kingdom has much more power than this kingdom. There is a very large gap in the number of national forces and [Legendary Heroes], and even considering an alliance with the Empire, there is still a high probability of losing.

If we were to add the Atarakua Demon Empire and the Estgrand Beast Kingdom to the opposing side, we may be able to avoid total destruction but the damage will be very severe. Because of this the Sternbild Kingdom simply cannot leave it unattended.

First of all, the damage from the civil war was quite large and it has not recovered yet, so there is simply no choice.

From the perspective of the Sternbild Kingdom, the relationship with me could be seen as opposing the Holy War. Because information is sometimes worth more than a

mountain of gold. Thinking about the national interest as the priority, there is an option to betray me. If I were an ordinary monster the Tomboy Princess perhaps would have made the choice to betray me.

After the Tomboy Princess had seen enough of us and our work that choice no longer existed. Of this I am sure. Although she is still like a kid, with her ability to look into other people's hearts, she has quickly matured and collected a huge amount of information. No one was better than her in gathering information, even if she did not have that she had intellect.

Therefore she knows what would happen if she betrays us. As she's not a complete fool, the choice of betrayal was no longer possible since the beginning.

This time, they didn't get in the luggage to gather information to betray us, but to learn about our fighting potential personally and make sure what was the best to do was for the good of the kingdom. Such were most likely her thoughts.

Well, there was some personal interest too. Slightly anticipating what she was up to, I put the Tomboy Princess on my shoulder, pampering Opushii, as well as holding Nicola in a hand (daughter of Alchemist-san, the only human race of my children), and gave her a tour of our home base.

Currently, our base has grown incomparably to the previous size. Black Skeletons significantly reduce the amount of hard work and their number exceeds a few thousand. Furthermore, many representatives of skilled races have gathered here.

Although I was not here for a few months, the use of the labor power to the maximum has made the base grow so much that it completely engulfed the whole mountain.

Roughly explained, the former residence of our group, the "Former Mine", became the living quarters; the "External Training Field" allows us to carry out large-scale military exercises; on the "Agricultural Fields" the agricultural dwarfs and Doriane-san's [Field Workers] took care of a variety of crops; the "Ranch" was inhabited by tamed horses, wolves and other mounts as well as by domesticated animals for food; in the "Workshop" a variety of tools and weapons were manufactured; the "Hospital" was always on duty healing the injured; for entertaining the elves, the "Parabellum Onsen" was established.

All this was greatly improved and greatly expanded, for example the "Farmlands" grew

to such an extent that they are better described as "Great Farmlands" and there are more places that deserve to be described.

To begin, the annoying trees were cut down while the ground was made more robust by Half Earth-Lords, so as not to fall apart. The summit became relatively flat making this a good place for an "Airport".

Here we use flying familiars such as Falaise Eagle and dragons, for exporting products from the forest and for importing goods that are hard to find in the forest.

Most of the space is an open platform which made it easy-to-take-off and land, but there were also buildings for the temporary storage of goods, pets, recreation personnel and other devices that reduce the burden of work.

Rails was laid down like a spider's web to reduce the burden of work. [Bone Trolleys] are used for transporting small amounts of products. They are made from black skeletons which made them easy to make and easy to control. If given an order they would move automatically to the right place.

Large [Skeleton Trains] were used for bigger amounts of products, this solved the impending problem of transporting our products. The rails themselves were made with the help of the dwarfs. Originally the dwarfs were ordered to mine for minerals. They knew that the transport of miners and minerals was going to be important for the efficiency of the mine and made some kind of rails. Using those rails as a prototype, the current system of rails and trolleys was made by trial-and-error.

History has preserved quite a few examples of the great use of such structures, this kind of mine still exists to this day. When I was looking for a convenient way to transport goods on a daily basis I was lucky because among the dwarfs appeared one familiar with the methods of construction and operation of rail and truck designs. I think I did not even use [Luck] there. The dwarfs use black skeletons as a driving force to lessen the stress on themselves.

At the moment all the facilities at our base were connected by the rails, this made the movement between them much easier and faster. The "Factory" makes the products we sell at our shops. Non-battle personnel, those unable to fight on the front line, and black skeletons are used as a labor force.

The black skeletons were used at the assembly line and the non-battle personnel and

those unable to fight had works such as monitoring and quality check. Of course the black skeletons were not skilled enough to make delicate products like magic potions, but for the less delicate product they were enough.

Receiving detailed instructions, the black skeletons showed their worth as industrial machines for the manufactured goods. The goods they make are of good quality, could be sold at a cheap price, and since their workflow is stable this made for a very solid source of income. Because they need no rest, salary and food I began to think the black skeletons were more suitable at the assembly line than at the front.

Incidentally, these basic manufactured products were about the same quality as in the "Workshop". Furthermore, there appeared a significant increase in the number of our member who live in "Residential land".

A lot of members were living in the "Former Mine", but since the population has increased from a few dozen to a few thousand, a newer and bigger "Residential Land" was necessary.

Since a lot of different races live together the houses differ a lot. Some were made of wood while others were made from bricks, stone, or even thick cloth. Not only is there a difference in building material, there also is a difference in building style. There are houses that looked like the ones in Sternbild Kingdom, Kirika Empire, Atarakua Demon Empire and Estgrand Beast Kingdom.

Even if the style is the same, depending on the size of occupants, the sizes were very different. In these houses live the representatives of various races, comparable in size with Minotaurs - their homes are huge. But while passing those you could see relatively small houses belonging to creatures such as Cat Fairies.

Despite the apparent chaos they were all pretty well sorted and the general atmosphere in the "Residential Land" is very harmonious. It looks like a medium-sized city which was in harmony with nature.

It's a major change. Located around the mountain, which has become the center of our base, external areas were completely surrounded by huge solid, magical fortified walls, similar to the improved version of the one that were there before.

Besides the big innovations there are some smaller ones. We now have a "Shopping Street". Here they sell food, necessary items, and products that are useful for training.

Since it is not an important facility, I won't go into detail about it.

While I walked around the base it looked more and more like a city. Looking around while walking made me feel emotional. In addition, it only took a few months for the base to grow this big. Honestly, I did not expect this.

Normally it is an impossible growth rate, this is the first time this kind of development took place. I can't help but to think so. But here live selected representatives of different races which all had different useful skills and abilities. By my influence they used those abilities at the right place, that's why the base could develop this quick.

Using black skeletons as the labor force, our home base has become like a fortress city. It is like that, but in fact, it seems very illogical. Maybe I'm the only one who thinks so. "Well, good" the Tomboy Princess said with a gleeful blast. Oh well. I spent the whole day with my lovely kids. That in itself makes this day not bad.

DAY 264

Our comrades still haven't returned from their trip so we couldn't arrange a banquet yet. So after the morning workout, we had to reassign the care of the former "uninvited guests," who became the "invited guests", Tomboy Princess to Auro and company, who were having a good relationship with her, and after that I secluded myself with the Sisters in the kitchen.

"It's not like that and it's not like this too" our debates are overlapping. Because we have so many ingredients, we proceed to start our trial and error, and decide what to do in order to get the best dishes from the dragon meat.

But this is quite difficult. What is the most delicious part of the dragon? What is the best method to cook it with? What are the missing ingredients? What kind of utensils and tools does this thing require? You must know a lot of this thing.

Because we have many things which we still lack, it looks like we can't figure out an optimized way to cook this. But we're not going to stop our efforts in trying to make the best meat of the dragon even tastier. Eating is life. Life is eating. Since this is an important thing, it is clear that there is nothing better than something tasty. Thus, we are able to invest our strength in this case.

I can't spend all my time only with the Sisters, I can't leave Blacksmith-san, Alchemist-san, Female Knight and Doriane-san alone. Taking the time for a break, I go to their places and check their condition.

First, I visit Blacksmith-san's place. Blacksmith-san, by using a large variety of magical metal, made my halberd enhanced and improved to the extent that it couldn't be compared to its previous state. I judged many weapons which were made by skillful dwarves.

At first glance, it was clear that her skills certainly increased, so much that she couldn't be compared with her previous stage. Surprised by her unexpected growth, we started the inspection of my comrades' equipment, and we inspected the mass produced equipment too, which would be sold in stores. After the inspection, I asked whether there were any problems.

In response, I have learned that before there was a problem with the delivery of a variety of metal magic, but thanks to the work of the supply service it has been solved. Personally, I wish that they, along with dwarves, continued to develop it further to ensure the quality.

In addition, Oniwaka (Blacksmith-san's son), is also interested in smithing and during the lessons he made a knife. It was his first time, so we cannot say his skill was good, but because you still need to learn from it, I also praised the knife. But Oniwaka wasn't pleased with his work, and he hid that knife out of embarrassment. Because of that, I laughed with Blacksmith-san.

Next, I proceed to Alchemist-san. She was making magic potions that couldn't be made by the black skeletons in the "Factory". Blending the solutions, processing materials and entrusting to others the production of some parts, which anyone can do if they have the appropriate knowledge for that, she does the most important processes.

Among our products, compared to the expensive potions, the potions made by Alchemist-san are very popular. As expected, even though her potions were inferior to [Artifact]-class potions, they still sold very well.

I help as much as I can, and after that I watch over them. Alchemist-san's technique is undergoing extraordinary changes, and I'm never tired of admiring her gently making magic potions. We can say that a woman at work has her own charm.

Next I went to the place of Redhead and Female Knight, who were training. Making them pair up, I have them train with me lightly. Becoming a member of the 18 Demon Warlords and receiving the title of [Brilliant Righteous Knight] and [Red Deadly Fury], they are now able to fight with me, but only when I hold back.

Unlike Redhead, who received a very significant increase in her body capability, looks like Female Knight gained the ability to control [Light of Mercy], which can be used to the target mind and body.

Anyone touched by [Light of Mercy] will be robbed of their own strength. A type of ability which inflicts Bad Status. I tried it on myself, and it looks like the more time it took, the more severe the effect would be. Gradually, it shaved my will to fight, and I felt like my power was draining away from me.

The appearance of this light is like a noble golden aura that covers your entire body. If

you see it for the first time, it is very difficult to determine if this light has a bad effect or not.

Deceived by this light appearance, maybe enemies will only lose more and more power the longer they fight. In the battle, when the slightest difference in the state can decide the outcome, I find this ability very formidable.

For now she still handles [Light of Mercy] very poorly because she still inexperienced, but it's still capable of covering the prey and person body. But when she becomes adapted to [Light of Mercy], she probably could extend the range of the spread.

Obviously, this it is necessary to be cautious of friendly fire, but if she can control it very carefully, she can fight with a high-class opponent. Personally, I have ways to counter it, but without those, Female Knight will become a very troublesome enemy.

The training continued for some time, and at the end Akitainu, who became a member of the [18 Demon Warlords] [Loyal Samurai Dog], joined the training with Redhead and Female Knight. [King of Demonic Bears] Kumajirou and [Black Wolf Emperor] Kurosaburo also sprinkled in with training.

Like Kumajirou and Kurosaburo, Akitainu evolved from [Kobold Samurai] in the [Kobold Shogun]. In the days of [Kobold Samurai], Akitainu was like a beastman with the upper part of the body like a middle-aged man. Becoming [Kobold Shogun], he had a vivid scarlet armor of black color in the old Japanese style, covering the entire body, a biological armor. His main weapon was the spear with a live cross, crescent-shaped tip.

However, his body resembles a much larger version of a conventional kobold. Now his brutal appearance was more impressive than an average Ogre. Characteristic of predators, his sharp look scoured in search of prey, sharp claws ripped the ground. If he howls, only with the sound, weaklings will lose any fighting spirit. But it is not strong enough to induce fear.

Not only possessing animal instincts and physical ability, but high intelligence, and outstanding combat technique, he can control other kobolds like his own hands with his command ability. With personal and command abilities Kobold Shogun, he could easily tear the Lords and dragonkin to death.

There were records about a Kobold Shogun, leading tens of thousands of fellow

kobolds to destroy a small country. He not only caused huge damages, destroying the armies of neighboring countries, but also killing off the [Hero] and his 3 companions, it is unlikely he has died and is still here walking around cracking jokes (he is wanted now in some places, that Kobold Shogun).

In some cases, representatives of this race, even becoming dungeon, for example in one of the dungeons "A couple De Rama" a very high level. That's just this very Akitainu in front of me, happily wagging his tail and bright eyes glistened. He was bigger than me in size, but still, Akitainu for me looked like a friendly puppy. His every action is simply affection to me. It was so touching.

In the days of the kobold samurai, it looked a little strange, but now it looks very similar to what it was, even hugging and patting does not cause strange moral contradictions.

Like a pet, Akitainu [Loyal Samurai Dog] unto the Lord is loyal (in this case me) all his abilities have significantly increased. Before training, as a reward for his efforts in the service, I gave him a magical item, a long sword [Ancient] class [War Wolf Celestial Moon] because of this, training among the 5 members who are participating, Akitainu was perhaps the strongest.

In a short time, he may well achieve power equal to a [Legendary Hero]. Many of his blows were quick and his punches are heavy. Looking at the growth of Akitainu, my face broke into a smile in anticipation of the Holy War. Upon completion of the training, I went to relax with Doriane-san.

Today, I have come for a dip in the hot spring, but I caught Father Elf, who is now taking an oil massage. I even thought that all his greatness was an illusion, because his face was very relaxed. Well it is better not to dig too deep. Everyone has 1 or 2 weaknesses.

Having made a full circle, I sat down to study cooking, and then I went to the hot springs again. At this time, in order not to repeat the shameful mistakes, I just got into swimming. Hot springs are the best!

DAY 265

Some of the comrades who were out of the forest, returned to the base today. But some still remained missing because of the distance or the convenience they have taken missions. In general, the reasons were different.

I'm all tied up, and the latest group, without any error, will arrive in a few days. Because we knew the details through contact, it was easy to make a plan, and we started training, so any time we can start a feast.

At this time, the participants have to be ordered more so the workforce have excesses because the preparation was a process without any delay. So I decided to finish first with this case, which was no less important than the banquet.

Put simply, a fighting festival championship. As expected, this is the strength of our business - that's it! These thoughts still remained, because to determine the position of a fight is inevitable.

So far, the spread of forces was quite high, but the positions have simply not changed. Since, I decide not to miss the opportunity when gathering the comrades together the tournament was held in the «external training field».

This time, the fighting involved only members of all the significantly increased in rank, thanks to this the show was truly spectacular. The results of the tournament:

1st: Redhead (Rubellia Walline)

2nd: Akitainu (Kobold Shogun)

3rd: Kumajirou (Desolation Spirit Panda)

4th: Kurosaburou (Hell Cerberus)

5th: Liger Bazette (Gladiator King)

6th: Female Knight (Therese East Eckermann)

7th: Netsuki (Fire Lord-kun)

8th: Sumeragi Kaede (Female Samurai)

9th: Auro (Eldest daughter; mother: Felicia Timiano)

10th: Argento (Eldest son; mother: Alma Timiano)

11th: Kumakichi (Steel-armored Great Bear)

12th: Ramura-san (Thunder Dragonewt)

13th: Isuha-san (Lightning armored insectoid (might be the Female Mantis from Day 124 sidestory))

14th: Boss Monkey

15th: Rinbo-san (Dullahan)

16th: Fuuki (Wind Lord-chan)

Also others afterwards. Such are the results. Depending on the combinations of opponents, perhaps they would have been completely different, but still a very reasonable result.

This time, I, Minokichi-kun as well as the other 8 Demon Generals, due to the obvious difference in strength, did not participate, and the Avenger and Rusty Iron Knight have not returned so the results came out that way.

I did not think Redhead would have won, but she really has gotten herself stronger. Of course there were other changes in the ranking of power, but still, it's all good will to increase our combat capability. Due to the fact that there were a lot of participants, the festival battle lasted until late.

DAY 266

Yesterday we had the individual battles. Today, for the sake of improving teamwork and leadership skills, matches will be formed with a commander and groups of 4, 9, or 49. We will have the team competition duel.

The biggest was a battle of the top 99 commanders of subordinates. In itself, this training was different from yesterday, a show of individual force.

In each of these battles, weapons and armor were made of wood, which grows in the great forest. But with only this one material, it surpassed mediocre steel strength.

All particles of clones in the ear barrette were replaced by clones of [Violent God] that automatically blocked fatal strokes, while if the slightest sign of life remained, would be cured by Seiji-kun and company, because the battle would likely be very fierce.

Even in the battles 5 vs 5, the pride of the group was at stake, and the more they fought, the more this same pride was at stake.

The last battle carried was 100 vs 100. Here the most numerous goblins and hobgoblins mixed together, to fight head-on with ogres and the insectoid.

Riding the black wolves and Triple Horned Horses were Goblin and Hobgoblin riders, who, using their agility, loaded fast attacks thanks to the elves' skirmisher training, just shooting arrows on the move, right in the opponent's weak spots.

Frontal attackers, the heavily armed Dragonewts and centaurs charged and smashed enemy ranks. To secure the front line, at the forefront of fighting, the Mages. Arranging Air Sea flares the appeared a collision of battle magic from the rear to fight for destruction and annihilation.

At the forefront bone fractures were common. Broken teeth were quite natural under the heavy blows which can even tear internal organs, and unless you are lucky, you can easily lose your eyes from flying stones or fragments. There was a great chance to be crushed by the blast from the terrible spells in the air collisions.

There might be an overwhelming body gap for those who were stepping on a body on

the ground and getting crushed, it often occurred.

It would not be surprising if they were dead. Moreover, normally, there would certainly be several tens of corpses. But thanks to the strengthening of my clones, and the excellent team work of Seiji-kun, despite the huge number of wounded, no one was killed. We were able to maintain the situation.

Maybe this method was too cruel, but even without weapons, the result would have been exactly the same. For the leaders' group of 5 people and 10 people, yesterday's promotion received its increase, so it was their last test.

At first we made the teams randomly, to see whether they had the ability to reach that position but in the end, having gained combat experience, their management took proper shape. But, as expected, most of the leaders, in groups of 5 people and 10 people, were commanders for the day.

However, many individuals have reached their limit but were not be able to [Rank up (Evolution)]. There were many among the commanders group of 5 people and 10 people. They train themselves by honing their skills with experience, rather than increasing their rank. That is something cannot be measured in terms of level. To get through this obstacle, I hope that they can get the skills worthy of their rank.

Incidentally, Father Elf and Daughter Elf had arrived at the time of our training and they were very shocked. As expected, Tomboy Princess and Boy Knight were just as much at a loss of words at such a spectacle. Well, nothing can be done. Although it is barbaric, such training is essential.

DAY 267

Before the morning workout, the sun has just risen so I went for a walk alone in the Kuuderun Great Forest. Even by doing nothing, from just my presence, all the living animals fled in fear like cockroaches. Then I went to visit many different places.

All of the great forest was already on my mental map, so it was easy to find all the places where I had hunted. The place where I first killed a Horn Rabbit, the place where I met Doriane-san, the place where I saved the kidnapped Daughter Elf. Everything was still there as I went to memorable places, with different memories flooded back to me.

At the same time I felt a kind of nostalgia, but it was something new. All this is because, at the moment, the great forest has grown considerably. Thanks to our natural hot springs magical power, the growth rate of the great forest throughout the surrounding territory has increased significantly.

As a result, there was a race that appeared that was not there before, as well as senior representatives of the races that formerly lived here. The number not only increased but also the quality, compared to the past, there is no doubt. Now you can get the best materials here, and it is much easier to raise your level. For us who live here it's not such a bad thing.

Moreover, due to this the probability that our base is detected has decreased. Of course you need to watch out for adventurers who come to explore, but this is not a problem. For a while, walking through the greatly-changed landscape of the forest, I was curious and looked into the cave in which we were born.

Arriving at the place, I silently crept up to the entrance. I noticed almost no difference from the constitution of goblins that was here before when compared to the small Orcs that lived at present.

Apparently, after we moved to a new location, this place was left without owners, and was inhabited by roving orcs. Watching them for a while, I realized that this tribe came here from outside of the great forest.

In their conversation they slipped a mixed dialect that is an unfamiliar language in this

area. Besides, the small orcs were a very weak subspecies of the race and having a matured personality, but they are rather skillful and intelligent.

Conventional orcs prefer raw meat, while small orcs eat fruits and berries, as well as soup made from roots and meat. That is, at least they are skillful enough to cook tasty (at least for small Orcs) food.

Preparing a meal on the fire is in itself quite a shocking ability, but in addition they made their own clothes and armor made of cloth and skins, produced by monsters. They could hunt as well as using spears known as [Steel Rose Hips], made of long wooden sticks tied to rusty daggers which had their tips covered with purple-colored paralyzing venom.

After some observation, I noticed that their leader is a magician, and was slightly unusual. Maybe even a representative of the [Subspecies]. As I have become a [Furious God], and for the sake of the Orc species, I did not lift a finger, but by itself it looks quite interesting.

It is not known what will be in the future, so I left them with one of my clones for spying. Also, I sent some newborn hobgoblins to spy on them, because watching them can be quite interesting.

Perhaps if the orcs appeared here they might be our neighbors later, who might be willing to trade with us or the elves. Therefore, I decided to look for other residents of the great forest. I returned quite late to the base, and almost immediately went to sleep.

[Psalms of a Legendary Hero [Radiant Hero that Leads Troops] <Subcast> named [Cavalier Guardian] and [Usurper] pledged to <He who awakened a Psalm / Main Cast> Sigurd Ace Sven have emerged]

[Yatendouji's [Fate Plunder] has been activated]

[As a result, [Cavalier Guardian] and [Usurper] has been put under Yatendouji's control]

[Currently, [Cavalier Guardian] is awakened]

[Currently, [Usurper] is awakened]

[Yatendouji has the power to release both their frozen abilities

Do you want to release them?

<YES> <NO>]

This is... Well for starters I chose <NO>.

DAY 268

As usual, immediately after I went for a morning workout to expend some energy, I had breakfast cooked by the sisters.

Finally, all of the missing groups had returned to base.

The last group that arrived was Avenger, Rusty Iron Knight, and Scarface. The reason for their delay was the mission to eliminate the bandits and dangerous monsters in a variety of places, so it was fine.

During their return, they traveled through several small villages and towns. On the way, they destroyed 4 large gangs of robbers, two medium-sized clans of robbers, and killed 6 boss-level monsters as well as countless little things and small fry.

Not only that, on the way, they found a new dungeon and conquered it, bringing back a large number of magical items.

It's all good, but I had a little doubt about what to do with the detected message yesterday relating to its auxiliary characters.

Both of them are still children in their teens.

The [Cavalier Guardian] was a blue-eyed blonde beautiful girl, and the [Usurper] was an unnecessarily pale, emaciated ordinary boy, but his eyes were full of bright light.

In the words of the Avenger, when they were on the border during the regular raids to destroy the monsters, they accidentally rescued them from the den of monsters. They were likely going to be eaten, apparently there are various and complicated circumstances.

For those reasons it would be necessary to deal with them.

At the moment, the pair more or less trusted Avenger and company, who saved them, but in relation to the rest, they were very wary. They didn't make a commotion, but are constantly on the lookout.

Well, maybe they're just afraid of us. For now I will leave it alone.

The kids may be worth something so I sent them to the Solitude group, they could become useful. Well for now, in order to prevent their betrayal, I put the ear clips on both of them, and just like the [Flame Witch] and [Merciful Maiden], I set them as Avenger's subordinates.

Once I dealt with the troublesome talk, everyone finally came together, and we immediately started preparing for the banquet.

Although by and large, almost everything has been done, so preparation was a mere trifle.

Before evening we finished with this, and successfully started the holiday.

The food from the sea was of such high quality that not even most nobles could afford it. The barrels from a variety of well-known manufacturers were stood in a row. These barrels were acquired and stored by members who had them stored until now. The scale of the unrestricted binge was unprecedented, and the base was turned into a festival at once.

