

**Although I Am Only Level 1,
but with This Unique Skill,
I Am the Strongest**

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Chapter 92

Welcome to the killing

Aurum Dungeon, the first floor.

I who went inside first was defeating the little devils, and continued onwards into the dungeon.

Trying to navigate myself on this maze of a dungeon where the route could not be memorized, I managed to reach the entrance of the dungeon where I could see the appearance of Alice waiting for me.

[Sorry for the wait.] (Ryouta)

[Is it alright for me to just go right in?] (Alice)

[Yeap.] (Ryouta)

I nodded and thus Alice pushed the Magic Cart into the dungeon.

As if changing a scene from an old videotape, the scenery around me changed and was sent to a completely different location where I was previously standing in front of the entrance of the dungeon.

[Even though I've done this several times, I still can't get used to it.] (Ryouta)

[Me too, I was slightly startled by it too.] (Alice)

Alice who was beside me agreed with me.

After she came into the dungeon she was sent flying to the same direction as me.

A rogue dungeon where anyone who enters would change the structure of the dungeon, Aurum.

If you tried to form a party to tackle this dungeon then you're in for a treat as your team would be scattered as soon as you enter the dungeon, the only way I found that would let your team be together with you was to first let someone go into the dungeon

and wait for them to reach the entrance of the dungeon, then the person from outside the dungeon would enter and they would both be sent to the exact same location.

Truly an annoying dungeon indeed.

[So, you found out anything?] (Ryouta)

[Un, it's over there.] (Alice)

I received the Magic Cart from Alice, and we went to the direction that Alice pointed towards.

For those who do not know where they were sent too, they could only randomly walk around the dungeon till they find something.

But with Alice around we won't be lost as she has her brilliant ability.

[As I suspect, there is one. Say, how does it feel?] (Ryouta)

[What do you mean?] (Alice)

[The feeling of knowing the entire layout of the dungeon.] (Ryouta)

Alice holds a special ability.

Not only does it help her know the structure really well, she could also sense where each monsters are. It was that kind of ability.

I'm guessing it must be due to the fact that she was born from inside the dungeon from the womb of her mother, but I can't confirm that.

However, it is clear that she could do it.

[I'm not sure myself either, it just so happens.] (Alice)

[It just so happens, right...] (Ryouta)

[Uhhh, it's like—Aah, a monster has been born.] (Alice)

[Muu.] (Ryouta)

Alice suddenly stopped and stared in front of her.

I hid the Magic Cart behind me and readied my gun.

And we waited for awhile.

[...It didn't appear at all.] (Ryouta)

[Just wait for little while——It's here.] (Alice)

Right in front of us, the ceiling cracked and a little devil came flying out of the cracked ceiling.

The sight was as if the dungeon itself gave birth to the monster.

After the little devil was born, the dungeon's cracked ceiling returned to normal as if nothing ever happened.

I fired a normal bullet, as even if it was born recently it's still a monster, thus I fired a full power shot right from the get go.

Since I expected it to dodge my bullet, I aimed at the place where he would dodge and ran to that direction.

Then, I countered it with a telephone punch.

The punch lined up on the little devil causing a loud smack which made him flew and crashed at a wall.

I could still hear the cry of the monster, it's still alive.

Pan! Pan! Pan!

I fired relentlessly at the hole of the wall and right after a "pop" sound could be heard which meant that the monster disappeared.

In return, a grain of gold dust fell to the ground from the hole.

I proceeded to pick it up.

[You're amazing Ryouta, you showed no mercy towards the monster~] (Alice)

[Is that so?] (Ryouta)

[Un! Plus you look super cool just now. Where you just fired your gun at the wall relentlessly.] (Alice)

[I once took my time to fight it and it tried to run away thus I wanted to make sure to actually finish the killing blow.] (Ryouta)

[I see i see, un, I'll take note of this for future reference.] (Alice)

Alice who was convinced by my explanation nodded in agreement.

After explaining it to her, I went ahead and placed the gold dust inside the Magic Cart to check it's price.

Immediately, a number appeared, <2567 Piro>. *(TLN: Around 22.5 dollar)*

[Wow~, even a grain is worth so much.] (Alice)

[Sine it's real gold, if you could put a first joint pinky worth of this you could probably earn hundreds of thousands.] (Ryouta)

[Ama~zing. I wonder if we could defeat it too, Boney-chan, Jumpy-san.] (Alice)

The SD sized Skeleton and Slime that was riding on Alice's shoulder was replying something to her.

[I see, so everyone has to partake in fighting it.] (Alice)

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She then continued onward.

Along the way a little devil appeared, and before it could escape she defeated it.

It can be said that 1 gram would be worth around 3.5K Piro, and after reaching the stairs of the dungeon, we had already earned around 58,121 Piro.

Not only is this even higher than a full cart worth of bean sprouts, but when I looked inside the Magic Cart, I could barely see it being filled.

[This is honestly amazing, I wonder how much will it be if we filled the Magic Cart full of golds.] (Alice)

[Maybe a few billion, or maybe even tens of billions? Since the weight is lighter than vegetables and the price is much more higher.] (Ryouta)

[Eeeeeehh!?!?! That much?] (Alice)

[That's how it is.] (Ryouta)

Well I don't think we could collect that much though.

Even for me, if I were to do it at this pace, I'm afraid it would be at a level of me working till I drop dead for a month in order to fill up the cart.

Imagine putting a grain of sand inside a huge box, metaphorically speaking it would be something along the lines of that.

Obviously I won't have to filled it to the brim to exchange it for a huge sum of cash.

[Well then, shall we head down.] (Ryouta)

[Un! Aah, after we reached the end of the stairs, there would be a monster awaiting us.] (Alice)

[If that's the case I'll head down first, and after I finish dealing with it you can come out.] (Ryouta)

[Roger that~] (Alice)

I'll face whatever comes in my way, as I load all of my types of bullets and went down the stairs while holding onto my guns.

Aurum Dungeon, the second floor.

As soon as my feet step foot on the ground, the scenery changed once again.

Wait, even going down floors change the structure!?!

The moment I realised what's going on I was already at the middle of a huge empty room.

The room was as large as a gymnasium, and a huge amount of monsters were present.

The monsters had a similar appearance to the little devils from above, but the only difference was the colour of the skin.

Taking a quick glance around me, there were around three digits worth of monsters.

A monster house——the words suddenly float on top of my head.

A ball the size of a fist suddenly flashed right in front of my eyes. I instinctively guarded it and was damaged by it, the feeling was similar to being hit by a dodge ball.

It wasn't just once, but all of the monsters fired it at the same time.

Inside the empty hall similar to a gymnasium, I was being hit by the light ball in all directions.

The attacks were never ending, and the light made it difficult to see.

Without thinking I immediately formed a shape of a turtle, I can't even see it plus there were too many, thus I could only wait until the rush of light ball ends.

Luckily the damaged weren't that painful.

The balls continued to be fired towards my body which made my body numb, but it wasn't to the extent where I sustained heavy injuries.

While guarding, I made sure to inject myself with Recovery Bullet and continued to take the onslaught of light balls.

I don't know how long time passed, but my sense of time had been disarrayed, and the number of light balls has decreased sharply.

I looked up and immediately held my guns——and my eyes caught hold of the different coloured little devils, and waved my hands to block the light balls.

After guarding that, it's time for my counter attack——afterwards.

The little devils were immediately killed.

After being hit mid air I could hear something similar to a glass breaking, and the

monster was shattered to pieces. What's the meaning of this?

From beside me another ball of light was shot towards me, in order to block that I fired a bullet at it, and it pierced through the ball of light and went straight towards the little devil, shattering it.

After looking at them closely, at first there were many—there were around more than hundreds of those devils roaming around the monster house, but now it was reduced to half of that number.

The remaining ones were flashing red.

For the remainder that were flashing red—Hya!

I took out the Tears of Slime from my pocket, and it was also blinking red like the rest of the monsters.

There were two effects for the Tears of Slime that was dropped by the rogue monster of the High Guts slime.

First was after being damaged by someone, it could track their location, and the other was to reflect back the damage being dealt by the user.

Since I was holding onto it, I turned into a stick.

More balls of light flew towards me, and the moment those hit me, one of the little devil lost its strength and fell to the ground.

It's funny that they were the one's killing themselves by firing the balls of light towards me.

Thus I did nothing at all and stood still.

And after three minutes past.

[I guess it's finally over.] (Ryouta)

Standing in the middle of the huge gymnasium like place, the last monster that was

reflected by the damage fell.

In return, the ground was filled with shinies.

[So the second floor is also gold dust huh.] (Ryouta)

I immediately went around and pick up the gold dust.

The second floor of Aurum's drop is the same as the first floor where they drop gold dust.

Though I was inside the monster house for a moment, but I didn't even do much and had already earned around 300k worth of Piro from the gold dust.

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If the wind blows, the bucket makers will prosper

I was busy earning money as usual for today, and after earning approximately 1 Million Piro I decided to leave the dungeon.

Though I've located the stairs to the third floor, I decided to leave it for tomorrow and turned back.



In front of the dungeon entrance, there were villagers gathered, keeping watch.

I handed over the Magic Cart to Ena, who was hurriedly dispatched by the trading shop <The Swallows Repayment>.

Ena then took out the gold dust from within the Magic Cart and weighed it.

[Okay, it's 1022134 Piro~] (Ena)

[[[Ooooo!!!]]]

After calculating it, another shop assistant brought in a safe, and once he confirmed the amount he handed the money over to me.

The dungeon drops, and then purchasing from it.

The villagers cheered as they were looking at the most orthodox scenes of this world's production activities.

[Are you gonna earn money like this.]

[Immediately receiving the money like this is great.]

[I want to head over to the dungeon tomorrow too.]

The villagers showed admiration and their tensions were further increased.

[Th, this too please.] (Aaron)

The next in line was Aaron who stood in front of Ena.

He also had a fair share of diving into Aulum several times, so I asked him to assess the gold dust that he'd gotten to Ena.

[Everything is 24932 Piro~] (Ena)

[Ooo...] (Aaron)

After receiving the money directly onto his palm, he was overjoyed, his body trembling in excitement.