The banquet at the center of participants numbers in the thousands and it was big enough to be compared to the banquet at the Royal Capital. Some time after the beginning, our home base fell into chaos.

Accidentally, newcomers that came were Father Elf, Daughter Elf, and some leaders of the elves, which did not have time to escape, and so were involved in this festive commotion.

As a result, the feast lasted until morning.

DAY 269

Once again, we drank the night away.

The surrounding scene was very similar, it was the same as at the house in the capital, except the group from the capital had gained experience from that night's drinking, and I knew how I should behave and deal with them.

I cannot say that they got used to it, but the fact that they already knew what to expect allowed me to easily instruct them to clean after the banquet. After making our way through a field strewn with bodies drunk on sake, we went to the [Hot Springs of the Fierce God].

At this time I went with Kanami-chan.

The [Hot Springs of the Fierce God] here was special, reserved only for management, as it was impossible to get there without authorization or without being a special guest of the host (i.e. me). In spite of this, the bath was divided by gender, but we decided to enjoy a dip together.

The [Hot Springs of the Fierce God] not only easily removed fatigue but also had the effect of slightly increasing the magical force stored within the body.

During its use, it opened onto a superb view of the mountain morning that shows even more splendor.

We enjoyed a morning bath, and eventually one of the special guests came in, the Boy Knight.

The Boy Knight had a towel around his waist. Although he is still young (though when you consider that, my new self is still less than a year old), he had a trained body of a warrior, arms covered with rigid muscles, and there was not an ounce of useless fat on the boy.

His broad shoulders show all the effort that he has put in his own development, and his sharp eyes are full of strong will.

He was still in the transition to adulthood, but I felt that the Boy Knight will definitely become very strong.

Maybe he felt embarrassed, due to the fact that I had been considering him so carefully or his noticing the presence Kanami-chan (8 to 9 that this is the reason), but he blushed and quickly plunged almost entirely in [Hot Springs of the Fierce God].

Almost immediately, his face took on a blissful expression. After enjoying this paradise on earth for a while, he turned to me and started talking.

In his words, the Tomboy Princess wanted to talk to me face to face. The Boy Knight came here in order to convey this message. Having come as a messenger of the court, while enjoying the hot springs, one could suspect him of carelessness, but that's not important.

It is highly probable that this secret conversation will be related to the imminent [Holy War]. I thought it was time, so it wasn't much of a surprise.

Pulling out of the item box [Demonic Alcohol [Lunar Cherry Drop]], pouring it into glasses, I drank with Kanami-chan.

Thinking about how all this sake will come back, we have enjoyed an excellent drink.

After the Boy Knight left, we have some time to enjoy the hot springs, and then went to the meeting place arranged with Tomboy Princess.

The venue was the large building located in the "Residential Land". Due to the size and luxury, one might think that the royal family lived here. It was my personal residence.

Though I personally like small cozy houses suited for a family of medium size, rather than huge ornate mansions.

But standing as the head, I have to be worthy of the residence.

The place of residence at a glance can tell you about the power and wealth of the owner.

Everyone judges their neighbors based on the size of their homes. So my house has become a huge mansion.

At the moment, I live here with Kanami-chan, Redhead, Blacksmith-san and my children.

The household upkeep is done through maids and black skeletons, we'll leave it at that.

In this mansion, Tomboy Princess came exactly at the designated time.

Her hair was beautifully cleaned and her face had a little makeup. On her dress was a sophisticated design, covered with precious stones, each the size of a finger. I've seen her in this outfit a few times.

Radiating morale, Tomboy Princess enjoyed tea made by a high elf and ate sweets that had been successfully produced on the industrial scale, based from honey, fruits, and berries collected in the great forest.

At the same time her face was no different from her usual self, she smiled broadly, enjoying the sweets.

Then she changed completely unexpectedly. Not only her posture, but her eyes became completely different. Now she was no longer my niece.

Before me sat a future representative of the royal family, this person had the biggest chance to become the full-fledged queen, Princess Rubiria Eis Fol Sternbild. The conversation was long, but to sum it all up, from the Lumen Holy Kingdom, a request came asking for help in the removal of Ovarou, a World Enemy.

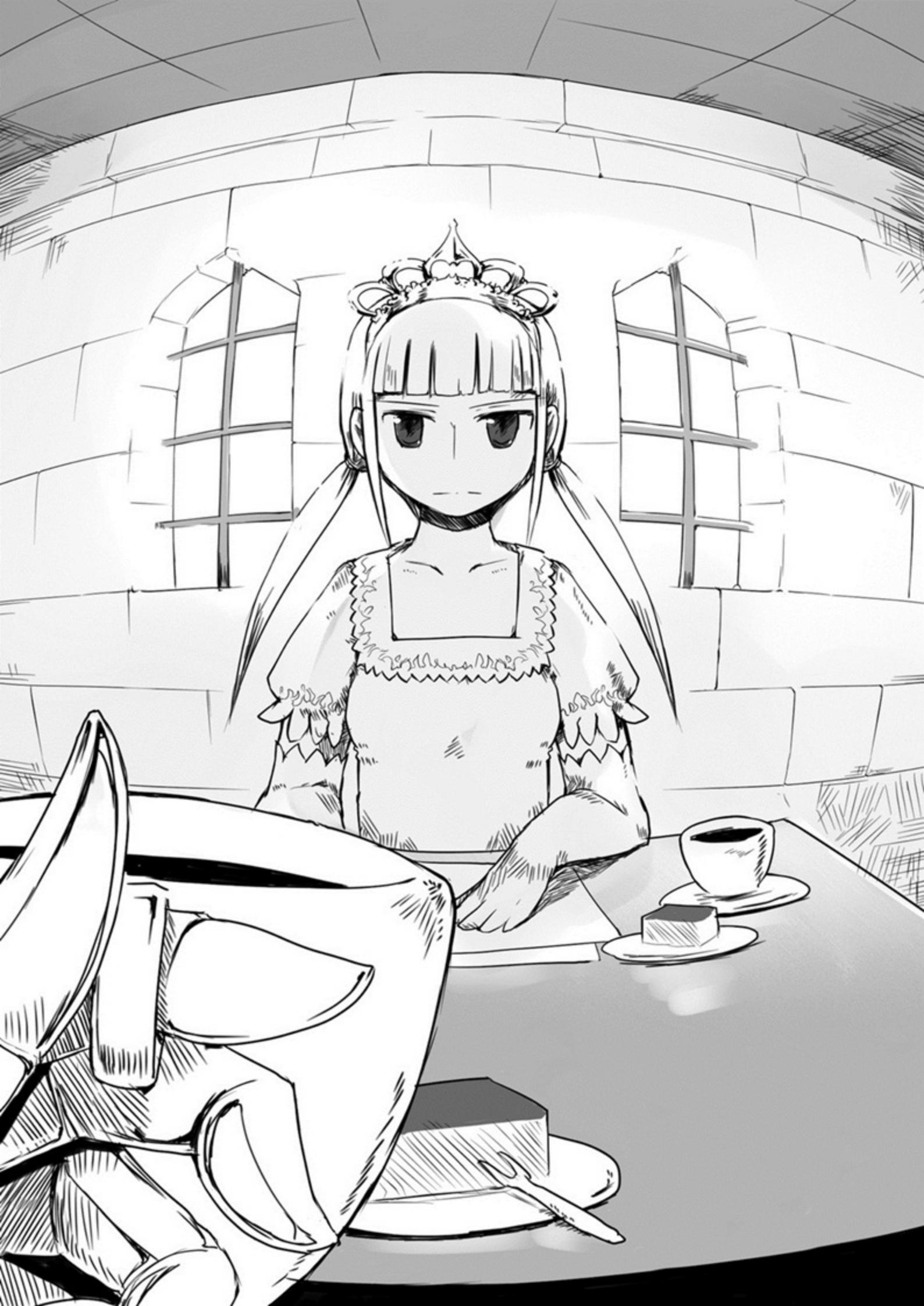
The Sternbild Kingdom has just survived a civil war but dismissed it as almost impossible. Besides, the request concerns eliminating a creature of the class [Divine Disaster]. To think of it normally, the global scale of the threat would necessitate participation. But taking action against Ovarou is seriously unthinkable.

In this vein, the battle against the Holy kingdom looks much more realistic. But to do so is impossible for the numbers given to each side.

"I dispatched [Heroes] to reject the call of the [Holy Kingdom], and I would like you to at least ensure that the royal [Heroes] return safely. In exchange, I promise inside information and adequate remuneration."

Maybe the conversation was long, but considering that it was necessary to discuss ethnic relations, the economic situation, combat capabilities, and personal conflicts, it was still quite short.

Although radiating a royal aura, the Tomboy Princess, with her sour smile, because there was no difficult discussion of the details, quickly adopted the treaty.



Discussion of details and awards took only about an hour.

After that, the Tomboy Princess was more exhausted than usual.

Because both of us were exhausted from the long discussion we just had, the two of us decided to head to the [Hot Springs of the Fierce God] for relaxation.

Along the way to the bath we met Kanami-chan and Boy Knight. Coincidentally after meeting Kanami-chan we also met Minokichi-kun after he had finished the training, along with Redhead and the company.

At the hot springs, we had a small continuation of the banquet. Afterwards each went about their own business.

I also have my duties, so I went to the "Airport"

There, I sent envoys to various countries, then engaged in routine work and finally got to bed.

[Currently the fate of [Witch of Mystic Flame] [Cavalier Guardian] [Usurper] and [Merciful Maiden] belong to [Yatendouji]]

[[Witch of Mystic Flame] confirmed to be in awakened state]

[[Merciful Maiden] confirmed to be in awakened state]

[[Cavalier Guardian] confirmed to be in awakened state]

[[Usurper] confirmed to be in awakened state]

[Decision to release the special abilities for all belongs to Yatendouji]

[Would release them right now?]

«YES» «NO»

Before, I typically chose "No". But this time, I will probably choose "Yes".

Although I have only known the four of them for a short amount of time, but during my observations, the four have not given any signs of bad impression.

Especially, if they rebel, I can quickly suppress them, but in the future they will come in handy for combat potential.

[«YES» has been selected]

[Awakening [Usurper] confirmed]

[Awakening [Cavalier Guardian] confirmed]

[World Psalms of the Legendary Brave Man [Shining Path of the Hero of Sunlight] the awakening of all the auxiliary characters confirmed]

[All abilities of [Witch of Mystic Flame], [Merciful Maiden], [Cavalier Guardian], and [Usurper] will be released]

[World Psalms of the Legendary Brave Man [Shining Path of the Hero of Sunlight] enters the next stage]

DAY 270

Yesterday I sent out messengers, they safely reached the Sternbild Kingdom, the Lumen Holy Kingdom, the Atarakua Demon Empire, and the Estgrand Beast Kingdom, as well as a variety of smaller countries on the other side. As a result, the response was dramatic.

Because of the slightly scary content of this letter, small countries fell into chaos, and large countries like the Lumen Holy Kingdom and the Atarakua Demon Empire reacted very calmly.

As expected, the majority of messengers had been killed on the orders of the heads of state.

They were killed for the sake of a simple prank, but they are quite suitable for the analysis of the enemy's combat potential. It will be a good idea to send more messengers to those countries that killed them for further analysis of their combat potential.

Well, I'll explain how neither one of the other day. -This makes no sense.

Now is the time to prepare for the Holy War. Therefore, in order to achieve our goals, we all left the base and went in different directions.

Some went to the Sternbild Kingdom, some went to various Labyrinth Cities, and some went to other countries.

Those who are gaining experience to raise their level, those who have honed their skills in combat, and those who are entrusted with shops, trying to lift the sales, the goals were very different, but the overall objective was to prepare for the [Holy War].

Gathering for [Holy War], it threatened to become very fierce.

Therefore I tried to prepare as much as possible to raise our chances of winning.

Although I regret parting with [Hot Springs of the Fierce God], I, along with Kanami-chan and the kids returned to the house in the Sternbild Kingdom.

We returned by flying on Tatsushirou so we got back almost immediately.

Tomboy Princess heartily enjoyed her first flight in the sky and Boy Knight turned blue and shook the whole time. Apparently the poor guy had a fear of heights.

The Princess forcefully dragged him to the window, which made him smile sourly and I silently prayed to myself that he's not sick.

Incidentally, the Sternbild Kingdom's Royal Capital Osvel team was almost the same, but this time with us was Avenger and his 4 auxiliary characters.

From now on, I will personally engage in training Avenger.

Before, I was quite busy so Avenger traveled to many places, gaining experience by fighting with different monsters, but this came to an end.

Generalized Avenger day is not so far. I intend to carry out enhanced training, so he can become strong in a short amount of time. Well, all this will start tomorrow. So the others are resting in the house. We had nourished the excellent talent.

Today, I have to deal with the affairs of the shop during my vacation. With the Tomboy Princess and the Boy Knight, I went to the palace, along with souvenirs for the First Queen. Then I buried my head in routine work, as darkness fell, I crawled into bed. Tomorrow, there will be a lot of things going on. But there is a chance that a new snack and drink that I haven't tried yet will be available. So I will be looking forward to the meeting, especially those snacks and drinks. Soon afterwards I had fallen fast asleep.

[World Psalm (The Legend of Black Eclipse Demon)] sixth chapter [The Coming of the Divine Scourge Gluttony], the conditions of release executed by more than 1/3. In fulfillment of the conditions of release, it was possible to promote.

The first paragraph [The Aura of Thunder Demon], second paragraph [Saving Presence], third paragraph [Next Word Dragon], fourth paragraph [The Earth of Beginning].

Currently it is possible to release the World Psalms [The Legend of Black Eclipse Demon] sixth chapter [The Coming of the Divine Scourge Gluttony].

Do you want to release?

"<Yes> <No>"

This is...

Well for starters I chose "No".

DAY 271

This morning wasn't refreshing at all.

It was cloudy and by afternoon it seemed to be on the verge of raining.

Whether it will rain or not, we can't be certain but judging from my experience, it's better to act on the assumption that it will.

I took some time to execute some previously signed contracts and shift some of the remaining responsibilities on to the assistants. From today on I'll seriously train Avenger and company. I had planned to give them a devilish training match, but somehow nothing strange happened.

Because Avenger is the [Hero of the Sunlight], in such cases, it should be clear sunny weather.

Oh, does this mean that dreams do come true for Avenger.

If it happened to me, it would be a problem. By signing the contract, if in the end all else fails, the whole plan will come to nothing.

Because this could not happen, for their sake, I will kill all human feelings I have and prepared their special menu.

In any case you need to prepare for Avenger and company, so that all went smoothly. True, in fact you do not know what might happen.

Due to the impending Holy War, being well prepared is much better, for unexpected situations.

Therefore, in order to achieve our goal, it is necessary to change the workout plan if something were to happen. The spirit of the [God of Sunlight] also seems dim but was able to understand. It warned not to be careless, ambushes lurk in unexpected places.

As I thought about it, in the dark clouds overhead, a gap in the thickness occurs; I

witness a moment of light on the mansion, inserting the morning sun from there like a bay lighthouse.

You would think that the [God of Sunlight] thus decided to send me a message.

Naturally, there was a great chance of coincidence. Worldwide, this often happens without any reason. In addition, it would be okay for [Supreme God], but for the [Sun God] it is unlikely to know my thoughts and make a joke.

Even with the blessing in this world, the [Gods] are not omnipotent.

Well, whatever would have been the truth, the mansion, was the only one flooded with sunlight throughout the city, making a pretty good show. An old landscape in a new light, I was a little touched.

Even the mood was better, enjoying the scene the most was Avenger and company, so I decided to start the first phase of training.

After receiving such a gift, as expected it was "full speed ahead".

As I thought about it again, I delayed because of the clearing clouds. But my resolve has not changed from that.

Thus, I shone the morning workout on Avenger and company.

In addition, I received a report from the [Trade Demons], and it is going to rain, so first I need to at least make sure of their abilities.

Making sure is not difficult. From early morning till noon without a break, they had military training with me.

I was alone against five.

As usual, even melee with me could become fatal but we have done without it.

Armed with my cursed spear, my red spear, and the halberd improved by Blacksmith-san, a style created with the [supreme materialization equipment] guerrillas. Against four spears I will be all right.

As expected, because of the severity and urgency, I returned [Hisperiol] to Avenger,

repulsing something other than red spears was likely to damage any weapon, which is why I was trying to avoid it, so I just took a couple of body blows.

I had certainly felt the hits I was taking, but because of my living armor, which absorbed most of the impact I did not receive serious damage. But with an extremely strong Overlord body like mine, I did not even need to use any abilities.

The attack was not at full strength, but a pained expression appeared on the face of Avenger, then he started to attack me even more. In response, I drove into the red mud with a spear.

To sum up the purpose of the training. Avenger has become much stronger, as a [Hero] should, absorbing everything he was taught.

But I, too, became much stronger. The result of the match was obvious.

Having finished with my red spear attack, I almost unilaterally showered him with blows, covering his entire body with a variety of serious wounds.

Although the fight was one-sided, if I were distracted by someone other than Avenger, then Avenger may have beaten me. In other words he has become stronger.

This time, all four of his companions launched their attacks at me, but they were easily deflected by my three spears.

Each of them were hard and fast, but not enough to distract me, throwing flares and explosions. With my level, what they are doing will not distract me so there's no difference.

As I released their abilities yesterday, they received a substantial overall gain, plus huge racing opportunities in a particular area related to their specialization.

At this level, they are far superior to the local monsters or royal elite. But with all this, it is still not even enough to leave a scratch on me.

They are still not hatched chicks. Anyway, I proceeded to mercilessly hammer them into the ground.

At the moment because of the rain, I had stopped the training, the four of them were exhausted, lying on the ground, bathed in sweat.

Avenger, although barely moving was still on his feet, but lost nearly all his power and speed, and is in a pretty pathetic state. Despite that, the [Main Character of Psalm] and [Supporting Characters] showed strength and dignity.

I think they are very gifted with talent and tenacity.

So dealing with that, I need to deal with other cases, because I was contacted by a demon trader. The capital we have left just a few days ago was normally not enough time for any big changes.

At maximum "For this product it is necessary to raise the price" for example, or "invented a new outfit, should we put it up for sale?".

I thought so...

Perhaps I underestimated the ability of the trade demons.

Looking at the report, a satisfied smile appeared on my face.

In such a short time the trade demon managed to make a contract with one extremely wealthy merchant and fully absorbed his company. Thanks to the work behind the scenes, he was able to significantly expand our customer network, extending our reach out to the neighboring countries.

As a result, store profit increased fivefold, which well reflected (paralleled) the state of "Parabellum". And besides, its scope is still expanding.

There was a slight confusion as a result of the many changes, but thanks to the pre-written manual, total chaos was avoided.

That was the report.

To begin with, the project for which a couple of years was necessary, thanks to the manipulation behind the scenes, all trade in the capital will go into our hands "The idea of trading with a demon. The plan to seize the cash flows of the capital of the kingdom" was stopped.

Unfortunately it would not be very good in relation to the current owner (Tomboy Princess). If you perform it, that is not necessary here, you can do it in someone else's territory. Why antagonize friendly forces.

However, trapped in our possession, as a result of non-payment of debts, suicide owners, or selling stores, I plan to use as the rest.

Returning to the theme "What is it? The horror! So an excellent worker, just terrible!".

Of course, this played a big part of me receiving information from clones about some fraudulent fees from the merchant, whose state has been absorbed, but the right to use such information without making noisy plots and contriving, all of these effectively driving after absorption, it's just terrible.

The shock was such as if a small company suddenly became a huge corporation.

As the stamp of an industrial scale, the subjugation of the continent's economy would be possible. That's just their life, compared with ordinary people, it is rather small. Well, in that case it will be enough just to create new ones.

No, heredity still exists because it is necessary to think about many things.

Considering the changes in the plans, I looked at the pouring rain outside the window. Something broke up there. Until tomorrow, it will probably not pass.

Falling into a sentimental mood, I took up the plan for the mass production of [Trade Demons].

I think a lot of things are happening, and I can only pray for their victims.

DAY 272

This morning the rain is pouring.

Well, as it happened, I, along with the Avenger and company, went to a training ground where I used the [All Creation] to increase the gravity pull to 3 times its normal, in order to prepare it for today's exercise.

With the mud up to his knees while suffering through the piercing, spear-like rain, the Avenger will fight my newly created monsters.

These monsters are opponents I created as a result of combining [Lesser Summoning: Undead] and [Lesser Summoning: Giants] with [Black Giant Skeleton Soldiers] and [Black Giant Skeleton Guard] as well as a [Black Giant Skeleton Archer].

They looked like giants made of black bones and about 4 meters in size.

I could create more, but as we are in a residential area, I have to restrain myself.

The awfully thick black bones from which they are made out of are not in the least inferior in strength to steel, and not even a few dozen ordinary attacks will leave a scratch on them.

The [Black Giant Skeleton Soldiers] are armed with huge swords and shields. The [Black Bone Skeleton Guard] is wielding a huge shield and heavy armor. Finally there is a [Black Giant Skeleton Archer] with leather armor and a bow made out of black bones with a size similiar to a ballista.

This time, I'll manage them personally since their movement has slowed slightly, but in return, thanks to my controlling them, they have become a significant threat and will attack the Avenger and company.

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The result was a victory for the Avenger and company.

Quite an expected result, but considering the hostile environment, their losses were

considerable in this case.

The terms were not one of those who should meet the body unprotected, because of that the Avenger and the company suffered a lot in the fight.

Avenger fought in the forefront; [Witch of Mystic Flame] gathered the interfering rain and sent it to bomb the enemy; [Cavalier Guardian] used her high mobility and protection to cover comrades; [Usurper], with his abilities to weakened enemy's defense by taking the armor; [Merciful Maiden] treated wounded comrades.

But with all this, their coordination was still weak. After all, they only met a few days ago, so it's better not to expect much yet.

With experience, their interaction will be better by increasing efficiency, increasing their combat capability is the purpose of combat training.

In the wake of the Giants' defeat, I used [Greater Summoning: Demonkin].

Starting with [Black Ogres], [Black Orcs] followed by [Black Boar Orcs], and [Black Minotaurs], amounting to about a hundred.

Thanks to [Greater Summoning: Demonkin], adding to a powerful body, summoned monsters are endowed with a sharp mind and armed with a magical artifact.

They have the ability to act independently driving the Avenger and the company, but apart from that, when they die they also give experience points, and leave behind Orbs that you can sell for a high price, bringing us even greater profits.

In addition, using the job [Magician], I have strengthened some of them, so that the battle will not become too monotonous.

After a few hours of fierce battle over the arena, in pouring rain, there was a victorious battle cry. Naturally it came from Avenger and company.

Members initially distant to each other have became real comrades.

I did a good job in simulating an actual battle scenario, because if you relax here you die.

Thanks to well-chosen conditions, their actions were now harmonious, as if they have fought together for many years.

Avenger lost his beloved and remained alone, but now he has found true mates and has taken another step towards becoming [The Hero Of The Sun], thus becoming stronger.

Lightly touched, thinking of them opening the gates of hell, I could not endow them with warm applause.

To begin with, the initial level of training is over with this, tomorrow we will have activities outside the capital.

Satisfied, I went to sleep.

[Scarface has awakened to the 18 Demon Warlords]

[Title [Annihilation Corpse] will be awarded]

[Sumeragi Kaede has awakened to the 18 Demon Warlords]

[Title [Sakura Samurai Trader, Royal Samurai] will be awarded]

Falling asleep, I heard another announcement.

To begin with, Scarface I get, you can say that he does not lack ability, but what is this? That Female Samurai is one of them is quite unexpected.

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As expected, the training of Avenger and others in the Royal Capital continues.

There was clear weather from the outset and because of this, we decided to go outside the city. When the preparations were finished, I decided to visit the shop to talk to the Female Samurai in person before setting off.