Another person who got into the dungeon also brought the gold dust.

With this I hope that the villagers of Indole would understand the flow of transactions of getting drops from dungeon and selling it to the store.

[Alice, are there any alcohol in this village? If possible the more the better.] (Ryouta)

I asked Alice who was standing next to me.

[Alcohol? Uun, I think the head villager, Karon-san and Mirau-san, would have them. Since they would stock up for the annual village festival.] (Alice)

[If they are being used for a festival, I think that amount should be enough, is it possible to buy all of the stock?] (Ryouta)

I then show the earnings for today to Alice, which was around 1 Million Piros.

[I think that should be enough...] (Alice)

What's with that face? She was looking at me with a strange expression.

[I would love to have a party as soon as possible using this money of course.] (Ryouta)

[That's just ridiculous.]

A woman suddenly came from behind and started talking.

It was a grandmother who looked around 70 years old, holding a cane.

[And you are?] (Ryouta)

[I'm Mirau.] (Mirau)

[Aah, I've heard from Alice that you were stocking up on alcohol.] (Ryouta)

[Yes. If our benefactor is opening a banquet, then by all means please use our sake.]
(Mirau)

[Thank you for that offer, then without further—-.] (Ryouta)

[You don't have to pay us a single cent, since the benefactor is the one ordering it.]
(Mirau)

[[[That's right!!!]]]

After Grandmother Mirau finished saying, several villagers agreed in unison.

Though I understand why and am happy, but then there wouldn't be any meaning to all this.

[Thank you so much, I'm really grateful but please accept the payment as well.]
(Ryouta)

[No no, if it's our benefactor...] (Mirau)

[If that's the case I won't open this banquet.] (Ryouta)

I straightforwardly spoke and freaked them out.

Grandmother Mirau had a troubled look for a moment but hurriedly accepted it.

[I understand, benefactor-sama is too kind with his words.] (Mirau)

I took out the money and handed it to Grandmother Mirau.

Words then got out to Karon-san and the head villager, and the two came and said [We don't need the money] but I forced them to receive the money.

Since the alcohol is cheap, and even with the 1 Million Piro we still had money remaining, so I used the remainder to buy ingredients and handed it all to the head villager.

And thus the villagers were looking forward to the party.

[Hey hey Ryouta, why did you insist on paying?] (Alice)

[Well, it was around half a year ago when I was traveling abroad, and at that time the business trip had the same vibe as the villagers here.] (Ryouta)

[????] (Alice)

Alice tilted her neck as she wondered what I was talking about.

I don't think she would understand right away, but sooner or later she would come to understand.



The banquet was held at the village square and everyone was getting exciting over it, and Ryouta was drinking with the villagers.

Mirau was calling a villager named Play, and spoke at the corner of the square.

[What is it Granny Mirau.] (Play)

[Play, your carpenter's arms aren't rusty right.] (Mirau)

[Of course, you want to repair a house?] (Play)

[I do not care about the house of an old granny like me. Anyways, I want you to build a house at the back of my house. When the dungeon first appeared, I was informed that my son would come back home.] (Mirau)

[Ooh, I'm happy to hear that.] (Play)

[Thanks to benefactor-sama who bought our sakes, is this amount enough?] (Mirau)

Mirau then handed a bill to Play.

[Just so you know, this amount is just enough for me only.] (Play)

[I know, I will also pay for the material cost, it's right here. I will order it tomorrow.] (Mirau)

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[Then I'll gladly accept this. Leave it to me, I will build a good house for your son.] (Play)

Play puts the money in his pocket, and Mirau took her cane and went back to the circle of people.

[P~L~A~Y~]

[Gaah! Oh it's just you Lisha, are you trying to scare me to death.] (Play)

[Hey hey~] (Lisha)

A middle-aged woman called Lisha held her hands out towards Play and showed her palms.

[Wh, what is it.] (Play)

[Don't play dumb, I saw that just now. Since you got paid then use that to pay for my house now.] (Lisha)

[Ar, are you gonna take it all? If you do that then I would—] (Play)

[Pay the money now, you can put it again from tomorrow.] (Lisha)

[Uuu, I, I understand... Kuuu...] (Play)

Play took out the money that he just pocketed and handed it over to Lisha.

[1, 10, 100, 1000... Okay, here's your change.] (Lisha)

[The change isn't even more than 500 Piros?] (Play)

[I said that you can put it again next time. Money is fine too, but when you have money you better pay up. Is that clear?] (Lisha)

[Yes...] (Play)

[Good.] (Lisha)

Leaving Play behind, Lisha returned to the circle of people.

There was a young man among them.

His name is Ginis, the brother of Lisha.

Lisha was sipping on some sake while the quiet brother was sitting beside here.

[Here you go.] (Lisha)

[Onee-san... Eh? Where did you get such a large sum of cash?] (Ginis)

[I got it from Play, it's the payment of the remaining sum for our house.] (Lisha)

[Heh, he's been paid well huh.] (Ginis)

[If it's this much it should be enough right?] (Lisha)

[Eh?] (Ginis)

[It's your marriage between you and Kiki. This should be enough right?] (Lisha)

[Th, that's true too, but...] (Ginis)

[Do not keep a woman waiting, and don't hold back just because we're siblings. Quickly get married with Kiki and make her happy already.] (Lisha)

[Well, that's right...] (Ginis)

[If you understand that then quickly go and propose already! I'll deposit the money to you tomorrow. There would be many things to do for the wedding ceremony so be

ready.] (Lisha)

[Bu, but if Kiki says no...] (Ginis)

[Do you know what the villagers say to the two of you every time, just go and do it now!] (Lisha)

[I, I understand!] (Ginis)

Ginis was driven out by Lisha, immediately he went straight to Kiki, his childhood friend who was drinking alcohol while eating the cooked food.

And——



[Sa, Satou-sama!]

While drinking sake with the head villagers and explaining about the economic activities centering on the dungeon, a pair of man and woman came to us.

The girl's name was Kiki, who came to pour sake several times, and the other was the first time I saw a boy being so thin.

[And you are?] (Ryouta)

[My, my name is Ginis. Uhm, Satou-sama!?] (Ginis)

[Un.] (Ryouta)

[Please become a matchmaker for us!] (Ginis)

[Matchmaker? Are you two getting married?] (Ryouta)

Ginis nodded, and on the other hand Kiki was embarrassed, contrary to what she was doing until a while ago.

However there weren't any hatred behind it. Rather, it made me happy to see this happening as this is how life was suppose to be lived.

[I see, congratulations to the both of you.] (Ryouta)

I raised the glass containing sake and spoke words of blessing.

And remembering something, I asked the head villager.

[Are you sure it's alright for me to be the matchmaker? Won't it be bad with the villagers?] (Ryouta)

[What are you saying, it would be an honor if Benefactor-sama were the one being it. Hence why Ginis came all the way here to ask.] (Head villager)

[I see. Just so you know I'm still single but are the both of you okay with that?] (Ryouta)

[That's no problem too, there is nothing wrong unless you're married in this area.] (Head villager)

[Oh, okay.] (Ryouta)

I nodded. Taking the two cups that hasn't been touched by anyone's mouth, I poured sake and handed it over to Ginis and Kiki.

[I'll gladly be the matchmaker for the both of you. Congratulations.] (Ryouta)

[Thank you so much!] (Kiki)

[Thank you so much.] (Ginis)

The two person who appreciated me helping cheered and drank the sake.

The two of them held hands. I don't know whether it's because of the sake or they were happy, but their faces were bright red.

As I was looking at the two soon-to-be married couple, Alice was suddenly sitting next to me.

[And that is how it is.] (Ryouta)

[???) (Alice)

Alice did not understand the slightest.

In the case of such a stagnant village, if you throw up a large sum of money at once, it will be moved dramatically.

In the case of the overseas business trip before, the millions of money brought by Japanese companies were circulating around the city, and brought the city's halt of economy to a move for a while.

And there are several circulation, marriage is one of them.

The extremely happy Ginis and Kiki.

I do not know how the 1 Million Piro flowed around, but I was convinced that it is about to travel around a lot.

More than anything, I'm sure that the 1 Million Piro that was used up will be beneficial to this village economic as time goes by.

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Two Types of Barrage

Aurum Dungeon, Second floor.

A barrage flew through a long and narrow straight road.

Bright bullets descended as if it was raining bullets.

At the entrance of that narrow path, Alice and I took cover against a wall.

Those balls of lights that did not hit us flew straight into the wall of the dungeon, causing a rapid succession of small explosions.

[Ahead of this road leads us to the third floor right?] (Ryouta)

[Yes, I'm 100% certain. After we pass through here we'll see it soon.] (Alice)

The fellow monsters that were riding on Alice's shoulders nodded along with Alice.

That face doesn't seem to be lying. As we confirmed the location, I furrowed my eyebrows—the next barrage of light bullets started again.

[It's impossible to get rid of this.] (Alice)

[It's not at a level where it's impossible, but there will be a lot of fractured bones in the process. What's more, the faster we break through this the better.] (Ryouta)

[We're gonna break through?] (Alice)

[Yeah, watch and learn.] (Ryouta)

In order to show Alice, who has not been on the second floor before, I confirmed that I was equipping the <Tears Of Slime> and entered the pathway instead of taking cover from the wall.

The bright bullets poured down to my body, and taking the constant bombardment of bullets in like water did not help as it was difficult to advance ahead.

I did not force myself to proceed ahead.

I slowly move forward while recovering myself with the Recovery Bullets.

After a minute of the bright bullets shooting at me, I felt something appear inside the pouch that I was carrying.

At first it was sparse, but as time goes on the amount gradually rose.

And at that moment, the barrage of bright bullets gradually became thinner.

At first it seemed that you can't walk properly as if you had a sprain, but gradually the barrage diminished and you could run.

As I passed through the path, the barrage completely lost its appearance and the monster was nowhere to be seen.

Instead, the pouch was a little more solid than before.

I held it on my hand and check the weight, just by advancing roughly around 50 meters in front and I've roughly earned around 150K Piro.