Yesterday she received the title of [Sakura Samurai Trader, Royal Samurai] and because of it, her fighting abilities have increased. As a Samurai Sakura, she can summon cherry blossoms which can be used to attack as well as to blind the enemy. It was quite an unexpected but useful ability.

The Dance of the Cherry Blossoms was quite a beautiful sight, and at the user's whim, the blossoms can acquire a magical metal hardness which could easily cut steel.

At the same time, they can form an attacking stream from a few hundred to tens of thousands of petals, like a tornado, wrapping around the victim.

In order to defend against this overwhelming mass of an attack, you would need to have an exceptionally strong defense; otherwise, trying to avoid it would prove very difficult. At the moment however, the Female Samurai is still trying to get accustomed to controlling their complicated flight paths. If properly taken advantage of, it can become a solid combat capability in the future.

In addition [Sakura Samurai Trader, Royal Samurai] is also a "Trader", due to its ability to increase trade significantly.

"Trade" has generally increased her ability in all aspects of trade especially in acquiring the customer's trust and understanding what the customer wants. It has become quite useful.

Of course, while the demons traders are still better, I can't help but think of the potential to be understood in the future. Yes, indeed. The Female Samurai is quite a promising woman.

Speaking of Female Samurai; just recently, she pleaded to me, asking to "reassign me, please. I can no longer continue the trade domain like this". I wanted to acknowledge her wishes but I pinned great hopes on this front and because of that, she would have to continue in the trade domain for now.

Naturally as a reward for bringing excellent results, I appointed a deputy in order to support the Female Samurai. Albeit, the deputy will only be around for as long as its life span allows it, but for now, it will do just fine.

Honestly, the fact that the [Master Swordswoman from an Unknown Land], being [Otherworlder] got into my [History] rather surprised me.

At the same time, I began to consider the possibility that the [Otherworlders] may be interwoven into the [History] [Characters Stories / Characters Awakened], just as the Female Samurai has been interwoven into mine.

[Otherworlders], by default, are stronger than the ordinary creatures of this world.

Of course, if you search hard enough, you can find a bunch of creatures that are stronger.

But all [Otherworlders] are strong without exception.

Although, maybe not. One of the [Otherworlder] that got caught by Female Samurai was strong, but he just let himself be killed by a surprise attack. I cannot remember if he even did anything mildly impressive.

Oh well.

For a start, [Otherworlders] are strong and quite tasty. Of course, knowing the taste of the [Flame Dragon Empress], one cannot be satisfied by it, but it does not change the fact that they are delicious.

With regard to [Heroes], everyone there has [Characters], I have grasped the fact that they have an incredibly fast rate of growth. That is, the [Otherworlders] that have become [mates] should be even tastier than usual [Otherworlders].

A very joyful discovery, but most of all I am glad that before approaching a holy war, we have increased our combat capability.

As for Scarface, he got hold of a title [Annihilation Corpse] and has changed more than

during the [Rank Up], acquiring a pretty brutal appearance. Well, with regard to it, I'll talk about that later.

After spending some time cooking, I, along with Kanami-chan, Avenger and his company, 7 of them left the capital.

As for Redhead, she still has to look after Opushii, but this doesn't take up a lot of time, while with Auro and my other child this is no longer necessary. Because they have grown enough to look after themselves and they will join us.

Redhead, because of her profession job, which allows her to enhance her abilities by eating monsters, had grown quite easily. In the place where we were going, according to my calculations, her growth should go even faster.

Minokichi-kun already left to train, and the rest of the squad has something to do, so there will not be any problems.

After leaving the capital for some time, traveling by Skeleton Centipede to the highlands, we headed into a nearby forest.

Making our way among the overgrown trees, and making sure that we were not being followed, I called the Supreme Dragon Tatsushirou. He appeared rather quickly, as he was nearby, and together we flew toward the Labyrinth City Aquarium.

If you ask where the Labyrinth City Aquarium is, I will say that this is the city in which the [Age of the Gods] rank dungeon [Demigod of Spring Water] [Aquarium Forlia] I conquered is located.

Currently, the city is controlled by [Atarakua Demon Empire] and stays in its territory. This town is our goal, but in addition I have something that matters in the nearby kingdoms.

Due to the high speed flight of the Supreme Dragon Tatsushirou we arrived in Labyrinth City Aquarium by lunchtime.

As usual, the noisy atmosphere of the city was pretty good, which is why I felt a certain nostalgia.

And yet, perhaps because of my [Rank Up], this time I drew even more attention. But I just ignored everything and went about my business.

Why is it now people fell to their knees, not only representatives of the [Demonic] races, but even humans here and there? I noticed the figures of people praying. Communicating with them was very troublesome, so I just ignored them.

Walking through the streets filled with the voices of merchants smiling, sometimes I looked into some stores to buy things, it really pleased me. Later I went to the [Banjo But], in which I stayed before.

Although they take a huge fee for a simple room, but with it they offer one of the most high-quality service throughout the Labyrinth City [Aquarium], and because among the elite dungeon explorers, this place was popular.

At first I thought of what I should do if it were crowded, but luck was on my side, and I got a decent room.

After paying for one day, and having had dinner outside, we immediately went to the Forlia dungeon of the [Demigod of Spring Water].

Although I say that, the conquest of the first floor will be engaged by only six people, not including me. Kanami-chan will be in the role of an observer, the conquest by default was for [Avenger] and his company. Unless they are about to die, Kanami-chan will not interfere.

Well, with them was the Hero of Sunlight, so everything should be all right.

If not, then we will interfere. Well, I think that everything will turn out fine.

For starters, if they do not beat [Warpidron] on the fifth floor before dinner, I told them not to come back. Before dinner, was only 8 hours away, and I explained to them the shortest way through the floors. Without knowing the details, it would not be very easy, but if it didn't work after telling them the shortest way, I will have to switch to a more stringent training.

But Avenger, the Witch's fire field, and Merciful Maiden currently have quite sufficient powers for such a reckless dungeon assault.

Of course there are some concerns about surprise attacks and traps, but I warned them about it.

Besides, the yet mature Cavalier Guardian and Usurper could cause problems so they

were armed with decent magic items.

Cavalier Guardian got a high gain in protection, and Usurper's item allows him to temporarily take away the ability of the enemy.

In the worst case, before they die, Kanami-chan will help them, so I just have to wait for results.

Sending all on their way to today, before the results of the conquest, I have decided to put aside their cases for what needed to be done.

Alone, I went into the dungeon of the [Demigod of Spring Water], reaching a point where I was sure that I was not being followed, I activated the [Warp Gate] which was available to those who had already conquered the dungeon.

Thanks to this, within the dungeon of the [Demigod of Spring Water], I can instantly move to any place at will. Upon being used, under my feet there shone a circle of light, and then a moment later my field of view instantly changed.

This time I went to the last floor.

That is the arena in which a huge amount of water falls from a giant waterfall, where I was awaiting the dungeon boss [Shark Head · Bolt Wyrm].

But I have not moved under the water, and the only thing rising above the surface was a small island, which is some distance from the waterfall.

Straight ahead was the staircase leading from the 49th to the 50th floor.

But for that, without flying, it was impossible to reach. Since, the island beneath my feet was the only piece of land in this area, it was specially created by my teleportation.

Thinking how convenient it is, I dove into the furiously raging water boiler. The moment I plunged into the water, my body was seized by complex streams of water, which ruthlessly tried to blow me away. By moving my hands and feet, I regained freedom of movement. I will decide where I go.

This time, I did not use the ability [Underwater Stalker], only using the force of my body, I fought the assertive torrent, which once again proves the incredible physical strength of a fierce god. It felt more like a swim in a pool with waves.

Water resistance has not disappeared of course, but the more I move my limbs, the easier I would go ahead. If I go with the flow I can easily swim with an impressive speed, like a fish.

I thought it was funny, and for a while I was very amused, but my fun was interrupted by an attack from [Shark Head · Bolt Wyrm]. The first attack, a battle cry, pulled me into a frontal assault.

This attack I've seen before and it is quite easy to avoid just with the movement of your own body.

Not only that, out of curiosity, I swam closer towards him at that moment and looked at him. Provoked by the enemy like this he fell into a rage.

As expected, the fight with the furious [Shark Head · Bolt Wyrm] was very difficult without my abilities, but this time I activated significantly less capacity than before. And only with this, I was able to calmly watch his movements. Then for fun, using the idea of suckers, I clung to his back, and for a while I let him rage (buck?). It felt like a roller coaster.

Now I'm more like a sucker fish. It would be nice if I can get an image of a remora. And yet, to have so much fun toying with an enemy with whom I once spent a hard battle. I begin to understand, how great is the difference between my old and new body? While these thoughts raced through my head, I began to disassemble it alive, absorbing domestic directly underwater. In return, I asked the sisters for some simple seasoning for cooking, and enjoyed the underwater meal, which by itself is a very entertaining experience.

The taste of the meat was a bit raw, but under the water it's even better.

Slightly playing with Sharkhead by traveling. I usually cue it with a serving of my belt, [Lesser Lightning Dragon's Call · Shark Rope].

Woven in black, blue and yellow ropes on contact beat lightning, this artifact [Legendary] class can be used as a thunder whip.

Although it became a powerful melee weapon, its real value comes when giving it a huge amount of mana, as I did this time, I was able to make the [Shark Head · Bolt Wyrm] appear.

The minimum amount of mana needed to summon was huge, but as it is now, it will not give me any problems.

Then, I decided to make an experiment. This time, I put in the belt 10 times more mana than necessary. Absorbed by the [Shark Rope] it threw out a huge lightning that started emitting a fierce light. Judging by the appearance, it is definitely not the most common response. There were signs that it was going to explode, but already halfway through I could not stop, so I poured in more mana. If it explodes, well, to hell with it, heating my determination. However, this phenomenon drifting under [Shark Head · Bolt Wyrm] who apparently was unable to sustain the damage.

In the place where his body was hit by lightning, dragon scales were torn from his body down to the guts, but because of the electrical discharge he violently beat in convulsions, becoming even more furiously enraged.

At the same time the dragon scales were broken, I slipped off his body.

It was enough for Sharkhead to break the distance between us. Just a moment and he had sailed far enough.

That so called [Shark Rope] phenomenon has ended.

[Magical items of [Legendary] class [Lesser Lightning Dragon's Call · Shark Rope] condition of release [Use of a Living God], [Demonic Hammer of Living God] [Transcendental Shipping] has been achieved]

[[Lesser Lightning Dragon's Call · Shark Rope] becomes [Black Lightning Dragon's Call · Demonic Shark Rope Thunder Dragon]]

Such is the announcement that resonated in my head.

Checking as to what happened, I looked at the shark rope, it became a demonic rope, its shape has not particularly changed, only now it has intertwined red, silver and gold rope, three new colors, and now it does not consist of 3 but 6 colors like six interknit.

As it became more pleasant to the touch. It was covered with black lightning, and the strength was much higher.

Then I saw the changes finished as I finally summon the Sharkhead.

Out of a huge black crack seemed to rip into space, there appeared a huge black head demonic dragon shark.

The head of the black demonic Sharkhead was crowned with sharp horns and was covered with durable black dragon scales. It looked much more brutal than the usual [Shark Head · Bolt Wyrm]. His glowing red eyes reflect your thirst production.

When his head began to move, the space around the black hole, from which it appeared, was covered with cracks, and then the huge jaws bit into it, tearing an even wider hole in space. It seemed to have taken a few tens of seconds until the whole body appeared.

This period of time in combat could be fatal because it's defenseless but [Shark Head · Bolt Wyrm] did not take advantage.

His entire body ached greatly from fear, it seemed purely scared. Well, there's nothing you can do about it. The fact that [Demonic Shark Head · Black Thunder Dragon] was the superior form of Sharkhead.

Most likely due to the fact that it originally came from the kind of Sharkheads, the structure of their bodies were quite similar. That's just because of the various changes due to strengthening, now he looks like a completely different creature.

The mere difference in size is greater than 2 times.

Since I called Sharkhead black dragon it is fighting now.

In the end, the absolutely terrified [Shark Head · Bolt Wyrm] attacked frontally from despair, who when pushed to it, was in all respects inferior to his black dragon shark.

But against such an opponent, [Shark Head · Bolt Wyrm] naturally could not resist and was killed almost instantly.

Unfortunately, Sharkhead dragon, after mutilating the Wyrm, swallowed it whole, and because the body was consumed I was unable to collect anything.

[Dungeon boss [Shark Head · Bolt Wyrm] successfully eliminated]

[Performer [Yatendouji], passes a second time, because the divine power will not be played, as a reward for passing will be sent to [Large Box Spring Water Dungeon]]

[Conforming to the conditions, it is possible to seize the [Aquarium Forlia]]

[Will you do so?]

[<YES> <NO>]

Hearing the warning in mind, without hesitation I chose, "Yes"

[Special Ability [Dungeon Plunder] has been invoked.]

At this moment, control of the [Aquarium Forlia] will shift from the [Demigod of Spring Water] to Yatendouji]

[From now on, please manage the Dungeon at your own discretion]

With this, my goal was successfully achieved today.

Preparing for a holy war has only just begun, but you can call this result a good sign.

To begin rename dungeon "Funeral Boiler Falls"

I particularly did not change the structure of the dungeon. But significantly strengthened the bosses, as well as adding a new kind of squalid Fishman and added all sorts of obstacles to the conquerors.

The journey was only a moment, but when I got outside, it was evening already.

It took longer than I thought apparently, after contacting Kanami-chan and company, I went to meet them.

Dinner was a little late. While we enjoyed it, I decided to learn the details of their campaign.

In fact, it turned out that they had defeated [Warpidron] safely. With a smile on his face he showed me a box with treasures.

However, the campaign was very cruel. Driven by a kick in the butt from Kanami-chan,

they fought all the time without a break.

In gratitude for the hard work, thinking about tomorrow's even more harsh training, I did a simple massage for [Avenger] and companies. At such moments, it was helpful having the manufactured massage oil created by Doriane -san. By tomorrow their fatigue will disappear.

We did a variety of things then Kanami-chan and I slept soundly.

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After eating a delicious breakfast, we left the Labyrinth City [Aquarium] with no small amount of regret.

Just like usual, we passed some time riding in the [Skeleton Centipede] before going deep into the woods. Satisfied, we move on to Tatsushirou [Ancient Flame Dragon].

This time, the destination is set within the territory of Atarakua Demon Empire; [Age of the Gods dungeon] a [Demigod] Class.

[Museum of Stone Sculpture]

[Museum of Stone Sculpture], belongs to an underground type and is located in the Labyrinth City [Stonehenge]. Although its location is in the territory of the Atarakua Demon Empire, it's rather closer to the Kingdom of the Beastman. If we were to move along the ground, getting there would be problematic because of the difficult terrain.

In addition, to the approximated areas located near the 2 dungeon's exits, there were monsters that have very troublesome abilities.

I, myself had not yet come here, but because of my scouting clones, a map of this area is already in my head. And because of that, it was possible to get there by the shortest route.

Moreover, we don't have to traverse the ground, considering all the trouble associated with the landscape.

I did think of it before, but, as expected from the Atarakua Demon Empire. Residents are mainly representatives of the demonic races and races of fairies.

While riding Tatsushirou [Ancient Flame Dragon] flying straight past the border, pretty soon there was something chasing after us. We were chased by an organized group of several dozen people that sit on birds as well as people with wings that belong to a race of flying demons.

Since the national border, they have followed us. Probably guards of the Demon Empire.

They were armed with equipment designed to capture, so I'm pretty sure they belong to demonic empire.

They used a formation that is the most effective for chase, due to all the forces trying to catch up with us.

Of course Tatsushiro [Ancient Flame Dragon] is not as fast as [Wind Dragons] or [Storm Dragons], specializing in flight speed, but because of its high initial settings and effects that were added here from my protection, it cannot be called slow.

Spruce-fir, but still keeping up with him when he is flying at cruising speeds. They do have some skill to keep up with the chase.

But this pursuit unit is still small. To fly at full speed, you can't do that so easily, because fatigue accumulates instantly. Even from a distance, you could see their desperate views.

Even for the elite, just following us was already pushing them to their limits.

Well, I just don't understand them.

Well, if they were to catch up with us in a tired state, in a battle with Tatsushiro they'd instantly die. They should understand this as well. Still, they are trying to follow us. That's the spirit!

Trying to think about their suicidal tendencies, the reason has emerged quite quickly.

The reason was me.

I created [Summon Greater Dragon: Black Dragons] to send a message, or rather to deliver my message.

Infecting them with [Parasite], after they successfully fulfilled their mission, as a warning, I made them a little aggressive.

This was necessary in order to scout the combat potential of the other countries that I have completely failed to estimate. Then, in the Atarakua Demon Empire and neighboring Beastman Kingdom, the black dragons were killed relatively quickly, and they caused minimum damage.

For other kingdoms, it was perhaps hard, but once they were a little aggressive, I stopped them.

As expected, even I don't want meaningless genocide.

Thus, from the moment that day had passed it was quite natural that the neighboring countries have strengthened their security at the borders more than ever.

I've been wedged carelessly. The fact that it happened won't bother me as nothing can be done about it. If we proceeded at a high speed this would not have happened. Frankly, I underestimated them, so I need to rethink a bit.

That is, they didn't pursue us for battle, but in order to know where we're going.

Chances are, if we attack them, they will scatter in different directions, and when flying further, they will take up the chase again.

This is certainly a good thing that they are so serious about their job, but for me an unnecessary hassle. I threatened them because they were starting to get annoying, using the [All Creation] I dropped them.

Although, they are not broken by using wind and gravity, so I've created in their path a zone of turbulence. Having flown into it they hung in the air. But with all this, there was one person which could still endure the turbulence and passed through it. Well, I pressed him a little harder and he also fell.

All of them are alive and almost immediately return to the chase, but to follow us at such a distance is impossible.

Despite this incident, just after noon, we arrived safely at [Stonehenge].

I decided that Tatsushirou would do better not to appear too close, so we got off the dragon, hopped on the ground and took out the [Skeleton Centipede], thanks to this we were able to see the beautiful scenery that [Stonehenge] had to offer.

A valley surrounded by mountains, filled with scattered boulders and overgrown shrubbery in the middle. We're on a wide plateau, and there are the towering walls of the Labyrinth City [Stonehenge].

We immediately went to the huge stone gate and stood in line to get inside. Since the queue was not as big as compared to other places, we quickly got inside.

The check at the gate was pretty strict, but most of our stuff was in my item box. Thankfully we were not faced with any problems, such as the confiscation of our luggage. Then again, if a problem like that occurs, I could just fly into the city at night, but fortunately I didn't have to.

The first thing that I realized, after I came into the city, was the fact that it was the first city of these that I have seen in this world.

This is a city where all the houses were built entirely of stone.

There were buildings, made from a boulder, and structures assembled from many small stones, but there weren't any that were made up of wood.

All this is because of the special situation of [Stonehenge], because of the surrounding landscape building a wooden house was too luxurious, even for the nobility. The stone has been in excess supply, so there is no need.

Well, let us leave aside these reasons, in general, all the houses in the city are built entirely of stone.

The second distinguishing feature was that all the people are very muscular.

Of course, as conquerors of dungeons it was quite normal, but even sellers in shops were mostly macho men who had a very muscular body.

In the city there are many representatives of different races. I came across animal-gnomes, giants and demons, and the vast majority of them were huge.

One reason for this was the fact that most of the monsters in 3 cities located in the labyrinths ([Museum of Stone Sculpture] and 2 underground cities) had stone bodies.

As stone monsters are very resistant against thrusting and cutting weapons, such as swords and spears, the main weapon used by the populace tends to be heavy weapons like a mace or hammer.

Besides that, a lot of people here are working at the quarry in order to move the heavy stone slabs, so they can train their body easily.

Thus, the locals have a very athletic lifestyle, which is why my first impression was, "such a sweaty town."

Well, whatever it was, after quickly doing away with the preparations, we immediately went to the [Museum of Stone Sculpture] this is because we have little time to spent here.

The dungeon, [Museum of Stone Sculpture], resembles a huge ancient ruin.

The width of the corridor can easily allow for several people to traverse it, the ceiling was also quite high. The ceiling is littered with minerals that emit a dim light to illuminate the corridors.



The Avenger and company progressed further into the dungeon.

This time at the head of the group was Avenger with Kanami-chan at the back to support them at the rear.

After a few tens of meters, we've come to a fork in the road. Avenger unhesitatingly turned to the right and after a while we met the first monsters.

[Rigidly Built Stone Wolf], the living stone statue that looks like a wolf.

About the size of [Black Wolf], it is normal for the size of a wolf.

The body is made of gray stone, and because of the stone it moves rather slowly, but it weighs quite a lot and its charge is very powerful.

Even if you completely block the attack with a shield, it will likely break.

There are just 30 monsters in the area, but since the group still had our support, dealing with them was not a problem.

The back rows of the monsters are [Royal Stone Alpha Male Wolfs].

Well, anyway, they were almost immediately destroyed.

Indeed, made of stone, chopping them is very difficult. But by having enough agility and skill, they are just slow opponents.

As expected, Avenger and company is not so weak as to get into difficulties with such an adversary.

After that [Stone Clattering Bats] appeared flying through the corridors, with [Stone Crushing Wild Boars] partitioned off walkways, and holding stone swords were the [Stone Statue of the Knights] and other stone monsters preying on us when moving forward.

Incidentally, there are quite a few different types of monsters, I suspect this is because they are all creations from [Demigod of Stone Statue], which then have been repeatedly

copied.

It's as if the [Museum of Stone Sculpture] is more like a place where the [Demigod of Stone Statue] decided to boast the strongest. In this I am almost certain.

According to my information, [Museum of Stone Sculpture] is an underground type and has a total of 20 floors, which is very small, and if it is fair to say, among the dungeons of the class [Demigod]. This dungeon's complexity is considered quite low.

This place, does not compare with the [Funeral Boiler Falls] which I first conquered alone, since that dungeon is closer to the class of [God] than to the class of [Demigod].

Because, even though there really are very annoying monsters, but dealing with them is not so difficult, and there aren't a lot of traps.

Bosses are on floors 5, 10 and 15, but the structure of floors don't change a lot, and usually, the structure of the floor is quite simple, as a result in this dungeon, even quite experienced explorers may very well get deeply lost.

Due to this, a few hours later we were able to get to the boss on the 5th floor.

The Boss of the fifth floor [Majestic Statue Tahiti] was waiting for us in the middle of the room before we entered it.

The [Majestic Statue Tahiti] is made out of white stone, looks immaculate, and doesn't have a single dirty spot. The statue has a face of a man with curly soft facial features.

The clothes don't look like they are made for him, but his body is like a living organism, it exudes strength and at the same time, beauty.

The [Majestic Statue Tahiti] stands at a height of 5 meters, and he holds a sling as his primary weapon. Its solid body is invulnerable to conventional attacks while at the same time he has a high speed. With the help of the sling, he was able to use ranged attacks, which made it quite the troublesome opponent.

[Floor boss [Majestic Statue Tahiti] successfully eliminated.]

[Performers are permitted to proceed to the next floor, floor boss [Majestic Statue Tahiti] can hereafter be passed without battle]

[Performers have been Awarded the [Agatemiya Giant Statue] treasure box as a first time subjugation bonus]

Well, Avenger and company took about ten minutes to eliminate it.

The group suffered in the battle against it, fortunately no one died. You could say that [Majestic Statue Tahiti] tried to be nice.

So, after the battle with the boss, we took a break.

Before the Avenger and group continues, they need to replenish their mana, strength and energy.

And though no one was hurt, there is still a need to relax a little bit, yes.

During the resting time, I took the corpse of [Majestic Statue Tahiti], along with a box of treasures received as a reward for the elimination and sent it all to my item box. The group restored their strength and mana by using potions. Then by using their abilities, they regrouped and I sent them off to slaughter all monsters on the road.

The young [Usurper] quietly began to resent me but I just ignored it.

The only problem is, there is almost no monster meat to eat.

Well, yes, because the statue was made up of stone.

DAY 275

Yesterday we fought without sleep and so were able to get to the 10th floor boss [Gorgeous Verberas].

In contrast to the 5th floor where the boss was [Majestic Statue Tahiti] who represented the statue of a naked man, [Gorgeous Verberas] was made in the image of a [Heroine] and the beauty of the past Verberas Anbasugortsedo.

Equiped with a garment like a toga worn in ancient Rome, in her right hand she held a rapier - estoque, decorated with ornaments in the form of a rose, while in her left hand she held a weapon like an ax or machete, decorated with ornaments in the form of a snake.

With beauty she devoured people, like a poisonous snake.

On both sides of the [Glorious Verberas] were its defenders [Golden Lion] and [Mercury Tiger], fully obeying her commands.

Despite the snowy white stone from which it was made of, and the expensive ornaments on its arms, the defense force was quite bleak, however the [Gorgeous Verberas] had a special talent. The defenders, [Golden Lion] and [Mercury Tiger] were also just huge statues, though with their speed and strength, they were pretty strong.

Well, usually, it was already quite enough for us.

Several times faster than a conventional lion and tiger, and a few tens of times heavier, an ordinary attack is not something that will even leave a scratch on them, so our weapons were the one that took damage instead. It is easy to imagine how difficult they are as opponents.

In addition, while the [Gorgeous Verberas] is alive, the [Golden Lion] and [Mercury Tiger] is constantly restored, and she can use stage 4 stone magic.

The owner plus the two animals - were a well-balanced team, and were going to be a difficult opponent. Apart from the winning against [Majestic Statue Tahiti], explorers stop in their tracks at this boss most of the time.

But still, Avenger and company successfully won the fight.

[Dungeon boss [Gorgeous Verberas] successfully eliminated.]

[Performers are permitted to proceed to the next floor, dungeon boss [Gorgeous Verberas] can hereafter be passed without battle.]

[Performers have been Awarded the [Booty Battle of the Virgin] treasure box as a first time subjugation bonus.]

Collecting fragments of [Gorgeous Verberas] that appeared in a treasure box, again without rest, we went forward, jamming the road with the dried entrails of the Akulogolovogo that attacked us.

By evening we got to the waiting room of the 15th floor boss, the [Real Estate Moay].

As a result of such a reckless march through the dungeon, Avenger and company's equipment had taken significant damage.

The [Sacred Treasure] Hisperiol was as good as new, but as expected, the rest of the equipment was covered with mud and various scratches. Among them, were those that were in a continuous state of use, such that they became unrepairable. The Witch's staff and the Maiden's mace were still fit for battle, others things in the middle of the campaign have been replaced by dropped equipment from monsters.

Because the monsters look like works of art here, weapons that you can get from them are pretty valuable, they drop [Rare] magical items that can possess high enough performance, suitable for our campaign.

Having dealt with the preparations, we entered the boss room.

In the center of the huge room, with a ceiling at a height of 100 meters, towered a huge stone head.

Made of a silver mineral [Real Estate Moay] looked like an elongated vertical head that's 6 meters tall. In addition, the head is supported by something like a neck, but there was no trace of the arms or shoulders.

Despite such a grotesque appearance, the battle with him was unexpectedly difficult.

The major attacks of [Real Estate Moay] were rays that it emits from the eyes and mouth. He spit stone bullets, fire beams, and sound waves; besides using stones magic, or trying to hit his opponent as well as the emit high-frequency vibration, blowing through the land like a wave.

Due to its odd shape, it was fixed in one place, which may seem like a disadvantage, but to compensate for its blind spots [Real Estate Moay] had the ability to turn its head quickly. It appears it is in fact rather smart, whenever we were trying to distract him on the forefront to sneak up on him from behind, he almost instantly reacted and counter attacked.

The silver minerals turned out to be the most durable of the creatures we have met here, it has a strong resistance to magic, and because of that the battle turned out to be quite long.

[Floor boss [Real Estate Moay] successfully eliminated]

[Performers are permitted to proceed to the next floor, floor boss [Real Estate Moay] can hereafter be passed without battle.]

[Performers have been Awarded the [The Person of the Living Stone] treasure box as a first time subjugation bonus.]

The battle lasted until night and was well earned. But the condition of Avenger and company was at its lowest, and as expected, they will not be able to continue.

It is still hard to fight 2 bosses in one day, considering that, not only the boss, but also the monsters on the way to the floors, so I have to praise them a little.

Having reached this far, thanks to the tough experience, their level has increased significantly, as a result, Avenger and company have become much stronger than before.

But still, there is a limit to how much you can do in one day. And right now we're in front of the 16th floor, the best moment to relax.

We fill ourselves with delicious food and lay down to sleep.

I gave them enough food to recover any lost strength, and gave them treatment for

pain in their muscles using some massage oil. I'm waiting for them to have an even greater success tomorrow.

DAY 276

We resumed our dungeon conquest early in the morning today.

However, the complexity of the next 5 floors are on a whole different level compared to previous levels.

After all, if a lot of key figures manage to conquer this dungeon and hog a portion of the [Divine Power] of the [Demigod of Stone Statues], it will cause a serious problem. So from here on, this dungeon seriously intends to kill any intruders.

Here lives [Exploding Stone Balls], monsters which roll at high speed and roam the tunnels. [Cruel Stone Master Boxer] which looks like a professional heavyweight boxer when striking with its stone hands; [Connected Stones Snakes] which are huge interconnected moving boulders shaped like a snake, and other powerful monsters.

Among these floors, we faced a monster that was competing in power with the floor boss. A giant lizard with a mouth capable of swallowing a man whole. It had huge overgrown hind legs and a tail topped with spikes; it is the [Strong Lizard Huge Rocks "Great T-Rex"].

The dungeon floor proved challenging, not only have the strength of emerging monsters increased, but also the strength of minerals that they are made of as well. They also have an assortment of abilities that weren't on the previous floors.

It looks more and more like the previous part of the labyrinth was weakened on purpose so the owner could show off their favorite statues.

The remaining floors put together all of the strongest monsters that the dungeon had. Not to mention the fact that there were a lot of instant activation death traps, which were not present before.

But still, we moved on.

I can see the training and lectures that I held at regular intervals have started producing results, the [Heroes] have a fairly fast growth rate compared to before.

Besides receiving growth correction from me, Avenger and company held a very interesting potential, and to polish that, it was necessary to have many battles one after the other.

In a place where you can die if you relax for even a moment, this fighting experience significantly affects the results of training, increases their growth rate, and increases the rate of experience absorbed, making what was previously impossible, possible.

Even though Kanami-chan and I supported them, the fact was, they already had sufficient forces to fight independently.

Because of this, a little past noon, we got to the boss room of ["Gorgon"] [Female Demon With Hair of Snakes and Stone Shield]. The final boss of the [Museum of Stone Sculpture] [Gorgon] was an incredibly attractive woman with snakes for hair, who look like a demon celebrity. The snow-white statue was spotless, and the carving was performed so delicately that even when not moving, it gives off the illusion of graceful movement. On her beautiful face shone a smile of kindness, but her snake-like hair bared its fangs and hissed like a carving production. This bombshell statue had the height of 170 centimeters (5'5) and was wearing [Gorgeous Verberas], revealing clothing similar to the ancient Roman Togas and her smooth legs protruding from under the clothes looked so sexy that it was hard to look away.

Despite the fact that she was a statue, her appearance was very arousing. Looking at her beauty I suddenly retorted, "As expected from the masterpiece of a [Demigod]."

Slightly enchanted; I got a kick from Kanami-chan, who did not seem pleased. Well, her kick was justified.

Even though this room was intended for the battle with the boss, the room was at least 200 plus meters and had the appearance like that of a temple. The temple is filled with rows of huge columns, which created a lot of blind spots within the room, making it difficult to aim within the room.

Since it was too troublesome, I temporarily entrusted the battle to Avenger and the Company.

Beginning the battle was the Avenger and his company, against the initially unarmed [Gorgon]. The Gorgon summoned several two-meter stone shields; as one would expect from it being mentioned in her title. These shields did not obey gravity,

hovering in the air and obeying the will of the [Gorgon]. The [Gorgon] defended attacks with these shields and after these shield accumulated enough speed, slammed toward her opponent; dealing a destructive blow using the shield's weight.

These shields made the fight more complicated, and they utilized any blind spots it could. If we focused on the Gorgon and lost sight of her shields, the shields would charge in, attacking from a blind spot. An attack that is very difficult to stop.

Because of this Avenger and company suffered significantly more damage than the previous conquests. These attacks started reaching me and Kanami-chan in the back rows. If Avenger and company end up losing, they cannot accomplish our goal which is to seize the [Museum of Stone Sculpture], because we cannot afford to lose, I had to get serious in this fight.

I activated [Overwhelming Power of the Black Demon], [Divine Destruction of the Black Demon], [Fiery Dragon's Blood], [Vibrating Crystal Wave], and [Frontal Breakthrough] at the same time. In addition, the ability of shocking multi-attacks [Three Steps of Destruction].

Everything that I can use, I activated, then immediately went and hit [Gorgon] in the stomach. At this point, there is a burst of flashing light which blinded the eyes and the space around swept with a shock wave that made it seem like all the air is gone due to the power of the hit.

[Dungeon boss [Gorgon] has been successfully subjugated]

[As a bonus for being the first to subjugate, the treasure chest [The Queen Stone Statues] will be given to all participants]

[As a privilege for conquering, the ban on the use of the Warp Gate is lifted]

[Please note that only those who conquered the dungeon can use the Warp Gate]

[For those who have Awakened the Psalms／The key figures of God's Lost Psalms, a part of the [Demigod of Stone Statues]'s divine power will be granted]

[As the collector is an important figure of a Greater God, the quality of the Divine Power collected will be inferior]

[Portions of the Divine Power rejected by this rule will be turned into an object]

[Yatendouji has obtained [Instruments of the Demigod of Stone Statues]!!!]

[Conforming to the conditions, it is possible to seize the [Museum of Stone Sculpture]]

[Will you do so?]

[<YES> <NO>]

Thus, it was over in an instant. The resulting [Divine Power] become [Instruments of the Demigod of Stone Statues], which looked like a hammer with chisels bonded together with a conductor chain, which I obtained by taking it together with the treasure box that appears after clicking on "Yes".

[Special Ability [Dungeon Plunder] has been invoked.]

At this moment, control of the [Museum of Stone Sculpture] will shift from the [Demigod of Stone Statues] to Yatendouji]

[From now on, please manage the Dungeon at your own discretion]

Thus, we accomplished our goal here. Because we were just starting, everything is easy to inspect.

I double checked the fight zone to make sure that the [Gorgon] was destroyed, as expected not even a dust from her remain. So it was impossible to collect her carcass. In addition, the explosion of my punch had destroyed much of the boss room, enough that it only resembled a speckle of its former beauty; the room now resemble a dusty ruin. Moreover, the room was now much wider, due to a huge hole forming on the wall of the maze, the same walls that were made of a material that was even tough to scratch. Also, Kanami-chan froze Avenger and company with ice magic to protect them from the explosion, but because of that they are temporarily unable to move.

Kanami-chan was the only unscathed person other than me. Her expression was showed a little anger, "Well, you've overdone it again!" but she still remained just as beautiful, in fact, it even makes it sweeter.

Despite the fact that this is a closed space, which made it a pretty cruel bombing of my comrades. Well, this time she was able to protect them but maybe next time things won't work well, I would have killed not only the enemy, but also allies.

I should not blindly reduce our military capability.

It seems I need think a lot about what I do from now on.

Well, after we handled the Gorgon, we then started collecting everything that could be looted, cured Avenger and company, and we proceeded outside. Because it was already evening by the time we got out, we found a suitable hotel and settled there for the night.

Unfortunately, in this maze (Dungeon City), there are very few monsters that can be eaten and those that can have a taste that is quite strange.

Therefore, to get rid of their taste, I decided to host a small banquet in this hotel room. I decided to become generous for today. So I wanted to cook something delicious as an apology, I used the most delicious monster I captured from Aquarium Labyrinth as the ingredient and made dishes with the innards of the [Shark Head · Bolt Wyrm].

The crispy and delicious taste of these dishes came just like an excellent appetizer. While their taste were inferior to dragon meat, variation was necessary. If you eat only one type of food, sooner or later it will get boring.

A snack will be enough because this time I found it a little vain. After the banquet they stopped complaining about the previous incident.

Drinking after work makes the alcohol even more delicious.

DAY 277

After I dealt with my business in Labyrinth City [Stonehenge], I changed the name of the dungeon from the [Museum of Stone Sculpture] to the [Gallery of Funeral Statues]. I was too lazy to change the infrastructure of the dungeon too drastically, instead I increased the overall complexity and below the 15th floor, added new monsters including monster statues of [Black Minotaurs] and [Black Ogres]. In addition, I added a variety of traps, and strengthened the floor bosses with slightly reinforced armor or added an extra circuitry attack.

If the temples final boss were too easy to defeat, it would cause a problem for me. So instead of having just one ["Gorgon"], there are now 3 ["Gorgon"] and the final boss is now retitled as [The Three Gorgon Sisters With Stone Shields].

The elder sister [Strong Demon Woman "Stheno"], the middle sister [Wandering Demon Woman "Euryale"], the youngest [Imperious Demon Woman "Medusa"]. The three black stone statues were made of material similar to obsidian and had a special charm.

Not only have the number of shields that they can control increased to 18, but also the accuracy of their movements, strength and speed have all increased significantly. Besides that, I slightly reworked the boss rooms' blind spots which can now be used much more efficiently.

Thus, even after getting to them, challengers will undoubtedly be killed here. Looking forward to achieving even more, we finally hit the road.

Our goal this time is situated in the territory of the Demonic Empire, the Labyrinth City of [Glory Rose].

From our current position it is quite far away, but travelling on Tatsushirou might not be worth it.

So instead, we set off on the Great Skeleton Centipede, and took some time to enjoy the journey. Thanks to the Great Skeleton Centipede moving non-stop all day, we quickly arrived at our destination.

DAY 278

While travelling on the rocky road with the Great Skeleton Centipede, I coached Avenger and company and occasionally admired the scenery.

Thanks to my clones, most of the demonic empire was already mapped out, so we were moving directly toward our destination.

Yet, when you change places, the mood also changes.

In addition, on the large path, we met a female beastman, travelling on a cart drawn by two large caterpillars, a male insectoid riding on a giant grasshopper, which flew past us at high speed and a group of nymphs, like Doriane-san, travelling on [Demonic Tree Treant].

In the kingdom, you rarely see such scenery. The ways of transportation here are incredibly diverse.

As expected of the demonic empire, whose inhabitants are mostly non-human monsters, you can find a number of unique things here.

As we drove towards the Labyrinth City Glory Rose I started to notice that among the demonic races, plant and insectoid races are more common than beastman and Midian (Half Demons).

The Labyrinth City Glory Rose itself is fundamentally different from the previous labyrinth towns.

Although I sent a lot of clones to different countries and made great efforts to gather information and map out cities, this city has not yet been mapped.

Drooling in anticipation, I made the Avenger's group work up a sweat during our training sessions. Their training was fairly simple, they had to cope with Kanami-chan's attacks.

The Great Skeleton Centipede sped towards our destination as we drove down the road. We've been travelling at a fast pace since yesterday morning, and we arrived

safely at our destination in the evening. Sometimes we had to cut across the countryside, which was often accompanied by a break.

However, Avenger and company continued training during their break, strengthening their bodies and spirit. In the past they would have succumb to fatigue, but after improving in the dungeon and through their own effort, their bodies gained enough strength to endure through this exercise. I could see that fatigue was being accumulated, but they did not give up, and their training continued.

Normally such a journey would take several weeks, but we were able to get to the Labyrinth City Glory Rose in an incredibly short period of time. As expected from the Great Skeleton Centipede, the ability to be able to move off-road and not need any rest is truly a merit.

A huge rose came into sight, perched upon a plant like gate. As we approached the gate, we discovered that the gate had already been locked due to how late in the day it was. I saw a separate gate where people could still pass through, but with a cart it's not possible to enter anymore, for today at least.

Because of this, we would have to wait until tomorrow.

There is nothing we could do about it, so I put the Great Skeleton Centipede in the item box and tried to go through the gate. When questioned by the guards about where our wagon went, I showed them a [Storage] artifact with enough room to store Great Skeleton Centipede.

The warden words showed surprise by this fact, but what's odd is that his face didn't show it.

Instead, we had to pay a fairly high fee for passage and a tax on goods, but there was nothing we could do about that.

Even though it's night time, I was very surprised by the Labyrinth City Glory Rose.

Briefly described I would call Glory Rose the capital of roses.

I was surprised as soon as I entered the city. We saw a huge blue rose larger than the average house located in the centre of the city.

Bathed in moonlight, it emitted a blue glow that flooded the entire city.

By the way, for some unknown reason, all the houses in the town were made of stone. Even though there is enough wood around the city, there is probably a reason for it.

Moving inwards from the gate, I examined the local architecture and noticed that the stone walls of almost every house were covered with a variety of plants, including roses of various colours.

Apart from the huge blue rose, there were also a lot of smaller roses, most of which were located along the road, but you could find them everywhere. You don't even have to look hard to find one, it was easy to find them everywhere.

The night air was filled with a pleasant aroma thanks to the quantity of roses.

To illuminate the city at night they used [Pyroxene Rose], a special kind of rose that emits a glowing gas, it's an environmentally friendly light which is used for the benefit of the city.

Although they are only a little help to the blue rose which emitted a large blue glow, without them some parts of the city would be plunged into darkness.

Due to this, the roses growing in the city night are a beautiful illusory spectacle.

The Labyrinth City is incredibly unique in its kind, but the main reason for its structure is that there is a dungeon of class [Demigod], owned by the [Demigod of Roses], [Blue Rose Garden Keep].

The Labyrinth City gets most of their items from the dungeon, so it isn't strange that all this happened.

Chances are that the roses growing here sprouted because of the dungeon.

While enjoying the view, we arrived at a hotel.

Tomorrow, we will go into the dungeon.

DAY 279

The morning was refreshing.

The reason for it was probably the scent of roses in the air.

Well whatever it was, I ordered breakfast in the "Via Rosetta", an upscale hotel where we spent the night. For breakfast we had meals prepared with the use of roses as ingredients. There were rose petals of edible flowers called "Ebidaru" that has been made into jam and spread on bread slices, with flower drinks on the side. Everything was quite tasty, I particularly liked the flower tea which had a refreshing aroma and strong taste, a clear sign of a high quality product.

We enjoyed the breakfast in an elegant atmosphere.

After finishing with breakfast, it was time to get to work as we had planned to go into [Blue Rose Garden Keep]

The entrance was located by the roots of the huge blue rose in the centre of the city.

Gathered together, we went to the blue rose, we saw gazes off the side of the road. Due to the fact that there are basically only plant and insect races, it seems we are very isolated.

Well, unless they get in our way, they can simply be ignored.

We just passed by, having arrived at the roots where the dungeon was located. Despite it being relatively early in the morning, there was already quite a long queue. We spent some time waiting and when it was our time, the roots of the rose ahead of us opened the way to a spiral made from plants leading down.

[Blue Rose Garden Keep] is classified as a type of underground dungeon.

However that doesn't mean that there are a lot of floors, there are only 2 floors here, on the second floor - the entire floor is the boss room, an ordinary adventurer would just stop on the first floor. The dungeon's structure is weird compared to other dungeons.

However, it is wise to not underestimate the first floor.

This floor is incredibly huge.

The ceiling was blue like the sky, towering at a height of more than a kilometre tall and a width greater than a few tens of kilometres. Even if I tried to jump, I wouldn't see an end to the roof. In addition, there is natural vegetation which you could find anywhere around the world, thus it is fairly easy to lose your way. You cannot just relax here - in the forest, there are numerous natural traps.

Also inside the [Blue Rose Garden Keep], there is a fairly strong magnetic anomaly that occurs and because of it compasses behave strangely.

If you do not prepare in advance or somehow do not have a way to survive while trying to find a way out, in that case, the death rate is close to 90%, because most beginners do not make it close to the exit.

Well, considering the map I have in my head, I do not feel threatened.

Like before, we are moving ahead with Avenger and company.

The monsters we encounter mainly belong to the insect and plant species.

Collected from a variety of roses, in the likeness of a human figure, with a rose shield for defense and attacking spikes [Rose Knight].

A carnivorous plant that ambushes its prey with an attractive scent, resembling the form and habits of wolves [Rose Wolves].

Pretending to be flowers in the meadow and biting everyone who comes near [Fake Rose Snake].

When [Fake Rose Snakes] grows to a size that it is no longer necessary to hide, [Fake Rose Python].

Flying freely through the maze with a speed exceeding the speed of sound and creating aerial bombings here and there while moving from flower to flower collecting nectar [Supersonic Bees].

Although there are many rose plant monsters there are also a lot of insects that are

masquerading as a rose. Due to the small number of floors, the monsters are strong and their numbers are great so we need to move carefully.

Despite this, I sent Avenger and company ahead.

There are many monsters here with a plant origin, if you kill the insects, items associated with roses and their related items fall.

There are a lot of things I wanted to try after I collected a few more items.

For example, the larvae of the bees and their first class honey, something better simply does not exist.

Today, we did not discover the entrance to the boss floor or meet any field boss'.

Bad luck, but maybe this place is just too large. I even searched for them with my clones and I managed to find him but we couldn't do anything since we saw someone had already killed it and it still hasn't respawned.

For dinner we had the larvae. Why? Well it's because I remembered back to a time when I had just been reborn and I was attacked by swarm of bees, it makes me feel nostalgic.

For now let's talk about the future, as the guards were out for the night with the help of the [Summon: Archdemon] [Black Orcs], I enjoyed a leisurely bedtime.

DAY 280

Today we cheerfully continued our journey within the dungeon again.

On the way while we were cutting all of the caught monsters, crossing a sea of roses, and running freely in the woods. After several hours of collecting treasure boxes and various ingredients, we ate breakfast a little late.

While the meal was ongoing I couldn't help myself but sigh.

The whole dungeon of [Blue Rose Garden Keep] had already been explored by my clones, thanks to there being only two floors, but this dungeon turned out more troublesome than I had imagined.

It was only thanks to the intelligence of the clones that I was able to discover a way to conquer this place. In different corners of the dungeon, I had to complete a number of tasks to proceed down to the second floor.

Collect stones, gather special flowers, get items from killing monsters, and bunch of other laborious and boring tasks.

There were many jobs, but only by doing everything would the staircase appear, leading to the second floor.

I gathered 200 stones first, one of the conditions needed. Getting items from monsters was a little tough as it required a lot of intricate items and, if the desired monster was already killed by someone, you have to wait until it has respawned.

Performing all of the required conditions was difficult, but what was even more troublesome is the fact that compared to the [Flames of Fire Dragon Mountain] (now [Funeral Volcano]), this dungeon is vastly bigger.

As far as I know, [Blue Rose Garden Keep] is the most overwhelming and largest of all the dungeons in the [Demigod] class.

In this 1km area alone, there are not only forests, but also small mountains, valleys and other various landscapes. Depending on the location, monsters vary considerably,

which greatly complicates the tactics used in the conquest of this space.

[Blue Rose Garden Keep] is within the anticipated complexity, but there just isn't enough people to finish this dungeon as fast as I'd hoped.

Despite all this, we're continuing right on schedule.

Before I knew it the afternoon came and we cheerfully began the conquest of the dungeon again.

Today we are fully engaged in the conquest of this place, "The Garden Of Falling Roses"...

[Fire Lord has awakened to the 18 Demon Warlords]

[Title [Purgatory Sword] will be awarded]

[Gladiator King has awakened to the 18 Demon Warlords]

[Title [Gladiator Demon] will be awarded]

[The Paraberangers have awakened to the 18 Demon Warlords]

[Title [Five Karma Oni] will be awarded]

DAY 281

Since starting the conquest of [Blue Rose Garden Keep], I felt that the condition of my body had somewhat improved.