What's more I've only used up 2 Recovery Bullets.

Just by advancing and recovering twice, I've already earned 150K.

The second floor of Aurum, maybe it's a floor that is compatible with me.

[So awesome~, doing it like how you done it seemed easy.] (Alice)

[Well that is if both your HP and Endurance is at S and you're equipping the Tears of Slime.] (Ryouta)

[...Wait, so only Ryouta is the only one capable of pulling it off?] (Alice)

[I think Alice can do it too, if you have the Guts Slime as your friend.] (Ryouta)

[Is it that child that can't be killed in a single shot, I got a feeling that girl doesn't want to be my friend.] (Alice)

[So you can understand the likability of each monsters too?] (Ryouta)

[Somehow~] (Alice)

Alice firmly nodded while saying that.

When it comes to something in the dungeon, when Alice said something like [somehow] it sounds really stupid.

If that were the case, then her saying [somehow] would mean that the probability of finding the way is 100%, and where the monsters are at would be more than 90%.

Well if you put it that way, I guess same thing can be applied whether a monster can be her companion or not.

Thus, we continued advancing while being lead by Alice with her [somehow] senses and before we knew, we reached the third floor.

[I'll go first.] (Ryouta)

[Hey, when Ryouta goes down to the next floor, it seems that the structure of the previous floor would remain the same.] (Alice)

[Oh, is that so?] (Ryouta)

While stroking my chin, I thought if that were the case then if everytime I enter the dungeon and changing the dungeon's entire structure, if I were to put it more accurately, it's that the structure will change every time someone enters a floor.

Now that I think about it, if someone enters the dungeon, it means that they are stepping foot into the first floor, so our judgement was wrong, it's actually just the floor that changes, not the entire dungeon.

[And with that, let's have Boney-chan and Jumpy-san do some work~] (Alice)

[...Aaah.] (Ryouta)

I realised as I wrapped my hands into a fist and lightly hit it against my other palm.

[Is it the same as when we rescued the villagers?] (Ryouta)

[Yup!] (Alice)

[You're smart~] (Ryouta)

[Ehehe... then that's that.] (Alice)

[I'll leave it to ya.] (Ryouta)

Thus I went into the third floor first.

The moment I stepped foot on the floor, the scenery around me changed and the steps

that I came down could no longer be seen.

I stayed still, and after awhile the scenery around me changed.

Because it was the start of the floor, I waited while removing my pouch, and the scenery continued changing one after another.

One floor above me was Alice using her friendly monsters to change the dungeon's structure again and again.

After repeating the process for about 10 times, I could see the staircase again.

[Sorry for the wait~] (Alice)

[No probs.] (Ryouta)

Alice then trotted down from above.

At that moment, the structure of the third floor changed again, and the two of us were blown off into somewhere.

A monster appeared.

[Uwa! There's a lot of them!] (Alice)

[Is it another monster house again?] (Ryouta)

We were inside a large space similar to a gymnasium, and inside there were little devils which had the same form as the ones above.

A unit of little devils waved their hands and shot a bullet.

Unlike the bright bullets on the second floor, surprisingly it was a black ball this time.

Looking into the black ball was like looking at [a black hole that reflects no light] that I saw on the internet before.

[Aand they are all long-range attack, how convenient. Alice, hide behind me.] (Ryouta)

[Roger!] (Alice)

I confirmed that I was equipping the <Tears of Slime> properly before receiving the black ball up front while in a position of protecting Alice.

[——-Gaha!]

Instantly, a shock hit my brain.

In that moment everything in front of me was white. I have no idea what's going on right now.

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[Ryouta!] (Alice)

[——-Haa!] (Ryouta)

[Are you alright Ryouta!] (Alice)

[No problem!] (Ryouta)

I noticed that the corner of my mouth was wet, so I wiped it with the back of my hand. It was actually stained with blood as it was sticky.

[Damage? What's more it was a huge damage.] (Ryouta)

[Is that so?] (Alice)

[Yeah... it's been awhile since I had taken such damage... Was it even more than the Dungeon Master previously? No it can't be.] (Ryouta)

Looking around, the monster house was filled up with little devils moving around.

There were roughly around 50 of them.

The firepower of the monsters were somewhat different but most of them were the same.

Does that mean all of them are stronger than the Dungeon Master?

[That's just stupid.] (Ryouta)

The same line left my mouth again.

The black balls flew once again, this time they were three.

While protecting Alice, I avoided two and purposely let one hit me.

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Again the impact penetrated my brain, this time I had to clench my teeth to regain consciousness.

[Ryouta!] (Alice)

[I'm alright...] (Ryouta)

I used a Recovery Bullet on myself to recover my stamina.

[There's no doubt, their firepower is higher than the Dungeon Master.] (Ryouta)

[Is that... Eh? Different?] (Alice)

[What do you mean by different?] (Ryouta)

When I asked Alice, I saw the monsters from behind Alice's back appeared, it was the SD sized Skeleton and Slime.

[It's a magic attack?] (Alice)

[What do you mean by that?] (Ryouta)

[Etto, physical attacks are physical, whereas magical attacks are mental.] (Alice)

[.....I see now!] (Ryouta)

I immediately understood the situation.