At first I thought that it was only me, but when I asked Kanami and Avenger's company, all the members said they were also in better condition. If it was only one demon, it could be a misunderstanding, but when all of us are affected, there must be a cause.

When considering the cause, the first thing that came to mind was the sweet fragrance of the various roses that wafted in the surroundings since the beginning.

As expected, since the [Demigod of Roses] created this [Age of the Gods Dungeon], a great variety of roses grew wildly here.

There are many dungeon monsters with appearances and traits related to roses.

The different types of roses that I can see here easily surpass 100 and the flowers hidden in the shade also have various traits. If I could be bothered to look at it all in closer detail, I would see even more variety. Perhaps, the number of them I recognize may even double.

Along with the aroma of the different roses that are sweet and refreshing, it wouldn't be strange for some to have effects like providing a restful sleep or stamina recovery.

If the ambient smell was influencing the quality of our physical and mental conditions at this time, it would explain our current condition.

In that case however, as opposed to improving someone's conditions while they breathed the air in, it's a little strange for them to not have a poisonous aroma mixed in.

In fact, I can confirm that there are several species of poisonous dungeon monsters.

It cannot be that there are only fragrances that help improve the physical condition of the challengers. It's unlikely to think the [Demigod of Roses], who would be in trouble if the dungeon was so easily conquered, would do so.

In the first place, I do not think I would have the confidence that the dungeon could not be conquered if I was in the situation of the [Demigod of Roses], thus it would be appropriate to mix in aromas that hindered the condition of conquerors along with the ones that improved it.

Even in the case that there weren't originally any roses with such an aromatic effect, it's hard to think that the [Demigod of Roses] would be unable to create a new species.

However in reality, our bodies are in good shape and without any sign of negative effects presently.

Maybe we were fortunate and were only moving in the areas where fragrances of those kinds could not affect us, however the chances of that are low.

Alternatively, the aromas of the Abnormal State (Bad Status) group may be weak while being many in number.

Well, it's simple to think about for myself who has [Abnormal State Nullification] and as for Kanami-chan, [Abnormal States] are incredibly poor against her race. Since the [Hero of Sunlight] Avenger and the four people part of his [Vice-Important Figures] have various tolerances stronger than an ordinary person, the effect is small, I suppose there is such a thing.

Since there's no time to examine it any further I'll stop thinking deeply about it now. At any rate, the comfort here isn't bad.

If the ability to repulse the dungeon monsters here is stronger than that in the outside world, the scenery here is beautiful, the water that's so pure its crystal clear is delicious, you're healed by the clean air with the sweet smell of roses mixed in, the place is like a rich, natural resort.

Without being troubled by natural phenomena such as typhoons and earthquakes because it is a labyrinth, it seems like I could leisurely pass the time away here.

--It's decided.

When I conquer and obtain this place at daybreak, I've decided to build a health resort for exclusive use by the general firm (mercenary group) Parabellum.

This environment looks good for when one wants to temporarily forget the brutal

everyday life.

The dropped items that can be obtained here will be very useful in various ways.

The aromatic oil, aromatic candle, rose tea, and rose jam that can be processed from the roses will certainly sell well and it seems like it'll become one of the main axes (weapons) of our business.

Not only is it stable and can be put up for sale in newly established stores in various places, if I make use of mass production through an undead factory using Black Skeletons, I can put up products of the highest quality on sale for royalty, nobles, and wealthy merchants, even achieving a brand wouldn't be a dream either.

While I was thinking about all sorts of details, incidentally, I remembered that the fruit of a rose could be used as an ingredient for liquor such as rosehip liqueur.

Although there are other necessary materials besides the fruit of a rose such as a sealed bottle, distilled liqueur, and sugar crystals, it is still a liqueur that can be brewed relatively easily.

--Liqueur made by my own hands, I want to drink it by all means.

Such thoughts sprang out.

In fact, these days, not only buying it from shops and collecting the labyrinth liqueur from labyrinths, wouldn't it be good to start producing it myself too? I started to think of such things.

There was no time because of the hectic work of my past life and the law was also an obstruction that stopped me from trying, but I somehow became able to in this world.

For the time being, though, there's the feeling that there's a prohibition against illegally brewed liqueur. Isn't Tomboy Princess part of the royal family? Although I don't want to rely on them too much, I would easily get permission even if I ask the First Queen.

If there's permission, not only at our base in the Great Forest, we could produce it with dignity in the mansion at the kingdom's capital.

Fortunately, among our comrades, there are several people with the knowledge and

experience of brewing liqueur.

Those being the elves. Members of the clans who made the elven liqueur appeared, although I did not intend to take them in the past troubles, they mixed in with us.

Perhaps I should say the elves in question seemed to work as assistants in the process. The skill of elves that live a long time gain mastery equal to the amount of time they spent, the knowledge was also abundant.

Although a [Job] revision is not provided, it seems like I can still expect satisfactory results.

However, I understand that to brew a high quality liqueur, good quality materials are needed, multiple years would also be necessary, a lot of failures will be experienced repeatedly before we succeed.

Although I hesitated whether to go through the trouble because of all the time it would take, the time to make a decision seems to have come.

--Alright, let's start making it in earnest.

It was a lucky day that I was able to make up my mind. I immediately contacted Tomboy Princess through the ear cuff. When I explained the circumstances and applied for permission, it was accepted with an immediate response.

As expected of Tomboy Princess, the footwork is light.

While feeling admiration, a souvenir was asked for. It seemed like Boy Knight 's birthday was nearing, so she seemed to want first class equipment from a labyrinth.

Because she was helpful, I consented and finished with our communication.

Good grief, Tomboy Princess was prudent as usual. I couldn't stop myself from smiling wryly.

At any rate, when it was decided to brew liqueur just now, one more reason to absolutely conquer this place was added.

Although it's bad for the [Demigod of Roses], shall I plunder it without mercy? For the sake of brewing liqueur of the highest quality.

The liqueur made by one's own hands will be delicious, setting aside the growing delusion, while thoroughly enjoying the breakfast using the drop items I obtained yesterday, let's organize all the matters which quickly increased.

First of all, it's about Gladiator King who obtained [Gladiator Demon].

Gladiator King, because of the strengthening and revision from the title [Gladiator Demon], the ability for battle greatly improved.

Especially, the rate of improvement in physical strength that's been forged through many years of training is distinctively higher than that of other people, the muscular strength that was improved from the past makes it possible to easily handle the heavy weapons he specializes at like a twig, overwhelming an enemy with attacks from a superior attack without allowing for retaliation.

In addition to this, he seems to have received the new ability [Gladiator Demonization].

The backlash is big when used. After the effect ends, it becomes impossible to move according to the time it's in use. [Gladiator Demonization] temporarily raises the physical ability of a human body to a state more than equal to a [Lord], and to Gladiator King who had [Gladiator] and [Grappler] from the beginning, it was an ability with high level [Job] revisions added to it.

If it's hard to understand, he acquired the ability to become a [Chaos Species [Mix Blood]], it can be thought of that way.

If he uses this, Gladiator King can temporarily become an existence in the same class as a [Legendary Hero].

However, to be honest, I did not think Gladiator King would be chosen to be part of the [18 Demon Warlords].

No, well, Gladiator King is a strong person among my subordinates. It's certain that he plays an active part as a teacher in combat for the children.

Because he is a believer in pure power, the loyalty to me, who pinned him to the floor from the front, was great. There's no worry of being betrayed--in the first place, it's not possible because of my clones and [Parasitism] --he is a capable subordinate.

Talking about his stance towards fighting, I should say he's fond of it, his body is in

good agreement with his mind, the evaluation by his peers is not bad either, he's assimilated himself quite naturally.

I expect him to be a talented person who'll play an active part in the future crusade.

However, I still did not think he'd be chosen, it's my honest opinion.

But, well, it's fine. He's not a bad guy, there are no problems if he gets results. Let's just say that.

Thinking too deeply about it is useless.

Next, about [Purgatory Sword] which Fire Lord-kun obtained.

Fire Lord-kun, for a certain period of time, trained together with Wind Lord-san, and Illusion Lord-kun. I somewhat felt nostalgic for the time when I first left the Great Forest, let's set that aside.

It's not clear whether it was an opportunity due to my having personally guided him, or because the [Fire Lord] originally has a tendency for battle, since that time I found him training eagerly, achieving military results on the battlefield, and challenging labyrinth expeditions daringly and raising his level.

When going to challenge a labyrinth, he often paired up with Wind Lord-san the [Gale Lord] and Illusion Lord-kun the [Illusion Lord] with whom his relations are good, from having conquered a labyrinth at this time, the three demons simultaneously underwent [Rank Up], however it seems only Fire Lord -kun obtained a title.

Although the possibility that Wind Lord -san and Illusion Lord -kun are part of the [18 Demon Warlords] strongly decreases, let's settle things first for the time being.

Fire Lord-kun who was a [Fire Lord] became a [Blaze Lord - Variant].

Wind Lord -san who was a [Gale Lord] became a [Storm Lord - Variant].

Illusion Lord -kun who was a [Illusion Lord] became a [Vision Lord - Variant].

When all three experienced [Rank Up] at this time, each respectively received a [Demigod's Divine Protection] and became a [Variant].

Unfortunately, they did not seem to arrive at the [Sovereign] class, still there is no doubt they've become a powerful demon species.

The respective features of each have changed a little, with what [Divine Protection] they get, since describing such trivial details would be troublesome, I'll omit it at this time.

As for Fire Lord -kun, just like Gladiator King, the straightforward ability for combat has improved.

Although he always forged himself through daily training, the synergy can be seen in his becoming a [Blaze Lord], which is superior in close quarters combat to a [Fire Lord], being added with the reinforcement from the title, the racial limit of the [Blaze Lord] is exceeded, it seems he could reach for a stage above that of a [Legendary Hero].

And just like Gladiator King, he got a new ability called [Purgatory Demon Sword].

Fire Lord-kun's Demon Orb becomes a flamberge gushing flames when released, it becomes gigantic when [Purgatory Demon Sword] is used, and he enters a state where the flames he is clad in are strengthened.

Because he becomes just like a miniature sun in such a condition, if there is no [Tolerance] or [Complete Tolerance], it seems like it would be difficult to approach first.

Although there is the drawback of rolling up allies in it accidentally if used unskillfully, since you need only take measures beforehand, the convenience isn't so bad.

Anyway, the enhancement of the war potential to be used for the crusade is a good thing.

Since I am happy, I'll send the other two demons items of quality as celebration. Because they often act together, the Magic Items for Intense Heat will be needed immediately.

And finally, the Paraberangers that obtained [Five Karma Oni].

First of all, I began with being troubled about what to question these fellows on.

Why is it that those five demons are treated as one, and so on. If the five demons aren't together, will any limitations in ability occur, and so on? If one dies or there is even

one demon missing from their number, does it become impossible to demonstrate an effect in unison, and so on.

Though I can think of various things, well, I'll set that aside.

The Paraberangers also, just like Fire Lord-kun and the others, experienced [Rank Up] upon obtaining the title.

The race the five demons became was [Karma Oni (Karma) - Variant].

To describe a [Karma Oni] briefly, it is not of the [Lord] system but a higher species of the [Ogre] system, it's such a thing.

With massive, muscular figures over 3 and a half meters, brutal features which can naturally frighten adversaries, the tough hair which grew down to the waist, and each individual possesses different living body weapons and living body protectors.

Although their forms are not compact like a Lord's, their physical strength seems to be considerably higher in exchange.

Because the ability for magical power or intelligence improves for the two demons of the mage group, they seem to fall behind in physical ability to the other three demons but they still surpassed the average Lord.

With the fighting techniques driven into them up to now, it's certain that the ability for battle has improved greatly.

Additionally, each one's body is dyed in their iconic colors of [Red], [Blue], [Yellow], [Green], and [Ash] making them easy to distinguish, there seems to be a slight difference in ability according to each color.

And like Gladiator King and Fire Lord -kun, the Paraberangers attained a new ability.

It's called the [Five Karma Oni].

When they activate it, the Paraberangers have their whole bodies dyed in their symbolic colors and are equipped with a special living body protector of metallic armor added to a rubber suit.

As for the living body protector that covers the whole body without an opening, there

seems to be something like a power assist system similar to the external skeleton I have, it seems to improve their physical performance even further.

Moreover, their appearance, the design was somehow like the heroes that appear in a squadron.

Originally, it could be said that they cared deeply for their companions, compassionate towards others, punishing evil doers, it was an appropriate ability for the Paraberangers who had such characters.

It did not seem that they had a secret technique like a union attack or anything like that, I'll take the time to ask them about it at the next opportunity.

I compile the approximate information, arrange it, and switch my thoughts.

Although the Paraberangers are an unusual case that hasn't happened before, since it makes little difference, I should continue.

Now then, once preparations are over, let's energetically continue our capture today.

The number of monument challenges we've cleared so far is 88. Although it's a considerably quick pace, the end is still farther yet.

To end it quickly and continue, let's begin clearing the simple tasks first.

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"Deliver 3 pieces [Aruman Roses]"

"Kill [Skunk Smelling Roses]"

"Deliver the roots of [Pink Arbabesa], fiery spikes of [Pink Knight], lunar drop [Kertifii]"

"On the lake Anbar there is a wreck, with growing "Anbararoshitora", deliver it to the grave of the captain of the sunken vessel on the lake Anbar."

"In the area of the park Brustela, race the [Red Pink Dragons], you must win."

"On the grave of my beloved, bring roses that fill the senses. This is my last wish."

The monolith settings were very different, ranging from the simple to the nearly impossible.

Frankly, all the jobs were like, kill some monsters or do something more personal.

And although there are mixed monsters similar to floor field bosses, Avenger's team managed to cope.

But the delivery jobs were very problematic. Finding the necessary items among the vast foliage proved to be extremely difficult unless you have a special skill or a keen eye. Thankfully, I have [Analyze], but for those without it, to quickly search this place is almost impossible.

Some tasks required us to prepare special magical items, give them to special creatures, train them, and so on.

It's certainly troublesome, but still it's nothing serious.

Much more time is spent on the monoliths that required us to solve a particular puzzle. In such cases, brute strength is no use. Among them, those which respond to certain keywords are the simplest.

Tasks such as "On the grave of my beloved, bring roses that fill the senses. This is my last wish" required more ingenuity as the task itself was not clear.

In order to solve these puzzles, you need to look for clues in the stone tiles dropped from monsters in certain areas. That in itself is time-consuming...

The one who created this place the [Demigod of Roses], certainly had a few screws loose.

While it is true, this place is hard to conquer. This dungeon seemed to be created in mind for those with patience, an intelligence for solving puzzles and the strength to withstand the monsters within.

How would I conquer this dungeon? I personally prefer a straightforward answer using brute force. Of course though, only ruins would remain, but there is nothing to do about this dungeon now that we've come this far.

I hate this dungeon, but not to the point that I am ready to give up. That is still yet an unknown feeling to me.

With our current pace... we are behind schedule. We ought to speed up.

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Currently, after taking a few days to conquer the monoliths we got 168 pieces. By creating a set of clones, with strong abilities, I calculated that there are a total of 200 pieces.

Currently, there are only 32 more pieces left.

The rewards for which, are provided by completing some tasks that are located quite far from the exit, tasks like "Deliver 3 pieces [Sapphire Roses Fiery Star]," "In the area of Armadroz, bring an offering to the altar" relatively simple tasks - 15 pieces awarded.

"Alice's request - kill [The Commander of the Knights of the Queen's roses]" or "Catch without killing the mimic [Pink Rabbit Fugitive]". Tasks like this are slightly troublesome jobs that require a high level of combat power - 12 pieces awarded.

"A flaming rose, sat perched upon it, a blue kingfisher, should not be placed in a golden pot", "Mother of life, embracing the blue seeds, flowering before the flames, does not disintegrate", riddles such as these required deep thought to uncover the tasks to complete it - 5 pieces awarded.

Perhaps in such circumstances, acting on the information received from my clones may be best. The delivery tasks could be performed using the shortest routes via the mind map, but because we were training Avenger, I did not interfere.

However his training through this dungeon has plateaued, and we need to finish this quickly.

Though it took quite a while, in the evening we completed the last task from the monoliths.

After that, we heard music as if it were blessing us. While the music echoed throughout the dungeon, it is seemed like the music was limited to our party. Or maybe the music was just in my head...

While thinking of useless things again, the earth trembled and there was a sound that boomed through the dungeon "Gogogogogo...". A monolith staircase appeared from

the earth, heading down, apparently leading to the boss room.

I have to admit, very theatrical. We descended the bluish stairs, made of silver metal, illuminated by glowing roses that were growing on the walls.

The staircase was much shorter than I expected. We reached the bottom in just a minute. Along the way, we found a place to rest, an opening just a few tens of meters in diameter and the only waiting room of the dungeon floor. Normally, we would have rested, but we just walked past, throwing open the gates and went inside.

From the entrance, straight ahead stretches a stone-paved road of width 4 meters. Above it, are a few rose arches, all the rest of the space is filled with red, white, yellow and purple roses separated by color.

Like a sea of roses. It seems that if you just went down, off the stone road, you would drown in this sea.

On the ceiling, was the color of the night sky, like a star in the center, there was a huge blue rose (probably the same type as in the city center), which emits blue light, like the moon.

An illusionary show.

The Boss room is about 300 meters in width and 100 meters high. Not very broad, and compared to the first floor it looks very modest.

But apparently, there was some reason for this. The color of roses, like a fold in the picture, interested me. Surely it doesn't have any meaning.

While I thought about it, a rose throne, made of a huge blue rose, on which sat the dungeon boss.

Dungeon boss [Dark Blue Roses] [Empress Colors Blue Roses], was incredibly beautiful, like Doriane-san, the Dryad.

Silver blue hair woven into braids, an elegant tiara adorned with roses.

Her deep blue, slightly sad eyes, like a person with a great devilish [charm] so strong that one look was enough to pull out the human soul.

White soft skin, so tender that it seems ready to melt under the touch, and dressed in her gorgeous blue dress, decorated with ornaments to only emphasize her charm.

The skirt, like an inverted blue rose, looked very cute, but at the same time gave the impression that underneath lies something quite unprecedented.

Frankly, she looks more like a flower princess than an Empress.

But being a dungeon boss, her skills are real.

A few seconds after we entered the room, she slowly and elegantly rose from her throne, in her hands from nowhere appeared a staff of blue roses, and the room rang with her beautiful voice.

The voice echoed throughout the room, all around us the surrounding Roses began to move.

Gathering together, they began to form humanoid figures. [Pink Knights], we have already seen enough of them in the first floor.

Their Individual abilities are not so high, but there are already around 1,000.

They do not allow us to approach the [Empress Colors Blue Roses], their lady, who they are obliged to protect. Before us lined the ranks of the Knights, hiding from view the [Empress Colors Blue Roses].

In addition, depending on the color of [Pink Knights] the equipment varies. First yellow lined rows of knights, carrying a huge shield bigger than their own height; then knights in red, armed with enormous spears, just under 5 meters long, which they put forward through the gaps in the shield panels; then purple knights, armed with bows and arrows; and in the back the white knights with staffs and wands.

At the same time they are very coordinated, moving like a single organism.

Normally, to fight them is like trying to fight with an army.

But I don't care.

I would just like to quickly deal with all of this, because Kanami-chan and company stepped back, I alone came forward.

Ignoring the lances aimed at me, I took the scarlet spear and put in it 10 times more mana than is necessary to activate the [Army Bloody Scarlet Copies].

After that, the shape of the Crimson spears strangely begins to change, while violently radiating a glow.

Feeling the unexpected response, I began to pour more mana into it, as well as adding part of my accumulated [Divine Power].

Before that, under the infusion of such mana the [Calling Lightning Shark Rope] became [Demonic Shark Rope Thunder Dragon].

This time, I decided to do the same thing, but added [Divine Power].

In context there should be almost no difference, because the chance of success is quite high. The moment I added [Divine Power], something unusual happened. The center of the Crimson Spears sank into the floor, creating a black void.

Instinctively, Kanami-chan and company quickly retreated to the walls.

Space began to roll into a funnel and the dungeon itself began to crack at the seams.

I carried the spear in my hand and all those who just approached me, were swallowed by the darkness.

Before such a distortion, the pink knights couldn't move.



It may sound strange if I say it myself, the mana is nothing, but to pour [Divine Power], I think I went too far...

It is interesting, so it's fine? Even I'm excited, looking at how a spear likes devouring space with the dungeon.

Fortunately, a few tens of seconds later, the phenomenon successfully completed.

At that moment in my head sounded an alert:

[Magical object of the [Legendary] Class of conditions [Arms of The Living God]]

[Magical item of the [Legendary] Class [Starving Impaler of A Thousand Thorns (Kazıklı Bey)] condition of release [Use of a Living God], [Demonic Hammer of Living God] [Transcendental Shipping] has been achieved]

[[Starving Impaler of A Thousand Thorns (Kazıklı Bey)] becomes a magical object of the [Phantasmal] Class [Device Istesannogo Fierce God, Thirsty Scarlet Spear Pole]]

Without thinking I took in the highest grade subject, in order to verify its capabilities.

Title: [Device Istesannogo Fierce God, Thirsty Scarlet Spear Pole]

Classification: living god device / missile weapon

Grade: [Phantasmal] class

Ability: [Bloody Feast thousands of Copies Fierce God (tsenpesshu.varudora)] [Temple Thirst for Fresh Blood] [Bearing Scarlet Desperate Proclamation of The Kingdom (ruzepia.goshute)] [The Two-Headed Dragon Source End Fierce God (tsuvarubu.geshupen)] [Heretical Retribution] [Transformation of Divine Power] [Pierce the Wicked] [Equipment of the Living God] [■ ■] [■ ■] [■ ■] [■ ■]

[Note: [Yatendouji] as a subspecies [Living God] investing [Divine Power] in [Starving Impaler of A Thousand Thorns (Kazıklı Bey)] converts it into a magical object [Phantasmal] class [Device Living God].]

This spear painted in a sinister scarlet piercing everything has many terrible abilities.

Only [Yatendouji] and those he has given permission to touch this sword are able to do so. Any person who touches it without permission will have an unimaginable disaster befall them.

As the [Device Living God], to destroy - save for special exceptions, is not possible.

Additional information is possible, do you wish to attempt to view this information?

[<YES> <NO>]

Everything seems clear, except for the [Device Living God], because of that I decided to click "Yes"

Term: [Device Living God]

Meaning: something that has been created by a subspecies [Living God] extremely close to [Divinity], investing his own [Divine Power] in a magical object of the [Legendary] class or higher.

Its abilities are on par with a [Sacred Treasure], it contains a special ability and when certain conditions are clear it is capable of further improvement.

If the creator is a [Furious God] it will be a [Device Living God] for a [Dragon God] it will be [The Sacred Treasure of The Dragon God Dragolorda], depending on the race, the name will be different, but they are classified the same way.

All clear.

It is clear why the Scarlet Spear has become [Device Living God]. The spear has gained a sinister color of blood and the tip is now thicker and longer.

And at the base, a decoration appeared in the form of an infinite dragon devouring its own tail.(ouroboros)

Also, if you look closely, his eyes move, and if you bring your finger near, he might even

try to bite. Apparently he's very territorial on his part of the spear.

In addition, there is a strange difference in the details, but let's leave that for now.

Taking the Red Spear while its emitting an overwhelming presence, I stuck it into the ground, put in enough mana and activated its' abilities.

[Activated hereditary unique ability to [Thirsty Scarlet Spear Pole] [Bloody Feast thousands of Copies Fierce God (tsenpesshu.varudora)]]

As soon as it was activated, it was all over.

Everything in sight is filled with a forest of Red Spear copies. Before, at the time of activation [Army Bloody Scarlet Copies], there would be a lot of red spears, but this time it is a little different.

[Bloody Feast thousands of Copies Fierce God (tsenpesshu.varudora)] is able to even change the size of the copies of themselves. Lengths can change up to 5 times, and the thickness is up to 20 times as much.

Increased to the limit, it becomes the size of a tree.

Bodies caught in the forest Pink Scarlet Knights copies have been transfixed from feet to the top, or torn to shreds. In the middle of the floor, even protected by them, the [Empress Colors Blue Roses] had a spear sticking through exactly where its core was.

And not a minute had passed since the battle began before it ended. I was letting off some steam, but I think it was a let-down.

Removing the real body of the Scarlet Spear from the ground, the forest of copies disappear, collecting the body of the [Empress Colors Blue Roses] got me in a very good mood, as long it had not yet disappeared.

[Dungeon boss [Empress Colors Blue Roses] successfully eliminated]

[History of God [Blue Rose Garden] conditions of passage [The Murder With First Strike] [Destruction of The Army] [Capture of Empress] have been met]

[Performer granted a special ability [Skies Blue Roses]]

[Performer, as a bonus for the first elimination of the boss, will be sent the treasure chest [Princess Blue Rose]]

[As a privilege for conquering, the ban on the use of the Warp Gate is lifted]

[Please note that only those who conquered the dungeon can use the Warp Gate]

[For those who have Awakened the Psalms／The key figures of God's Lost Psalms, a part of the [Demigod of Roses]'s divine power will be granted]

[As the collector is an important figure of a Greater God, the quality of the Divine Power collected will be inferior]

[Portions of the Divine Power rejected by this rule will be turned into an object]

[[Yatendouji] has obtained the [Demigod Rose Pruners]!!!]

[Conforming to the conditions, it is possible to seize the [Blue Rose Garden Keep]]

[Will you do so?]

[<YES> <NO>]

This time I received [Sacred Treasure] [Demigod Rose Pruners] looked like small blades. They flew in an arc before landing on the palm of my hands.

After putting the [Sacred Treasure] and Treasure chest into my item box, I chose <<Yes>>.

[Special Ability [Dungeon Plunder] has been invoked.]

[At this moment, control of the [Blue Rose Garden Keep] will shift from the [Demigod of Roses] to Yatendouji]

[From now on, please manage the Dungeon at your own discretion]

With that, our goal has been achieved here.

Gripped by a thought, to my own surprise, I felt like I didn't want to engage in a dungeon conquest of this type in the near future.

Having dealt with the chests using the Warp Gate, we moved to the street of the city, in order to have a rest in the hotel.

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The night sky was barely shining with bright stars giving way to the day's sunrise when I noticed a suspicious presence near our hotel.

Still half asleep, I looked out the window in order to assess the situation. I found men hiding in the shadow of nearby buildings.

Three of them were visible from the window.

But it was not only them, [Phased Array Radar] and [Sense Area] found a total of 12 beings, and almost all of them belonged to the [Demon Race - Midian].

They acted in groups of four. Their equipment consisted of black cloaks heavily enchanted to conceal their presence, under which were military-grade body armor, gauntlets and greaves made from magic metal. Magic accessories such as rings and earrings were also used to increase their stealth.

They wore matching outfits, although their weapons were all different - various swords and spears that were of [Unique] or [Ancient] class.

The way they hid themselves seemed like they were dissolving into the environment, as well their silent movement clearly displayed their skills. Rather than adventurers or bandits, they were more like an elite squad.

Still half-asleep, I recalled one report in particular.

Looks like this group belongs to Atarakua Demon Empire and reports directly to one of [6 Great Generals]"Great Ai sumus Herbie Indigo" - [Indigo Secret Squad]. Without a doubt, these elites engage in covert assignments like assassinating the Demon Empire's enemies and gathering intelligence. They are rarely seen in public, so the information about them is very scarce.

The question of why they are here was obviously because of us. Whether they were following Tatsushirou's trail or simply keeping an eye on us, we still needed to be wary of them.

Although information gathered from my clones was limited, I was confident in my assumption. It was possible the owner of the inn was part of an anti-government movement, but the chance of that was slim.

They were faster than I expected. It was immediately evident they were professionals. After confirming their skills, I ordered a morning coffee.

Since they are keeping their distance, it is possible they may simply leave. If they do approach us, I will respond according to the circumstances.

With this in mind, I anticipated my ordered coffee.

After some time looking at the sunrise through the window, the form of a great black rose became illuminated in the distance.

The huge blue rose at the entrance to the former [Blue Rose Garden Keep], now called [Funeral Black Rose Garden], was now black, although its function was the same. Since the change happened during the night it was not immediately noticeable, but with the rising sun it became obvious and was causing a huge commotion that could be heard all the way here.

It was understandable since the rose that had been blue for a long time, suddenly became like this.

While I was drinking coffee with Kanami, the rest had already woken up and we went down to breakfast together.

As expected from an upscale hotel, the food is excellent.

The food here was not only delicious, but also beautiful. Each dish was decorated with roses from the dungeon, like a work of art.

Having dealt with our preparations, we left the hotel and, without stopping by the shops in the maze-like city, immediately headed out of town in the [Skeleton Centipede].

There is not much point in hanging around this place right now.

Although I was expecting the [Indigo Secret Squad] to follow us, that did not happen. They were still tailing us within the city, but did not take a single step outside the city. Perhaps due to the fact that following the [Skeleton Centipede] at its current speed

while remaining undected was not possible even for them.

Well, it makes no difference.

For now, we headed towards our next destination, located in the Atarakua Demon Empire, close to the border of the Beast Kingdom, the Labyrinth City [Deegambling].

DAY 285

There is a considerable distance between the Labyrinth City [Glory Rose] and the Labyrinth City [Deegambling].

Also, there are lots of places impassable for ordinary wagons but finding detours may take weeks.

Since our [Skeleton Centipede] was not hindered by terrain, we could move at incredible speed even without following the existing roads.

Therefore, even if we were being chased, I am confident we could easily outrun them.

It's just that, even though I had the feeling we were being watched from the moment we left [Glory Rose], I could not detect anyone despite my best efforts.

It was probably the work of someone who, like Kugime-chan, possessed a race or high-level abilities that specialized in surveillance.

Even though I had a huge radius of detection, I would without a doubt lose out to experts like that. As such, I could not find who was watching us.

I could, of course, send out my clones in an attempt to find the culprit, but if I made a mistake I couldn't pretend to be ignorant and would also reveal one of my abilities.

After all the clones are only effective because nobody knows about them. If they were exposed, it would become much more difficult for me to collect information in the future.

Since there's no way for me to detect our pursuers I decided to stop thinking too hard about it and focus on increasing our speed. If we were being watched, we just needed to move at a speed at which they could not keep up. It was a simple conclusion.

The [Skeleton Centipede] can cross roads and fallen trees without problems. It will keep moving along the shortest path with its top speed.

Leisurely driving through a sprawling forest, flying over a vast steppe, climbing rocky

mountains, literally jumping from a steep cliff, we raced like the wind along a road only we could follow.

On the way, we saw bandits attacking a wagon. Using ranged attacks, we gave them some support by burying the villains into the dust.

Having met some previously unseen monsters on the road, I quickly hunted them. There were a few small events.

By the time stars appeared in the sky, we had traveled a good distance and [Skeleton Centipede] still continued to run forward.

We lost our observers by evening, but they were certainly still in pursuit so we continued to move forward.

Tomorrow we can travel without fear. With this thought, I fell asleep in the [Skeleton Centipede], which does not need a break.

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By continuously moving forward throughout the night, we have significantly reduced the distance that remained to the Labyrinth City [Deegambling].

A few more hours and we would have arrived at the scene. But it was decided to arrange a short holiday in the natural hot springs on the mountain which was just along the way.

In order to get rid of tiredness it was perfect to enjoy this natural hot spring, which we found by mere accident along the road, before arriving in the Labyrinth City [Deegambling] and grinding one boss after another.

Initially, it was a simple spring, in which a lot of people wouldn't fit.

By using [All Creation] and changing the landscape, I created a respectable size and altered the depth to the shoulders, added a swimming pool, and an outdoor bathroom.

The view from here was superb, because of that, Kanami and I enjoyed a drink.

Dissolving in the natural source of energy which penetrates into the very depths of the body, while trying a variety of drinks - this was the best way to relax.

Even now, the hot springs are great!

Not far from us were Avenger and company, slightly embarrassed by their nakedness, they still joined us.

Well, whatever it was. While we enjoyed the hot springs, our presence attracted monsters that lived in the area.

Low intelligence, sufficient enough to use sticks and stones as weapons, and attacking in groups [Red Headed Monkey].

The size of a human child, covered with a dark red skin, for a sweet look and calm nature, they are popular as pets [Celestial Demonic Mouse Capybara].

Having a three-meter great body covered with thick hair, characterized by long and thin legs [Long-armed Bears].

The targets of hunting because of their beautiful silvery skins that are sold at sky high prices, but thanks to their excellent fighting ability they are able to send most of their poachers to the netherworld, [Silver Tigers].

And the other various species began to gather around the hot spring.

Apparently these monsters were instinctively afraid of us, while staring at us they were shaking with fear. If we show even the slightest hostility towards them, they would certainly flee as fast as they can.

If it were not for the hot springs, we would have killed all the monsters gathered here, which is quite natural. But for now while we were enjoying the hot springs, I do not have any desire to hunt them.

Wondering why they did not run away when they saw us, they probably want to get into the hot spring, but because we are here, they do not dare to act.

Then I tried to gently wave, as a reaction the Capybaras slowly and cautiously entered the water, and took part in enjoying the water.

I could not understand the expressions on their faces because of the difference in races, but them enjoying the hot spring was still easy to understand.

The dimensions of the hot spring I created was quite large, however the monsters that came into the hot spring over time increased significantly thus resulting in the hot spring being crowded.

I had to make one more bath. But almost immediately it was plucked up by the crowd. I had to make a third one to have enough space for all of them.

Having finished the work, I again plunged myself up to my shoulders.

Normally, the wild world is divided into hunters and prey, but here, indiscriminately, all the monsters are enjoying the hot springs.

In this area, apparently at the top of the food chain are Silver Tigers, and Rhesus Monkeys usually serve as their prey. To see them peacefully relaxing next to each other

is a rare spectacle.

The human settlements still have not reached to here, therefore the chances that this place will be known to people is pretty small. I wonder if this spectacle will repeat itself for some time. Apparently, I unexpectedly created a local landmark here.

As I thought about it, I stroked one of the Capybaras swimming up to my chest on the head.

It was certainly a big one probably due to its long lifespan.

The Capybara enjoyed me stroking its thick and soft fur. By doing so, the rest of Capybaras also approached us.

The Capybaras, sniffing the air, looked pretty cute and Kanami decided to stroke their smooth coat.

Although, in my opinion, Kanami hugging the cute Capybaras was quite the cute scene.

We'll leave these creatures to their tenderness. After that, I made a couple of stalls made of stone, in case we come here again, then I slightly warmed up with the Avenger and the company, restoring the magical energy and strength in the hot springs. The evening came once we were recovered.

Too relaxed.

The terrible power of the hot springs!

Since this happened, I fed [Black Fomorians] meat to the monsters gathered here.

Thus, unexpectedly I gave a banquet. Well, sometimes it is nice to spend a day like this.

While surrounded by capybaras and Silver Tiger, who became attached to me, I fell asleep in a group of fluffy lumps.

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The next day, after the creation of the hot springs, we were escorted by our tamed capybaras and other monsters. We set off towards the Labyrinth City [Deegambling].

If possible, we will come back here.

And just after a few hours of traveling, without any incidents, we safely arrived.

Before dinner, we were standing in a queue in front of the huge gates at the entrance to the city.

It was about an hour before our turn came. After passing inspection and paying for passage, we happily got into town.

I thought that the recent observers would stop us here, but apparently I worried for no reason.

Or maybe the observers did not belong to the authorities of the Atarakua Demon Empire.

Well, right now there is no need to worry.

Choosing an upscale hotel, which will be a base for our operations, we went for a walk around the neighborhood.

The roads here are paved with stone and the houses look planned out.

Thriving shops lined both sides of the road, from which came the pleasant aroma of cooking.

Moving forward on the road we came across a large building, which has a gambling house - the casino. We all entered together.

Inside, representatives of a variety of races, both sexes, heartily enjoyed gambling, creating a very festive atmosphere.

Here and there, you could see a very unusual scene.

Apparently of noble origin, the boy in the expensive clothes, the commoner man, middle-aged woman with a dazzling smile and a young girl with a beautiful smile, sitting at the same table. A boy dressed as a dealer was shuffling, having just opened them a new deck of cards.

Generally, because of the difference in status and power, they should be isolated from each other. However, no one showed concern about this.

In addition to this, there was quite a lot of such groups. Apparently their social status and power do not matter here, I felt that here, in spite of the situation, you can compete on equal terms. Moreover, the losers in the game dutifully gave the winners what was at stake.

The loser pays, the winner receives.

This is the basic rule of gambling, but in other places, especially where noblemen play with commoners, if the noblemen begin losing, they will say, "I do not know", or "You're cheating", or could even kill the opponent. So the location itself is quite unique.

Only for the Labyrinth City [Deegambling], it is quite natural behavior.

Fortunately in the city center, there is a huge dome structure, where the casino is located, an [Age of the Gods Dungeons] [God Rank] created by the [God of Gambling], the [Holy Land of Gambling].

Being under patronage of The [God of Gambling], countless casinos in the city, although weaker, still receive a portion of his influence, became a special place, which can be called a part of the dungeon.

Thanks to The [God of Gambling] those who lose a game, and refuse to give the stake or wish the return of it using power, in the case of other violations, the foe is awaiting [divine punishment].

If you simply enjoy the institution, you will have no problems, not that there are no detours, but if you break the rules, there will be a lot of victims, because then even if a noble loses to a commoner, he will still have to pay.

Due to the fact that, led by greed and passion, inside [Deegambling] there is a lot of money in circulation, and the city is well known for its dungeon of light and dark sides.

So, coming to such a place and entering the casino, our further actions are quite obvious.

We will enjoy gambling.

Here, on the [Holy Land of Gambling] are kinds of magical items, slot machines, arranged races between huge monsters, as well as [the battle of swords] being carried out. Putting lives at stake, gladiators fighting in the Colosseum, as well as in other gambling casinos.

Thinking about what to try first, I gave each one a gold chip to use as wagers.

Even if Avenger and company lost every coin, I can easily recoup, then I earnestly told them to have some fun.

That's fair, just set a condition "not to put equipment at stake."

Yet I do not think that they will put their equipment up, but I said it anyway as a precaution. In addition, if they need more currency to play, they may come to me.

As I sent them into battle, I sat down at the table, where only one seat was available.

Kanami-chan stood next to me, watching my actions with interest.

I chose a closed poker, so-called casino game.

It's one type of card game where you have to collect a combination of cards, "Hands", a very deep game, a place for a battle of wits.

Minus the dealer, a demon man [Half Midian], four other people sat at the table. A beast man, a human youth, an elderly female human and a half demon middle-aged woman. Quite an interesting combination.

First of all, because of my overwhelming presence, I used [Weak Overwhelming Presence] to weaken its effects, but still, at the moment when I sat down at the table, everyone, even the dealer, broke a cold sweat.

The reaction of the demon woman was especially dramatic... She began to shake, and tears flowed from her eyes, and she held her hands clasped together, as if she were praying to God. I just wanted to enjoy the game, but I did not need such a reaction, it

is not fun at all. I tried to calm her down, but she just would not cooperate. What a stubborn woman.

In the end, I almost used force and she sat at the table and the game began.

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I did not notice that I was at the Casino all night since yesterday.

In the beginning, I was playing with the guests, but as I continued to win, the game continued against the casino itself.

And then I went on to win, and now I have accumulated platinum chips (each of which is a white gold coin), more than 10 of them.

I came here not only to enjoy the casino, but in order to collect the necessary funds for the conquest of [Holy Land of Gambling], and I have already scored three times more than planned.

In the range of the city, the game pieces can be used as currency in almost all places, with only a few exceptions. I had almost finished providing the necessary funds for my main goal.

Here in all the casinos, except for the [Holy Land of Gambling] (the dungeon), there is a manager. If I win too much, he will have problems with me.

And just before I was about to leave the casino the manager came [I was at the third largest casino in the city, one of the great casino [Deems-Lucked]]. He looked like a pig, and the frightened dealer whispered, "At all costs, come back! I can not get fired," looking at me as a sworn enemy.

Well, if someone wants to fight, he will get it. Thus, I decided to stay to the end.

We'll squeeze them to the limit.

Fundamentally, in the end, the casino always wins.

It may seem like you are winning, but in the end, you still lose to such a system.

That's only sometimes with visitors with high success rates, and in this case there is some kind of "mercenary" who is extremely skilled at dealing.

Of course here in the [Deems-Lucked] they also have games where skills are the main focus.

The dealers that played with me before at other casinos were pretty good, maybe even among the top dealers.

But they kept losing.

And along the way, my stack of chips kept growing.

Among the dealers across Schuler (*cheater*), they juggled cards, but it is easy for me to notice things like that, and it was easy to stop.

At the same time, I aquired quite a lot of chips.

Incidentally, when the dealer is caught cheating, the credibility of the casino falls, and as such, when detected, the dealer is immediately fired.

I caught my fair share of cheating dealers who will likely be unemployed tomorrow. It's a cruel thing to do, but it is the survival of the fittest out here.

As a result, it turned out that if I walk away with all the platinum chips that I have earned, the casino [Deems-Lucked] will fall into a very difficult financial situation.

Finally, in a hurry, the manager played his trump card.

There, in front of my eyes, was a dandy demon man with skills good enough to be included in the top five dealers in the city. He doesn't go out into public very often, but when he does, he always wins.

This demon man was a blackjack dealer.

Taking a completely new deck, he began to shuffle so quickly that there was almost no visible slots. He was obviously extremely skilled.

If he ran the cards as usual, it would have been very difficult to win.

His art, honed to perfection, appeared to me to be quite sluggish.

The fact that I was able to solve a scam from the casino's prior dealers, was mostly due

to the psychological factor, or perhaps my overwhelming presence and my sight which created an almost physical pressure, and besides, [Golden Rule] [Happy Elephant Wealth] and [Luck] strongly pushed my victory.

Because of the Demon Dealer's sluggish movements in the game, he began to make mistakes, which accumulated and eventually undermined his carefully planned victory.

As a result, I just relied on my abilities, and I kept winning and platinum pieces lined up in front of me as a whole mountain.

As expected, seeing as I had defeated the dealer who was the manager's trump card, before he passed the point of no return, he surrendered.

I regretted looking around, and I decided it would be no good if I completely defeat of the casinos while I'm here (as the goods will all be mine after I capture the dungeon), so, collecting a huge amount of chips in one hand, I went outside.

After purchasing more than enough assets, tomorrow I'm going to the [Holy Land of Gambling], but today I decided to walk around the city.

At this point, from behind the counter, the old woman asked, "Do you need to get lucky charms?", pulling earrings with little crystals inside out from under the counter.

The item slightly increases [luck], a children's pocket money couldn't buy it, but it is not very expensive. The magic item is easy to find in this town, and usually does not make sense to sell somewhere else.

By type, the item's level is [Common], close to [Rare], even if you have lots of them, there will be almost no visible effect.

But in order to raise my level of [Luck], they may come in handy, so I bought everything that she sold.

Still, it was pretty cheap.

As I chewed the bought charms, I examined the local attractions.

Because of the large numbers, the level of [Luck] rose higher than I expected.

The next time I meet this old lady, I will have to buy another.

Incidentally, the Avenger and the company participated in the battles in the Coliseum, and apparently one could earn a killing, provided that they continued to win. In the end they even defeated the king of the Colosseum, that's also not a bad way to spend a night.

I can buy all sorts of personal belongings with the gold I won. But, since the gold is necessary for our original purpose of the visit, I did not spend too much.

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So, today I took the money we earned yesterday and went to conquer the [Holy Land of Gambling].

The dungeon was a simple dome in structure, with five sections inside.

Most explorers and visitors who enjoy gambling stayed in the first section, the outer ring. Then there was the second ring, which led into the narrower third. That led into the fourth ring, which led into the heart of the casino, the fifth center circle.

Unlike the other dungeons, where one would only have to look for the stairs, you would need to earn a certain amount of money or pay a large sum to move onto the next ring. And every time, the amounts get larger. It is difficult, but not impossible, because the betting rate goes up the farther you go.

After getting past a ring, you can move to all of the previous ones without charge, allowing you to go back outside to earn money if you lost a fortune here.

As such, a lot of rich people from the Atarakua Demon Empire and the Beast Kingdom, among many others, are almost constantly entertained here.

Meanwhile, the local badges are strictly personal, so even if others possess them, they will not work.

In the first round, where everyone is allowed in - they are not needed, but to move to the second ring you must earn the bronze badge first and to move to the third, the silver badge, to fourth the gold badge and to the fifth, the platinum badge.

Also, the dungeon monsters that appears here are, for the most part, working as dealers or bartenders of the restaurants inside, so there is no need to fight except in the Coliseum arena.

Therefore, you can even see women and children inside, and it is possible to get to the final section with enough luck; it is this kind of a place.

It is very difficult to capture this place with sheer power, and all of the gambling inside

will make it a very stressful place, even without any traps.

Going inside the [Holy Land of Gambling], we were able to slip past the first two rings into the center third ring because of the large amount of money I had earned outside the [Holy Land of Gambling] in the casino. After storing the silver permit badge into an item box, we all headed to the slot machines.

The slots rotate in the machine at a high speed but due to our quick eyes, it seemed stable and we could easily keep track of them to consistently make money.

It seemed like we were committing fraud, but it was not so since it came from a physical ability. Because of this, the dungeon monster [Black Robes (Black Clothing)] did not see our cheating nor tried to stop us.

Even if we only played slots in the third ring, the amount of winnings made is excellent. While the bets are large, in exchange the money income is also considerable.

Having played here for 10 minutes and earning some seed money to start with, I sent the Avenger and his group to the fighting arena (Coliseum) to gamble and earn more. After wandering around with Kanami-chan to figure out what to do, I went to the roulette table.

When I went to the table, the game had already begun. A dungeon monster dealer with the appearance of beautiful Northern European woman turned the rotating roulette disk (Wheel) on top of which spun a ball that must land in one of the 38 sections.

They were broken up into the sections numbering from 1 to 36 and painted in alternating colors of red and black, with the other two sections at the beginning numbering 0 painted in green.

Since the game was already beginning, I decided to watch the bets (Bet) of the other visitors (Player).

While observing for a while to understand the habits of the dealer and how the ball moved on the wheel, I bet small amounts. At this point, I was only winning double what I bet. Then, putting my bet all on one number, I safely won a large dividend of 36 times the amount.

At this point, the atmosphere around the table was wrapped in tremendous hustle and bustle, but there was nothing I could do about it.

This time I put 20 platinum chips that, due to coming straight into the third ring, was all that i had in my pocket.

If I lost, it would have been necessary to leave and earn more. Since I won however, I had earned 720 platinum chips.

That much money is on par with, or even superior than, the budget of the Sternbild Kingdom. Because of that, the hype that emerged was not unusual.

That amount of money was uncomfortable to hold, so I exchanged almost all of the chips to black steel chips, which isn't used anywhere else except in the [Holy Land of Gambling]. After that I was left with 20 platinum chips and 70 black steel chips.

While feeling the weight of the money in my hand, Kanami and I went to Avenger and his company.

Since we had earned more than enough money, we can quickly travel to the 5th round.

Fortunately, finding the Avenger group was easy since they were in the area where the Coliseum arena-based fighting and gambling occurred.

I found them at a good moment, right when the Avenger knocked the King of the Arena out of the ring with a light blow.