All this time it was at F as I didn't have time to level it up, but as my endurance was for physical defense, my mentality is for magic defense.

And since I've only increased my Endurance to S, my Mentality was still at F.

Which means... on the third floor of Aurum, I'm just your average Level 1 adventurer.

This is bad, this is seriously bad.

[It's bad right.] (Alice)

[Yeah, let's get out of here—] (Ryouta)

As I said that, black balls flew from all directions.

It was the same as the time at the second floor where a barrage of bullets were flying from all direction.

If I were to receive all of this—even with my HP being S, I might die!

[—!—] (Ryouta)

[Hyaan!] (Alice)

I clenched my teeth and turn around and used my arms and hold onto Alice.

And—it was dodged.

The Black Balls that were flying over, the Magic Balls were dodged.

The bullets then had nowhere else to go and penetrated through the wall, leaving small explosions. The power was similar to the light balls from the floor above.

The power is the same, it's just that the difference for my Endurance and Mentality is too far.

If I were to be hit by even more than 1 of it, I might die.

But.

Even if my Mentality is at F, my Speed ain't.

[Ryouta] (Alice)

[Please hold on tightly!] (Ryouta)

Hugging onto Alice tightly I swam through the barrage of bullets.

The bullets that were constantly shooting like bullet rain were being dodged by me with my full speed being used.

[Amazing...] (Alice)

Alice was stunned and rolled her tongue as she saw my movements.

Of course I didn't just dodge, as I was dodging I would find a gap and with my other hand I fired my gun.

While using my full strength to dodge I went all out and head shot the little devils that were firing the black balls.

Their heads burst one after another and they disappear, dropping a bright yellow golden dust along the way.

My concentration force gradually increased to the limit and I entered the zone.

I could see, hear and feel all of the monsters surrounding me.

Keep dodging, keep shooting.

Again dodging, and shooting.

I repeated the process.

[Awesome... it's like a dance.] (Alice)

I began going all out, and made all the monster extinct while sustaining zero injuries, and being extremely fatigued that ever—-basically I was exhausted.

The earnings for today flew by three folds, it was 300K Piro.

Chapter 95

Getting even stronger

After walking along the straight path for some time, I could see in front of me a wide area.

Even though it's deep within the dungeon, the area looked like a gymnasium.

In that wide area, there were a lot of little devils roaming around.

Loading my normal bullets, I took a stance and aimed at them.

The wide area——I did not enter the Monster House but instead stood at the road.

Even though I could only see a few of them from here, but I still took aim at the little devils and shot them from a distance.

One shot, one kill.

My senses heightened as I concentrated on head shooting them one after the other.

After being shot, they fell to the ground and after disappearing they dropped a gold dust, and the gold dust was automatically sucked into my pouch.

Because I was surveying the dropped item for each floor, I brought along the pouch.

The little devils started noticing me and came to my direction one after another, and fired their black balls.

I too won't lose to them as I fired back at them.

The bunch of little devils were firing the black balls like machine gun towards me, but I dodged them all and fired back with my normal bullet.

It was like a shooting scene in a movie.

It'll be bad if I were to be hit since my Mentality is at F, thus dodging was my first priority in this fight.

Dodging and firing, after firing dodge again.

Repeating that over and over again, I swept away the little devils.

[In total there were 57 of them, and roughly I earned 200k Piro?] (Ryouta)

I confirmed the amount by roughly weighing the heavy pouch using my hands.
So one Monster House is equivalent to around this amount huh.

As of right now 200k Piro would be my earnings, but today's objective isn't to earn money.

I then went in the empty gymnasium and keep my guns.

After waiting for around 3 minutes, another little devil appeared.

The ground cracked and light was shining through the light as they appeared from within the ground as though a plant sprouted there.

It did not come close to me, instead it fired a black ball towards me.

I guess it's cause he is a long range monster.

I easily avoided the black ball.

When I avoided it he shot another one at me, and I easily dodged that one too.

Since it's just one of them and what's more the speed of the ball was slow so it was easy to avoid them.

Without attacking back I continued dodging, and another little devil appeared. This time the ceiling broke and it crawled out from the cracked ceiling.

That little devil then started shooting black balls at me, and it became two of them shooting at me.

The shooting doubled, but I did not attack and continued avoiding the attacks.

This is still easy mode.

The more I delayed attacking the more popped out, there's 3, then 4, then 5...

The little devils continued to multiply and the number of balls shooting at me increased.

I slowly accumulated the monsters one after another without attacking them but just avoiding their attacks.

They further increased, eventually it was a barrage of balls firing at me, and my concentration power was at it's highest.



One corner at the village, the <Swallow's Repayment> was set up.

Since the trading shop <Swallow's Repayment> was quickly put up, before an official one could be built the one right now was just a temporary store using a tent.

And inside the tent, I was receiving treatment from Ena.

There was another female employee inside the tent, and she was sitting behind the counter watching over the store.