The king of the arena had been undefeated until this point, so the odds were stacked in his favor. Therefore, a large amount was won with the Avenger's victory, with his four teammates having placed all their money and hopes on him; they all had an overjoyed look on their faces.

I wanted to go further into the dungeon joining forces with the Avenger group, but Kanami-chan wanted to have breakfast in one of the restaurants located in the [Holy Land of Gambling]. The dish was incredibly expensive, but a dungeon monster cooked by a dungeon chef was so delicious, it was priceless.

Suddenly, I had to order it several more times.

After a little break, we moved on. We could move to the fourth round for free since I had earned more than requirement to advance a ring, so I just paid for everyone to go straight to the 5th round.

The final (5th) round in the deepest center in comparison with the other ones was extremely small since only a few could reach here. Because there was no need for a lot of space, as a result it felt a little cramped. In exchange however, the interior decoration could be compared to that of a palace. Furthermore, the amount of money that flowed through this place was several magnitudes higher than the budget of the Sternbild Kingdom. I was told that the equivalent of a small country's national budget could be won or lost in a single game. At such a place, the wealthy could lose an overwhelming amount of money.

At the same time, if there are those who could lose everything in just one defeat, there are also those who could become wickedly wealthy when they were just at the brink of bankruptcy before.

Right now, I saw a well-built middle-aged raccoon beast-man desperately screaming after losing a big game, and a dragonnewt in underwear flushed with excitement giving a courageous shout of victory. Thinking of it as a very understandable reaction, we glanced at them with interest while hastily passing by.

We stopped once we reached a certain place.

This was something similar to a department store.

There were armor and magic potions, books and ornaments, precious jewels the size of a fist, laying carelessly on the shelves.

It was clear that these were all goods for immediate sale with the price tags attached to them, but the amount asked made it seem like such a rip-off that it's someone's joke.

However, the quality was not a joke. The store sold armor type magic items with powerful stealth abilities, consumable medicine providing [longevity] or [internal magical power increase], and other incredible magic potions, a magic book (Grimoire) containing a terrible magic spell, as well as jewelry containing mysterious magic. So many wonderful treasures that it was impossible to look away.

If you look at them carefully, really the prices seem quite reasonable.

If you were to ask why there is this kind of a place in the [Holy Land of Gambling]? First of all, the merchandise are all items lost from visitors. After losing too many games with the dungeon monsters, they used those items as a bet.

But anyway, there is not much use for visitors coming to the [Holy Land of Gambling] to buy anything, because honestly, the dungeon monsters will just end up winning them back.

As a result, all of the items here on display are luxurious commodities, but only the conqueror of the dungeon can end up buying them.

Before in the earlier rings, there were these places too; but, the things here should be of the highest quality. With this expectation, I took a brief look.

I only took a brief look because one quick glance is enough to tell that the quality of goods is different in each section. That's why it made no sense to waste money there purposelessly.

Incidentally, for a certain period of time the original owner has a preferential negotiating right to buy the item supplied after it has been exhibited, where no one else can get it. So if the last owner appears with enough money, he will be able to buy the item back. However, actually doing so is quite difficult.

The items exhibited here are things with an extremely high value in order to cover the large bets; so to buy them, you need quite a large sum. At the same time, buying back an item lost to a bet is even more of a struggle since the already high amount is marked up even further by the store.

Therefore, while looking for possible items to eat, I have no choice but to pretend to give up and sigh; but still, I keep on looking around for something good.

Gambling has lead to all these items being lost by somebody, ones who can do nothing but stare nervously to confirm that it has not yet been bought by anyone else. If it turns out to be still there, they can only look more worried. But if not, despair appears on their face instead.

It would be better spent making the money instead, if they have the time to worry like that. With this idea, I began to choose what would be useful here to buy. Every time I picked up an item, I would get a reaction from somebody. For one item I picked up, there was no reaction.

It was a huge gem.

The gem, which had a transparent bluish color, was charged with a mysterious magical

power. According to my appraisal, it seems to be [Jewel-Sealed Ability (Sealing Gem)].

Although it is a gem, it seems that if I wanted to I can easily crush it in my hand like a balloon, and while crushing it, acquire the [Ability (Skill)] -something good.

That's the most dreadful thing about the [Holy Land of Gambling]. You can play not only for gold, but anything you like, exchanging its worth for a corresponding amount of chips.

Naturally, things like armor and other personal belongings can be exchanged. However, other things can be exchanged too, including but not limited to: past memories, internal organs, the maximum value of your mana, [Jobs] and [Combat Arts], even your sense of honor or your life. However, abilities that are a disadvantage like [Weakness to Blunt Hits] or [Weakness to Cold] cannot be used as collateral since they are not beneficial and thus have no value.

If you win using the chips received, there will be no problems and the collateral will be delivered safe and sound back to the owner.

But if you lose... the result will be something like this [Jewel-Sealed Ability]. It may contain [Jobs] and [Combat Arts] as well as other abilities, which have no form themselves.

Normally, there is no way to materialize something like this and transfer it to someone else. But we can assume it can be done here through the [Jewel-Sealed Ability], an unique item that can only be obtained in the [Holy Land of Gambling].

These [Jewel-Sealed Ability] are rare. But if you look around here carefully, several can be found.

In other rings, there were only mediocre ones. Only on the last section was it possible to find [Jewel-Sealed Ability] of good quality. That is, it is a rare commodity.

I found one [Jewel-Sealed Ability] with a green light, containing the special ability [Demonic Insect's Natural Enemy] that could be obtained in a [Age of the Gods Dungeon].

For the purposes of the Avenger, it is a very useful ability. It allows for the application of critical damage to certain creatures. Given that this is one of the skills obtained in a [Age of the Gods Dungeon], it is very expensive. But probably because it is a [Jewel-

Sealed Ability] with a relatively low level of utility, it is classified as unpopular.

Because of this, the price is slightly lower, only 3 platinum pieces.

For something of this price, I immediately bought the [Jewel-Sealed Ability] and gave it to Avenger for use right away. While doing so, I thought if it would be good to find abilities that are more easily applicable or useful.

After that, Avenger was surrounded by glow that almost immediately entered into his body. With this he had the ability of [Demonic Insect's Natural Enemy]. Thus, since we have achieved one of our goals here, I decided to look for something else for myself.

Among the exhibited products were a group of items that have stayed here unsold for a long time due to their exorbitant price. In addition, among them are even a few [Jewel-Sealed Ability], which were made here from the lost bets of [Great Heroes] and even [Emperors]. Fragments of their abilities were there, emitting a radiance large enough for my eyes to pop out of their sockets.

At first I thought to buy them, but then changed my mind, deciding that they would still be there after I conquer this place.

Since gambling relies on a luck factor though, stealing this place will not come as easily as before. So I decided I would be content with just successfully completing one of the goals for Avenger here. However, it would be disastrous if I spurge here and as a result there is not enough money in the war chest when I need it. Though when you win, you should do whatever you like.

With this in mind, I headed toward the center of the 5th section, which is located in a recess that allows you to watch all the games around--the place where [Legendary Gambler], the boss of the [Holy Land of Gambling], sat in front of me.

He had rich white hair tied back into a ponytail, with a black vest and a white shirt, upon which laid a neatly knotted butterfly bow tie. On the face of [Legendary Gambler] appeared a fearless smile and he asked me, "What kind of game shall we play?"

The [Holy Land of Gambling] has countless methods of gambling.

The only way to beat [Legendary Gambler] is to choose 3 types among them and win 2 out of the 3 matches. Even if I attack him, there would be no response. I cannot even touch him.

Thus I did not do something useless and chose to play the most popular roulette first.

Nodding, [Legendary Gambler] beckoned to the roulette table rising from the floor.

At the same time, music began, playing to all the visitors in the fifth section that I have issued a challenge.

As the audience gradually gathered, the [Legendary Gambler] laughed, "Actually, roulette is my greatest specialty."

[Dungeon boss [Legendary Gambler] successfully subjugated]

[God Psalm [Holy Land of Gambling] Clearing Conditions [Excessive Victory] [Revenge] [Ultra Luck] have been met]

[Achiever granted a special ability [Probability Control (Probability Oscillation)]]

[As a bonus for the first subjugation, achiever will be awarded a treasure chest [Price of the Bet]]

[As a privilege for conquering, use of the Warp Gate will be enabled]

[Please be careful when using the Warp Gate]

[For those who have awakened the Psalms／The key figures of God's Lost Psalms, a part of the [God of Gambling] divine power will be granted]

[As the collector is an important figure of a Greater God, the quality of the Divine Power collected will be inferior]

[Portions of the Divine Power rejected by this rule will be turned into an object]

[[Yatendouji] has obtained [God of Gambling's Gambling Dice - Noriyuki!!!]]

[Activating the unique ability [Dungeon Plunderer (crying demons of other worlds)], it is possible to seize [Holy Land of Gambling]]

[Would you like to steal?]

"Yes / No"

Placing the received Divine treasure [God of Gambling's Gambling Dice - Noriyuki], radiating a golden glow, as well as 3 treasure chests into the item box, I selected "Yes"

[Special Ability [Dungeon Plunder] has been invoked. At this moment, control of the [Holy Land of Gambling] will shift from the [God of Gambling] to Yatendouji]

[From now on, please manage the dungeon at your own discretion]

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[Legendary Gambler] was strong.

He had a deep knowledge of all casino games, but his incredible talent to control the game can be called perfect.



In this place, where simple force does not work, [Great Heroes / Heroes] [Emperors / Kings], as well as tens of thousands of others who tried to conquer the [Holy Land of Gambling] (and maybe more if you count all the guests who came to have fun) came to this place only to feel the bitterness of defeat and ended being completely penniless.

But due to the fact that in a previous life, among my colleagues I was the one considered a strong player with [Mental Capacity] and [Future Foresight], this time I was able to win.

Frankly, even without using my [Luck], compared to my colleagues, [Legendary Gambler] was weak.

This time the game was troublesome and was going on a bit longer than I expected, but after my two wins [Legendary Gambler] was covered in some kind of white light and broke up into particles with a smile on his face.

"I did not get to eat him" I thought with regret. After eating him, I would have gotten even more useful abilities and I was wondering why he suddenly collapsed.

That is very unfortunate.

But still, I did not think that the experience of losing to my former colleagues will come in handy. In this life everything can help you achieve the victory. After thinking of it, I remembered the battle with the red bear, and how I used [Stink]. I sighed again because I did not get a corpse of [Legendary Gambler]. I renamed [Holy Land of Gambling] to [Funeral Gambling House], and decided to change the interior.

Frankly, I would like to change not only the interior, but everything else, but the local maze is not so simple.

In order to play with the chance of winning or losing, one needs to have the sense and knowledge, that's why the change in the interior was the only change in [Funeral Gambling House].

But still in the store (the place seems more like a pawn shop), I was able to pick up the unsold goods.

And yet, I did not use the ability to change prices (as I do, the spirit of the gamblers will fall away completely), so I just used a huge amount of chips obtained from the victory over the legendary player.

These chips certainly could be exchanged for money, but if you overdo it, there was a high probability to demolish the economy of the Demonic Empire, because the exchange of chips for more than a certain amount holds a lot of complexities.

I used my chips to buy the goods from the store because it was the most convenient way to spend those mountains of currency.

Even after that I still have lots of them, So I will use them to entertain myself here next time.

So this time we made one of our goals, strengthening the Avenger and the company, but I myself gained strength, as well as procured abilities useful for our purpose.

Just completed a bunch of other things. We could of course continue our training, but Redhead and company are waiting for us.

Thus, it was decided to return to the Royal Capital Osvel.

However, we decided to enjoy shopping until the evening.

Thankfully we had an entire mountain of gold.

As expected I was doubting about what to buy. I bought on sale a variety of games that we will be able to enjoy at home.

Roulette and slot machines, dice and cards of course, the rest was bought by me in great numbers.

By setting it all in [Parabellum Hot Springs Village] we will be able to raise even more dependent elves, there is no doubt. And so as to increase the numbers of the usurers in [Debt Hell].

And indebted elves will be ours with all their hands and feet. It will force them to work well to pay their debts.

As a result, the elves will become stronger, and bring us a profit. It gives us the ability to increase their defenses, and trophies and stories about military exploits to decorate their secluded life.

No one will lose.

Gufufufu, being an organizer in gambling feel so much better. It is also necessary to create gambling halls in the kingdoms. To attract not only the nobility, but also the common people.

Seeing through my evil plans Kanami-chan approached and looked at me, with a "Know the limits" expression on her face.

"Its a bit early to think of it" I thought, and nodded in response.

Although my plans did not change.

I bought more magical metals and other souvenirs. And before we could understand it, it was already evening, and again we entered the gates of [Funeral Gambling House].

Going to the bathroom, near the entrance, and making sure that no one was near, I activated the gate warp.

Moving to the control room for the personnel located on the 5th floor, we found there [Funeral Gates].

[Funeral Gates] Allow me to move freely from one captured dungeon to the others, regardless of the distance.

On the right and left side of the gate there are statues of the [Demon King] and [Emperor Demon], which looked as it was about to start moving.

These [Funeral Gates] forms in itself a swirl in space through which you can not look ahead, but there is definitely a different dungeon.

Yes, even extremely long distances can be travelled almost instantaneously.

The existence of these very gates, is one of the reasons why I suddenly decided to conquer other dungeons in different countries.

And in the forthcoming [Holy War] those same gates will play an important role, but it's not about that now.

Whatever was going through the [Funeral Gates], came out very near to the capital of the kingdom, from the dungeon [Funeral Boiler Falls] I conquered.

We have moved to the top floor, where the water roars thunderously falling into a huge pot. Paying no attention to it, we used the portal, and moved to a secret room which was near the exit.

And we went out before the gates closed, and hurriedly left [Aquarium].

This time we did not use transport, and just went running to the capital of the kingdom.

At speeds exceeding a mounted rider, we ran without stopping all the way to the capital.

Before, Avenger and company could not sustain such a speed before the training in dungeons, but now they kept up with us.

There was no way anyone could conquer [Age of the Gods Dungeons] with such a tremendous pace. Except us.

Of course, I still killed the bosses, but the experience from slain monsters was simply enormous.

Avenger and company were like totally different people as they continued to run in the darkness behind us.

Quick access to the capital, and slow enjoyment of the results of our trip.

Of course, there were some surprising events during our journey, but I still got my hands on a lot of different delicacies.

Thinking about how I should prepare them, and assessing our future plans, I moved forward.

DAY 291

Traveling on foot is practical if you have the endurance, but we avoided the high mountains and deep valleys when possible in order to save time. Continuing to run through the night, we had to cut through some dangerous areas but we kept a steady pace and weren't attacked by any nocturnal monsters. Thanks to everyone's determination we arrived at the capital earlier than planned.

However, as a result of our relentless pace, the youngest members of our party – excluding Kanami-chan and I who are still less than a year old – finally gave in to exhaustion. [Usurper] had until recently been living an unhealthy lifestyle and was still quite physically weak, and because [Witch of Mystic Flame] and [Merciful Maiden] both had weaker bodies due to their specialisms it was difficult for them to keep up as well.

Thanks to their leveling up and increased physical abilities, they were just about able to keep up with us although as time went on they began to sweat heavily and their breath came in ragged gasps. As their clothes and armor absorbed the sweat it grew heavier and started to make it harder to run, so they eventually stored most of their clothes in their [Item Boxes] and ended up running nearly naked.

[Usurper] started to dress in comfortable clothes so he didn't really have to do much, but it was quite interesting how few clothes the beautiful young girls [Witch of Mystic Flame] and [Merciful Maiden] ended up wearing.

Their flushed appearance and the sweaty underwear stuck to their skin gave the pair a strange but very erotic appeal.

Well, since there was no one else around to see at the time, perhaps there was nothing for them to worry about.

It would have been fine to slow down the pace, or even stop for a while and take a break somewhere. Whether it was the determination forged through successive Labyrinth conquests or just pure guts, they had become stubborn and pressed on without stopping even though it wasn't really necessary.

Of course, it's not a bad thing to push past your limits as doing so is an important

element for continued growth.

Indeed, the fact that they pushed themselves and managed to keep up with us the whole way is honestly quite commendable.

That said, Avenger and [Cavalier Guardian], a front-line fighter, despite being a girl, both had energy to spare so they encouraged and assisted the others along the way, but even still it was quite a feat.

More likely I think those three persevered so well from the fear that if they made us late I'd inflict some even more brutal training on them!

Judging by the result, and the shadow of terror I caught in their eyes, I think I'm probably right. Well, this topic is probably better left alone.

After all, I barely had any intentions along those lines.

Well, be that as it may, we ended up arriving much earlier than planned. Rather than being late, it's better to be early and then be ready to act on an opportunity as soon as possible.

However because we arrived early, it was still dark and the capital's gates were firmly closed.

In short, we're too early. Damn!

Of course, the lights were lit inside and guards were on duty to keep watch for monsters through the night, but the law forbids opening the gate during the night time.

Even though the guards are there, they won't open the gate at night for anyone except the royal family, so there's no chance they will open it for us.

If it came to it, we could get over the wall without hesitation. However, there's also no real reason to hurry so we decided to wait outside until the sun rises and the gate opens normally.

We could have just used the waiting time to sleep, but it's a bit uncomfortable to sleep outdoors and we were all still hot and restless after the continual running so getting to sleep would have been difficult.

In order to make use of the spare few hours, we left the densely populated area near the capital and went to a forest a ways off to do some light training until the gate opened.

Although it was Avenger's idea, I also wanted to experiment with the [Red Spear] so I agreed.

The pair of us were keen, but Kanami-chan and the others just smiled wryly at us.

It seemed that Kanami-chan and the others were hungry and wanted to eat instead.

Yes I see, that is definitely something I can agree with!

In my Item Box I had accumulated a mountain of ingredients from the recent Labyrinth conquests, so we could enjoy a delicious meal with just some simple cooking.

It might be a bit early for breakfast, but having a meal is really not a bad idea.

That said, it's a natural law that food tastes better after exercise.

Since I hadn't expended much energy just running here, I wanted to have a proper workout first so that the food would taste even better.

Huh? The other members weren't feeling like it? They're saying it's fine to just skip the exercise? No, no, if they do that I'll be stuck with no one to train with! So I'll just order them to do it.

There is no way they will disobey my orders, but while that would force them to train with me it's much better to work with people who are motivated to participate. So, in order to increase their motivation this training session will be held in the form of a game with prizes.

Firstly, the rules. We need to avoid drawing too much attention, as clumsily causing a disturbance could bring the royal army to investigate in the morning. It's probably okay since the capital city is some ways away, but there's still a chance. We could probably politely explain the situation and resolve the matter, but there's no need to cause the locals any anxiety as it could hurt our reputation and damage our future business plans.

So, large scale magic is banned and the fight will be with mostly physical attacks, while avoiding those techniques that are too flashy, generally keep it simple.

Next, the victory conditions: If Avenger and the rest can hit me a certain number of times, it's my loss. If I can avoid their attacks it's my win.

All the same, even in training mode and restricting my ability usage it will be very difficult for them to win, so I proposed a compromise.

The winner will receive a large selection of the best tasting, finest quality ingredients from defeated Labyrinth bosses, allowing the winner to enjoy a huge amount of great food.

If I lose, those who have already been defeated before I lost will receive a smaller proportion than those who are still standing.

So, therefore, the amount of food each person receives will vary depending on their performance.

But regardless of who wins or loses, everyone will receive a minimum amount of good food for their breakfast in order to keep everyone motivated.

It's my hope that this teaches them that if they want to fill their bellies with good food, they need to work not only for their team but also for themselves as individuals.

So after all that, hoping to win some delicious food, we kicked off a pretty serious training bout.

So, in the vanguard against me is Avenger, armed with [Sunlight's Soul Sword, Hisperiol], as well as the items gained from the former Holy Land of Gambling (now renamed Funeral Gambling House) for their victory over the arena champion, [Notorious Indestructible Armor] and [Fate of Attracting Cloak].

Dressed like that, he's really starting to look like the [Hero of Sunlight].

Directly behind him was [Cavalier Guardian]. She was equipped with a [Red Queen's Complete Set] which was obtained by defeating [Red Queen's Rose Knights], (their strength was on par with a floor boss) in the [Blue Rose Garden Keep] (now renamed [Funeral Black Rose Garden]). The set contained:

[Red Queen's Rose Sword]

[Red Queen's Rose Mail]

[Red Queen's Rose Shield]

Their middle guard was [Usurper] dual wielding [Stone Rose Estoc] and [Venom Butcher Knife], both gained in the [Museum of Stone Sculpture] (now renamed [Gallery of Funeral Statues]) from the floor boss [Magnificent Virubiras]. Also wearing a stealth cloak [Shadow Stiched Camoflage], [Usurper] was poised to exploit any chinks in my defense.

The rearguard, [Witch of Mystic Flame], was equipped with several items for the 5th ring item shop in the Funeral Gambling House:

[Dragon Staff of Heavenly Roaring Flame] ([Fiery Dragon Rod])

[Roaring Flame Ring]

[Fine Scarlet Robe]

Similarly, [Merciful Maiden] was also equipped with items from the 5th ring item shop, and she equipped:

[Healing Silver Mace]

[Bracelet of Snake's Regeneration]

[Floating Shield]

This collection strongly reinforced her defenses, allowing her to focus on immediately supporting her teammates when needed.

By now, repeated training sessions with the same group has really improved their coordination, and they have gotten used to the way Avenger fights.

Without needing to speak, they communicate with just the slightest glance or movement. They're learning to read each others intentions which in itself is great progress.

They're now managing to co-operate fluidly at high speeds, even though there are still occasional rough patches they comfortably earn a passing grade.

Kanami-chan has used her racial ability [Summon Ice Blood Familiar], and is joined by [Ice Blood Hydra] and [Ice Blood Sirus], making this a very strong battle formation.

[Ice Blood Hydra] is an intelligent species of dragon, over 30 meters in length and distinctively long and thin, making it one of the smaller varieties of dragon. However, its small body is extremely strong, and it's not called a hydra for nothing. If you cut off one of its heads two more will immediately grow from the wound thanks to its strong regenerative ability. Its scales are tough, reminiscent of red-tinted ice, and so poisonous that any living thing that touches them will immediately die.

Boasting an array of abilities associated with poison and ice, it is a very dangerous creature. It could probably kill a lower level dungeon boss in an instant.

[Ice Blood Sirius] (*lit. [Ice Blood Heavenly Wolf]*), boasts a similar stature to Kurosabrou, and its silvery fur reflects the light, giving it a glittering appearance.

With its fur able to manipulate light, its able to become invisible and on top of that it has a lot of abilities associated with ice, excellent physical speed, and strength. It is far more threatening than the average [Heavenly Wolf (Sirius)].

By attacking blind spots while also invisible, it can tear off an arm or a leg before you even know it's there. With abilities like that it's also probably able to one-shot kill ordinary dungeon bosses.

Of course, let's not forget Kanami-chan herself. I can't let my guard down fighting her, and with her ridiculously strong familiars added in I won't be able to relax for an instant.

There we have the full composition of the Avenger and company. A grand total of six plus two pets against me armed with my two spears, [Scarlet Spear] and [Cursed Spear]. As a result, coming up with some simple rules looks to make this a pretty effective training session.

Unfortunately, before I managed to finish off Avenger and Kanami-chan, they managed to get enough hits on me to win according to our rules. I did knock out the other four and both pets though.

Well, without being allowed to use all my abilities, I guess it's not a surprise.

Still, I got some practice with [Scarlet Spear] as I planned so it wasn't a waste.

Now we've had some good exercise and worked up a healthy sweat, the food should taste delicious!

While thinking about that, I realize that we'd already missed the gate opening time. Still, there was no reason to hurry so we relaxed and started cooking breakfast.

The main ingredient for breakfast was the dungeon boss [Blue Rose Empress Flower], and some selected other ingredients we had collected in the previously cleared Labyrinths. By now we were all starving, so we only made a half-hearted effort at cooking.