[I was surprised~, that the gold digger Satou-san would get an injury. Or more like this is the first time I've seen Satou-san getting injured.] (Ena)

[Is that so, I remember the first time coming to the shop I was also injured. It was around the time when I was still hunting down bean sprouts.] (Ryouta)

That was way way back when I first came to this world, where I wanted to rent a house for Emily and thus in that three days I worked nonstop to earn 20k Piro to rent a house for her.

I even remembered I was covered in dirt and my outfit was tattered but I continued on hunting more bean sprouts.

Plus I did not have a gun at that time, and without the Recovery Bullet to recover my injuries I came to the store with injuries all over my body.

[Well that's cause I wasn't familiar with Satou-san at that time~] (Ena)

[Ah, I see.] (Ryouta)

[Hey hey, is Aurum really that dangerous? To the point where Satou-san would get injuries?] (Ena)

[The first floor is still alright, I could normally solo it. Whereas for the second and third floor, having a party would be better to take on those floors.] (Ryouta)

[Is that so?] (Ena)

[Yeah, if you go solo then---] (Ryouta)

I stopped Ena from treating me and took out my guns.

I picked up a stone that was rolling on my feet and gently threw it in front of me.

And with my dual guns I fired!

PA! PA! PA! PA! PA! PA~N! And I fired around 12 bullets from each side and *purposely missed my shots*.

Afterwards I reloaded. Being familiar with it I quickly reloaded the bullets.

Loading 12 bullets inside, I fired.

Again I reloaded another 12 bullets.

Fired and reloaded another 12 bullets again.

In total, 48 shots.

It was the max amount of little devils I could avoid without being injured while shooting them.

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The bullets that I shot were all Homing Bullets. The 48 shots that I purposely missed

my shots changed their orbit and successfully hit the stone.

Stardust.

This was what I came up with when I defeated Nihonium's Dungeon Master, it was a technique where I fired Homing Bullets repeatedly all at once like a meteor rain.

The 48 shots would all home into the stone and continuously hit it till it broke.

It was to the point where the stone is nowhere to be seen again.

[Well it's something along the lines of this while I'm fighting. That's why having a party is unnecessary.] (Ryouta)

[.....] (Ena)

[Ena?] (Ryouta)

[Etto, I'm sorry. So you're saying for the second and third floor you have to constantly do that in order to clear the mob?] (Ena)

[Yeap.] (Ryouta)

[And you just finished hunting and came back from there?] (Ena)

[Today's gold dust were all from the third floor. How much is it all worth?] (Ryouta)

[A little less than 50k.] (Ena)

[That's surprisingly a reasonable amount.] (Ryouta)

[Wait, then how did you deal with the monster's attacks?] (Ena)

[I just dodge them. And sometimes I could not dodge it this happens.] (Ryouta)

I showed Ena the injury she was treating and smiled.

[You, you dodged them?] (Ena)

[Well it's not at a level where I can be proud yet. The max I could dodge was 48 of them, anymore and I might not be able to survive.] (Ryouta)

[No no that is plenty enough. And I thought you were joking when you said you dodge them.] (Ena)

[Even though it's amazing but the safety of this dungeon cannot be guaranteed yet...]
(Ryouta)

I bitterly smiled.

The reason why I was training my dodging skills was because, what if I were to face a really strong monster that even if I obtained S in Mentality, I could not take much of its damage, it's for that kind of moment.

Even with my Stamina being S, the Dungeon Master still packed a punch, and even if my Mentality were to be S, it was highly likely that there are gonna be monsters that could exceed that threshold and damage me.

Thus it's important to not just blatantly take the damage, it was better to train in dodging the opponent's attack.

[For this training it's also best to take a rest. The Recovery Bullets that I had—I'm afraid that I'll run out of Healing means.] (Ryouta)

[That's right~] (Ena)

Ena stood up, and went to where the shattered stone was, and tried to pick up the remaining debris.

[Like this stone, even with the same attack being hit over and over again, there were some places that did not receive much damage.] (Ena)

[Eh?] (Ryouta)

[Eh?] (Ena)

[...Aah.] (Ryouta)

[Ah...?] (Ena)

Ena had a strange look on her face.

I went close to Ena, held her hands and look straight into her eyes.

[Thank you Ena! There something like that too!] (Ryouta)

[Eh, eeh?] (Ena)

[Thank you! Really thanks a bunch !] (Ryouta)

I'll come again, as I waved goodbye to Ena and went back to the dungeon.



Ena who was left behind and seeing Ryouta off, her facial expression gradually changed.

[...Really, guys are really...] (Ena)

Watching Ryouta's back as he was leaving, I wrapped my hands and clenched them. I then placed my hands near my chest as if I was a nun praying.

[When you're talking about the dungeon it's as if you became a child.] (Ena)

[You look like a girl in love.]

Shut up, it's as if you care about such things.] (Ena)

Ena who was pointed out by her colleague sitting at the counter, had her face dyed bright red.

It was the same time when she was teasing her best friend, but she had casual response.



Aurum Dungeon, the second floor.

Monster House.

I was dancing around in the barrage of light balls.

The density and orbit of the barrage was exactly the same as the third floor, the only

difference was this is a physical attack, and it was hardly effective against me with S in Endurance.

So I dodged them without being hit.