For now, our main course is the [Blue Rose Empress Flower], but I'm wondering if we should avoid it. It's human-shaped so eating it could be a problem for Avenger and co.

We started preparing it anyway. Even though it looks like a human, it can be classified as a plant monster, so we briskly chopped it up with a kitchen knife. The feeling while cutting it up varied from part to part. The outside felt like meat, but once past that it felt like cutting a plant's stem. It was a strange feeling, but having dismantled many [Rose Knights] previously there was also a sense of familiarity and I soon got used to it. It didn't leak red blood, so there was nothing to splatter about while preparing. I stored a portion of the prepared food in my [Item Box], and piece by piece we chuckd the remaining pieces into the pot one by one along with the other ingredients and left it to cook.

Bustling about, we managed to fry some vegetables [Fried Roses], [Blue Rose Empress Flower] and [Black Minotaur] simple ham salad, rose fresh herbal tea, [Black Minotaur]'s sirloin, and similar dishes.

As breakfasts go, this one was pretty extravagant.

After everything was ready and just before I ate the first bite, I took the set of [Gambling Dice] out of my [Item Box].

Although [Gambling Dice] are a top level item, they are completely useless in actual battle. This just means that they are a [Sacred Treasure] used in a supplementary role.

Of the various abilities [Gambling Dice] hold, [Roulette Destiny] (lit. [Whimsical

Changing Fate]] is especially useful. In order to invoke this ability, I poured a large amount of mana into the dice while praying for luck.

Once the dice were fully charged, I found a bowl just the right size and threw in the dice. The others watched to see what numbers came up as the dice made a rattling sound rolling around in the bowl.

I thought I heard a faint voice desperately screaming "No Count!", "No Count!", "No Count!" while the dice was spinning. I must have been hallucinating, so best put that to one side...

[Roulette Destiny] has been safely activated, and I had injected ten times as much mana as normally used to invoke the ability, resulting in my body being engulfed with a golden aura.

While thinking "Good, good", I also activated my [Probability Control] and [Luck] abilities.

With all the preparations finally taken care of, I braced myself and tried the [Blue Rose Empress Flower] and [Black Minotaur] raw ham salad.

The [Blue Rose Empress Flower] mixed in with the raw ham allowed me to enjoy several distinct flavors together. Normally the raw ham is just meat, and quite tasty in its own right. However, once eaten alongside the [Blue Rose Empress Flower] meat, it becomes clear that its not in the same class. [Blue Rose Empress Flower] was a meat-like vegetable, fresh and with a crisp texture that was a pleasure to chew. Its deep flavor with natural sweetness was of the finest quality, and it leaves a feeling of satisfaction similar to having eaten meat. On top of all that, the texture, flavor and aroma all varies between each part of the dish, so you can eat it repeatedly and still enjoy new sensations every time.

As everyone was agreeing how delicious the food was, I suddenly learned a bunch of new abilities.

[Ability Learned: [Rose Dance]]

[Ability Learned: [Empress Fragrance]]

[Ability Learned: [Predisposition to Sweat]]

[Ability Learned: [Army of Fragrant Roses]]

[Ability Learned: [Demonic Orge Knight's Self-Defense Techniques]]

It's always good to pick up new abilities, and come to think of it I haven't picked up anything new except from the Dragon Empress and the [Sacred Treasure] since evolving into a Vajrayaksa Overlord.

Having suddenly found a way to increase the chance of gaining abilities, I grinned spontaneously and my tense expression relaxed.

By combining the [Gambling Dice] and [Roulette Destiny], and feeding them a huge amount of magical energy it seemed the overall effect was greatly increased.

Basically, using this method I can greatly increase the chance of gaining new abilities, even as a Vajrayaksa Overlord, so I called this experiment a success.

Of course, the dice might not always come up with such a good result, but I was very glad that I had a way to increase my number of abilities.

Incidentally, if I ate the [Gambling Dice] to gain the equivalent ability, I wouldn't need to physically roll them, but since rolling the dice is one of the ability's conditions, there is some chance that the ability would fail to work if used in that way, so I'll refrain.

Praying for continued good luck, I returned the [Gambling Dice] to my [Item Box], thinking that they would be helping me out a lot in the future.

I enjoyed finishing off the remains of breakfast, delighting in the [Blue Rose Empress Flower]'s rich and delicate flavors. Once we finished eating, we all headed back to the gate, which had already opened and started allowing people in and out.

As usual, we didn't have to stand in line, we simply flashed the royal pass without stopping and went straight in.

While enjoying the familiar sight of the capital, we headed directly to the mansion and let Redhead and everyone know we'd returned.

Without even a taking a chance to rest, I proceeded to the palace alone to meet Tomboy Princess and was taken straight to her as soon as I arrived. After making small

talk for a while, I handed over a new set of dungeon equipment for Boy Knight as previously agreed.

Of course, I kept the most powerful magic items for Parabellum members and I won't give them away, but this time I had accumulated a whole bunch of items from the [Knights of the Rose] so I was able to provide a full set of gear for Boy Knight.

With [Rose Knight Mail], [Rose Knight Helm] and [Rose Knight Poison Lance] all equipped, [Boy Knight] looked just like one of the [Knights of the Rose] himself.

A full set of metal armor is quite heavy, but since these items were all magical they weighed no more than leather armor when equipped.

After a quick bit of sparring, it turned out that not only does the new armor not slow him down, but it actually has a positive effect on his movements which became better than before.

In exchange for these gifts (basically a bribe), Tomboy Princess gave me official permission for the production of alcoholic beverages.

With that problem solved, I hurriedly made my excuses and rushed back to the mansion to get started on building the brewery.

I also contacted the master craftsman we used before (an experienced fellow in his 50s), and let him know that as planned we would be starting work tomorrow.

With the time until tomorrow, I drew up the plans and set about collecting the necessary building materials. All that remained was for the hired workmen and our elves to work diligently and get everything ready.

-Then, it was time to start brewing!

DAY 292

I woke up on a bed in the mansion.

Having the added benefit of a high-end bed, I slept perfectly. The sense of being revived was very enjoyable.

After breakfast with everyone, we at once dispersed to work together with the declared masters on this early morning.

Through past experiences, we had a workforce of experienced comrades whom I immediately picked and attached to the work on the brewery.

The brewery's foundation was made with my ability. I brought wood from one of the floors of [Funeral boiler Falls] and the stone of [Gallery of Funeral Statues], so, in a short time, we have made a very strong brewery.

I left the job of finishing the preparations for the brewery to the Master who is a professional in this case. After finishing other routine work, I decided to appraise my silver arms, which have been transformed into four arms since the evolution.

As a result of [Higher Analysis Objects], it became clear that these new silver arms [Silver Artificial Arm - Airgeatlámh] have already became a part of me.

But still, first and foremost, I want to confirm if it's still a magical item [Legendary] class, because once I gave them [Divine Power], they did not evolve into a [Device Fierce God] like the red spear did.

Title: [Superior Silver hands of furious god (Superior Silver Artificial Arm - Airgeatlámh Vizra)]

Classification: Living God Device / Armor / Artificial Arm

Class: [Phantasmal] class

Abilities: [Arm Blast], [Spell Blast], [Self-Evolution], [Attribute Echoes], [Curse Shot], [Resurrection of the silver Oni (Liberal Melkus)], [Rage of the Lone King (Egrusa-Pull)], [Scorching Heat Condensing Absorption], [Yin Yang Armor], [Instant Self-Healing], [King's Aura], [Monster Arms of the Starving Oni], [█ █ █ █], [█ █ █ █], [█ █ █ █], [█ █ █ █].

Note: Artificial arm created by the gods, once discovered in one of the [Age of the Gods Dungeon]. Currently, became the four arms of [Yatendouji] [Superior Silver Arms of Furious God].

Created together with the formation of [Violent God], it has automatically absorbed some [Divine Power] and divine blood, transforming into a [Device Fierce God].

Keeping the absorption capacity of the old metal, through a variety of gain, it has already become a completely different object.

Destruction (with some exceptions) is fundamentally impossible.

Do you need any more information?

<YES> <NO>

This was the result of the appraisal...

Apparently, it had already become a [Device Fierce God]. Well, yeah, it has been with me for a long time and for me it's just like a real hand, so even as things turned out after my evolution, it does not seem odd to me.

That is, as I have already become too used of having it, that I did not notice the changes.

Well, of course, I needed to be concentrated on the holy war, but to spend time alone is also very good.

I need to know myself in order to prevent unexpected errors. Repented, I decided to give myself some relief.

Having given the team its clones, in order to free some time for myself, I have the benefit of affairs which are still full.

Well, it would be necessary to triple my output, after repeated conquest of dungeons.

The benefits are constantly working, fatigue accumulates quickly.

DAY 293

Yesterday, we began the construction of the wine cellar.

Today, I am helping the workers in hopes of finishing it sooner.

I can easily carry the heavier things, which will save us a lot of time, but for fine finishes I'll have to leave that to the master craftsmen.

I can easily manage all the simple work so I tried my best to hasten the construction.

As a result, with the accumulated experience, among our comrades were the ones who received the profession [Carpenter].

Thanks to the [Sacred Treasure] [Masonry Instruments of the Demigod of Stone Sculptures (Nomad Caster)], which allows you to quickly make the stone into any shape, I was able to quickly build a solid foundation.

Because of the ease of use [Masonry Instruments of the Demigod of Stone Sculptures (Nomad Caster)], I did hesitate slightly whether to eat this item or not.

Although, I will still eat it, but just a little later. I am waiting for this moment with impatience.

Also, I ended up training throughout the day and took the chance to complete some chores and odd jobs.

In general, the whole day was filled with mainly recreational activities, which isn't bad once in a while.

DAY 294

Unfortunately, it began to rain in the morning.

After a short warm-up under the roof and breakfast, a message came from the Tomboy Princess.

About what happened, it turned out she had a job for me.

The subject of this job is to carry out a secret training of the [Heroes] of the Sternbild Kingdom.

In general, the theme of the task is very similar to the one I previously adopted.

I just wonder why this issue suddenly surfaced right now.

More apparently, Tomboy Princess wants to strengthen the [Heroes] forces.

Compared to the Lumen Holy Kingdom, the power of this kingdom is quite weak.

The difference lies in the size of the territory, their industrial power and most importantly the number of [Heroes] that serve in the military.

Although the fighting potential of this kingdom has been restored thanks to the efforts of the Tomboy Princess and the collapse of noble faction, the fact is that this time the enemy is another kingdom, thus the threat cannot be ignored.

Usually, after a country's civil war, allied nations will take advantage of the confusion by extending a helping hand during the chaos. But thanks to an alliance with the Kirika Empire, secured by the political marriage (and given the history of the invasion of the Great Forest and the war with the elves, the union secured another mutual love), the unrest in the country does not exceed a certain level.

Although because state unions are not absolute, there is still tension.

But the leaders of those states should be able to ease this through hard-work.

Although the royal army is strong enough and quite capable of defending themselves against foreign aggressors, if things goes well, there will even be aid from the Kirika Empire.

But after the Holy War, who knows what will happen to the global balance of power.

I'm not going to be a participant in it, especially to join a losing battle, although the future is not decided yet.

Yet, no matter what happens, a holy war will happen and there will be chaos, I guarantee it.

That is because in case of a Holy War, there will be countries that will decide to revise their national boundaries, or bandits that will try to take advantage of the confusion in the political turmoil, and the amount of monsters that appear will increase.

No matter what the situation is, just in the case it's necessary for self-defense, the more power the better. And to get power, military training is still the best way.

Especially considering the fact that this world has a system of levels and jobs, training will show its effect in a short time.

Like it or not, training a large number of soldiers will still take a long time. Because raising the overall level of the force is no simple matter. If this weren't the case, the difference between the forces of the Kingdom and other countries would've been increased even further.

Instead of raising the overall strength of the troops, it is much faster and cheaper to further strengthen [Heroes], which will play an important role in the upcoming conflict. Because even [Heroes] are mortal...

Fortunately, no heroes of the state had died in any of the wars the Kingdom engaged in.

This is good because the [Heroes] are an important national force, and if any of them die, the loss of state power will be tremendous.

Because the risk of a battle with a force equal to or substantially superior to them is a

big problem.

So I became necessary.

Carrying out tasks, I, at least, they do not kill, but the wounds can be cured.

Of course, it is good for the Kingdom to have me training these [Heroes]. And given that they can defeat some opponents for me in the upcoming holy war, it would also benefit me to train them.

Thus, from a rational point of view, since we are not part of the Kingdom's military, I would not be obligated to help. Nevertheless, I decided to accept this task of the Tomboy Princess.

Also another reason is that the Tomboy Princess knew what commodities we require, and came with gifts prepared, making this situation pretty hard to refuse. But the most important reason for us participating is that it would be good practice for the members of Parabellum.

Yet, I feel that the Tomboy Princess has just gotten a little too used to negotiating with me.

Thinking that she might've grown up, I patted her on the head and prepared for the assignment, which will start tomorrow.

Although I have additional plans for 2 days, I will have to start right away.

DAY 295

As soon as we finished breakfast, we met with the Dark Hero.

It seems that today she is in a buoyant mood. Today, in order to do the job, we, together with Auro and Argento, as well as Opushii who has already grown up and learnt to walk together with Redhead, have been invited by the Tomboy Princess to the Amber Palace.

Usually I go with Kanami-chan, but today it seems she had other things, and as a result, for once, I spent some time with Redhead and the children. After all, the relationship of children and parents is also important.

We rode on a [Skeleton Spider] and went to the palace, having a family conversation to pass the time. On arrival, it seems Tomboy Princess and Boy Knight were already waiting for us. After a brief greeting, we headed to some room, located in the palace.

Inside the smartly decorated room, we waited for everyone else.

Three people, including three companions arrived with the Dark Hero and they all looked pretty grim. It was the first time I saw all Four Symbolic Heroes together.

Water Hero looked a little angry, Rock Hero stood at the counter, arms crossed over his chest, Dark Hero had a dangerous smile on her face, and the Wood Hero looked sleepy.

First, during the coup, we drove the Water Hero into the dust with all the members of his group. It seems that the incident is the reason for his dissatisfaction today.

The Rock Hero, as usual was calm. Only there is one important secret, which he knows, because of this, on his face lingers a strange smile.

The Dark Hero, as usual, was absorbed in her fantasies; her smile and fiery glances made my back itch.

Well, and the Wood Hero, had an indifferent look but actually watched me intently.

The Wood Hero, the only representative of the elves among the Kingdom's [Four Symbolic Heroes], has good observational skills; although only slightly, she was able to realize my hidden abilities.

According to rumors, (though I have not fought her) among the [4 Heroes] certainly the strongest is Wood Hero, then Rock Hero, then Dark Hero, and last Water Hero.

The Wood Hero, was absent during the last civil war. Usually she does not make particularly big moves. No, of course she is also taking some kind of action, but that's just trying to avoid anything that she is not interested in.

After living a long time in the kingdom, she has seen a lot of excitement, because of the selected position of the observer.

Well, yes, for long-lived species it is a normal attitude.

Whatever it was, we are seeing each other directly for the first time, so I decided to briefly greet her. Having dealt with cheers, it was decided to immediately go to the combat training.

As expected, the palace is too small for this. Even if we were to hold back, anyway, our battle would certainly have an impact on it.

Restraining ourselves in order to not kill is of course correct, but if we were to restrain ourselves, it would not be training. In addition, the training should be a secret, because we can't make a fuss in the palace.

It is not known where the foreign spies might be hiding.

Thus, leaving the palace without the Tomboy Princess and Boy Knight, who still had work remaining today, I used a [Skeleton Centipede] and went out of the palace.

After passing through the main street, pointing the royal pass at the gate, and leaving the capital city, we headed to the closest dungeon to the Royal Capital Osvel, the Labyrinth City Purgatory. We arrived in less than an hour.

Along the way, with passenger seats, surprised shouts were heard raving about the speed of [Skeleton Centipede], so here, whiling away the time by responding to the various issues, we came to the main gate of the Labyrinth City Purgatory. Safely passing inspection, we hit the town, and headed to the separation of "Ready for Battle

Parabellum."

Normally, the delivery carts used here were [Skeleton Centipede] which served us as a not bad disguise to prevent someone noticing that the Four Symbolic Heroes have gathered in one place.

In addition, all were dressed in coats with strong effect [Hide]. Because even if someone would see the face under the cloak, they should not be identified as [Characters], as well as hats and masks with the effect [Redirecting Attention].

Handing out on the spot communication devices and directions for the dungeon, we parted.

After moving in separate groups, we met again in one of the caves situated here in the [Mine Cyclops], in the reception hall which is located on the 10th floor.

This is the reception hall, which is located a fair distance from the shortest path to the dungeon. Also located here was a lair, where there are large crowds of monsters.

In addition, due to the location of deadly traps here, this place is particularly popular for various uses.

In addition, there is no need to worry about the damage to the surrounding area and if there will be persecutors (spies), they are quite easy to get rid of. Because that, this place is very convenient.

In a sense, it was the best place.

Less than an hour from the time we went, everyone came together again. As expected, of the usual dungeon compared to a [Age of the Gods Dungeon]. Simply put, there is nothing here to detain a squad of heroes. And due to the fact that this dungeon is closest to the capital city, each of the heroes have already, at least once, conquered this dungeon, and there is no place to get lost here.

Well, upon arrival at the reception hall, after quickly removing the monsters and sending Redhead and Opushii to watch out in a corner, I immediately took up the task of the Tomboy Princess. That is the beating of [Characters].

Water Hero group has 6 people.

Rock Hero group has 5 people.

Dark Hero group has 6 people.

Wood Hero group has 4 people.

In total 21 people.

For the first time I found myself surrounded by a crowd of [Characters] and [Supporting Characters].

At this time, we were only doing military training, because of that [Heresy Nemesis] has not been activated; that is, the effects [Eschatology: War of Conquest] will not take place.

This time, I will restrain myself, but at the same time, for the [Heroes], it makes no sense to hold back. This workout is for [Characters] and the company, but at the same time means training for me. So it was a necessary limitation.

Although this limitation, for the characters, was as if to say "you're mocking me," which naturally hurt their pride, and caused outrage.

But the truth is that there is a big gap between our capabilities, and knowing that, on their faces reflected determination. Especially the atmosphere around the group of the Water Hero is different.

Perhaps they dream they will repay me for the previous humiliation.

Well, all right.

I'm armed, with the evolved Scarlet spear, the Cursed spear which has not evolved, as well as the improved Blacksmith-san's Halberd and the Demonic Shark Rope, prepared myself for a fight.

In fact, instead of the Halberd it would've been better to use Hisperiol, since as a weapon, the sword would be stronger.

But yes, Blacksmith-san's halberd, created from stunning materials with exciting techniques is a superb magical object, and I got used to it. But if we compare, as a weapon, it is still lagging behind.

Well, all the same, this time it stopped the sword of the Water Hero [The Sword of the Demigod of Water].

Slightly troublesome when the crowd suddenly rushed me, I had to think a little about their behavior.

So, as a result of the job starting in the afternoon, I faced a pouring attack from all sides.

Well, I'll continue on like this until they have run out of strength.

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Since the beginning of training, there were already a ton of bodies all around me.

Of course nobody is dead, but they were very close.

The Water Hero and his companions attacked me the fiercest in the beginning. As a result, all of their equipment is broken. Of course, most of it is fixable, but it will still be necessary to sell them to get something better.

At that time I'll give them a small discount as a reward for their perseverance.

In the wake of the Water Hero, Rock Hero and his company hit pretty hard, and their equipment broke as well. I'll help him, too, to make allowances for the new equipment, we had the benefit of a good spar.

As expected from the strongest of the heroes in terms of physical attack.

I was pretty surprised that by using a time interval between his comrade's coordinated attack, I was dealt a powerful blow by his [Steel Hammer Isunbaru].

That was even a little painful.

As for the Dark Hero and her team, who were trying to attack my blind spots, their equipment has suffered considerably less.

In some sense, it is quite natural, given that they were almost never in a frontal attack, waiting for the moments when all my attacks were concentrated on the others.

But it was quite troublesome when they sprinkled me with annoyingly accurate attacks.

I am by far the most powerful, but the constant attacks from the darkness by the Dark Hero was quite dangerous.

However, the most problematic opponent was not the hero of Water or Rock, but the Wood Hero.

When I initially observed Wood Hero and her team, all of their stats were at a fairly high level, but most of all their defense attribute stands out.

Thanks to her protection, support for the comrades at the right time, skills, and vast experience, she was able to fend off my attacks so I didn't get a chance to deal with other [Characters].

Of course, it was only training, so I did not hit seriously, but the protection of several layers of wood had sufficient strength to hold off my attacks for a couple of seconds.

A couple of seconds is not much, but for the heroes, this time, was sufficient to escape.

In addition, without the experience of battling in large groups, there were holes in the defense.

But the Wood Hero covers this disadvantage.

She is not only experienced in battle, but is also an excellent commander.

Apparently the title of the strongest among [The Four Heroes] is not just a title.

Well, even with their efforts, they still could not beat me.

As expected, I still took a lot of attacks, but I did not receive any fatal wounds. Most of them were at a level such that I healed them in the duration of the fight.

If I was serious, the result would be quite different, but because this is training, I held back.

That's just how fierce they were. This was probably the first time I had moved so much in a while, so for me it was also a very productive day.

Whatever it was, after a series of battles and exercises, the job was completed.

During the battle, the naturally appearing crowd of monsters perished quickly from blast waves that came from the battlefield. The unexpected increase in experience, of course, was part of my calculations, but the amount that I got was more than expected.

So, the training is over and the best way to celebrate is, well, food. The best time to eat is after a workout. I have personal experience with this, so it is an undeniable truth.

Since I still have a mountain of food, including the Dragon Empress's, it was decided to use ingredients extracted in the dungeons.

Quality is of course quality, and we were lucky, as the Wood Hero got the profession [Royal Chef] - the highest level of the profession [Chef].

The peculiarity of this profession is bonuses in cooking from rare ingredients, and her appearance during the cooking proces was kind of majestic. Because of that I lay some hope on her cooking.

While the food is readying, I decided to start with the booze. Of course, the drink I obtained for the implementation of [History] was not served, but apart from that I still have a lot of other brands.

We had a good drink today, especially the Rock Hero.

In short, the dragon meat was yummy!

Coming from the hands of the [Royal Chef], eating the meat of the dragon is even tastier than before.

Leaving attempts to describe its taste aside, I tried to eat as much as possible, to the benefit of the other members of the company as they were also eating without any constraint. After, I relaxed and admired the clean plates.

I still had a mountain of ingredients, but they were so delicious, the more you eat, the more you want.

Even if there is a lot of food, we cannot relax.

While we enjoyed the food and drink I caught sight of the Water Hero, sitting in a corner and muttering something under his breath.

During the banquet, he became even gloomier than Dark Hero, so the Rock Hero poured him a drink.

Apparently the Water Hero is quite weak to alcohol, and with a flushed face, he pulled back the booze. After a brief struggle, and a pair of bottles, it turned out that he was getting drunk.

Not that I was very interested in that matter, as no matter how drunk the Water Hero was, he was left in the care of his friends.

After that, we, together with Redhead and the company, enjoyed a delicious meal. The Dark Hero topped up my drink, and, with the Wood Hero, we talked about the Great Forest (apparently they have some relationship with Father Elf. Yes, the world is small.), as well as instructed Auro and Argento that there was time to hunt monsters.

In the evening the banquet was over, and just like how we came, we left the dungeon individually, and then assembled together, and returned to the Royal Capital in the [Skeleton Centipede].

I was tired, so today was a very productive day.

Tomorrow, I plan to visit several [Age of the Gods Dungeons], and from there we'll come back to the base in the Kuuderun Great Forest, where I plan to hold a general training session to strengthen the troops there.



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