45, 46, 47, 48.....

The monsters that weren't knocked down increased rapidly.

It was beyond the limit which I could dodge and finally a light ball hit me.

It could hardly be called an injury, and I breathed deeply and kept on going.

As Ena pointed out, even though it's the same barrage but I won't be damaged here.

I had not once thought of training here, since being hit by a physical attack was nothing it had not come to me that training here would be a better idea.

After realizing that, I decided to train here.

Although it was safe as it was just a small damage, but I had the same mentality as when I was in the third floor where [I would be dealt a great damage if I were to be hit].

The training continued till evening, and even with 60 of them it was possible to keep going without being in danger.

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Because there's three person

[This is the last it seems.] (Alice)

[Is that so?] (Ryouta)

[Un, there's no more stairs leading to another floor below.] (Alice)

[So in total there's 4 floors, it's rather shallow.] (Ryouta)

Shikuro's dungeons were all 10 floors and over, even Selenium, the place that was born had more than 10 floors.

Compare to Aurum which only had 4 floors, it truly was shallow.

[Well then, what would the monsters be like on this floor.] (Ryouta)

Thus, I double checked my gears and equipment whether I had enough bullets.

I noticed Alice was staring at a direction which had a corner.

[What's wrong?] (Ryouta)

[Eve-chan is really strong huh.] (Alice)

Alice seriously said.

Eve was currently on the second floor.

Reason why was cause she said she was bored and decided to follow us into the dungeon, and after reaching the second floor she left us and stayed there.

[With just a chop she manages to cut the light ball in half. Well she was already famous before I met her as she was deemed a veteran adventurer. Last I remembered, the party that she was in previously, they were diving into really deep floors when hunting.] (Ryouta)

[Heh, what happened to the party afterwards?] (Alice)

[Eve straight up said [Mismatch with dungeons] and decided to leave the party.]
(Ryouta)

[Because of the dungeon?] (Alice)

Alice asked while tilting her head to one side.

Well I'm troubled to if you asked me, I have no idea why either.

[Well I guess it's somewhat like a preference of liking different music genre and they can't connect, but it's just a guess, I do not know the full details.] (Ryouta)

[I see... but it's good that she's so strong.] (Alice)

Alice said with a hint of loneliness.

Boney-chan and Jumpy-san both appeared from behind her shoulders and appealed something.

[Thank you, that's right, I'll just slowly recruit more friends which is also great~]
(Alice)

Alice was down for a moment but immediately returned to her usual self.

Her level is already capped at 2 and her ability was quite mediocre.

In order to become stronger the only way for her was to increase her fellow monsters.

Though she has Boney-chan and Jumpy-san, but the both of them aren't that strong, thus Alice would need me to come to the dungeon with her as she could not contribute much on fighting.

After walking for awhile we encountered a monster.

It was the little devil which had the same appearance as the last three floors, though the colour was slightly different.

The little devil then swung it's hands down.

The hand shone and—a ball of light is coming?!?!

My body instinctively tried to dodge it but, Tsst, a sound came from it's hand and the light disappeared.

[It's not coming, I wonder why.] (Alice)

[Beats me.] (Ryouta)

The little devil waved it's hand again.

This time the hand turned black.

It's as if it absorbed every light as there was nothing but blackness.

This time it's the black ball of magic attack!

As I thought so I began avoiding it but again a wierd sound of air escape and nothing was shot.

[It's not shooting again.] (Ryouta)

[It looks nervous, for some reason it's adorable.] (Alice)

I agreed with Alice's opinion.

Even though it was a monster, but looking at it's hands it was shaking and you could see that it's face was showing a panic expression.

The child-like nervous gesture was strangely charming.

[How should I go about this.] (Ryouta)

[I don't know~] (Alice)

[Defeat it... if I do that I would feel slightly guilty about it.] (Ryouta)

[Should we let it escape?] (Alice)

[I guess we should...] (Ryouta)

While stroking my chin, the movement of the little devil changed.

It waved it's hands again but nothing came out, and it's eyes were gradually turning round and steam was blown out of it's head.

Immediately after I gazed at it flying into the air, grasped it's hands lightly and stuck out to the sky.

The pose was like someone doing a banzai... Afterwards, light was released from the body.

Wait it's not from the body but from the back of it's body.

The body cracked, and it seemed like light was leaking from behind.

[...This is bad!] (Ryouta)

I immediately grabbed Alice and ran.

Immediately after, a magic circle spread below the little devil's feet——and it just blew up.

The monster had burst!!

A suicide bomb.

The strong blast struck me while I was protecting Alice.

I clenched my teeth and endured the pain.

For a moment we were swallowed by a torrent of light and nothing could be heard.

Eventually it subsided, and I stroked my chest.

My body was burnt to crisp and my ear had a frequency sound penetrating it, but luckily I did not take much damage.

[Fuuu.....] (Ryouta)

[Ryouta! Are you alright?] (Alice)

[I'm alright, is Alice okay?] (Ryouta)

[Because of Ryouta protecting me... thank you~] (Alice)

[If you're alright then I'm glad. What's more that was self-destruction right.] (Ryouta)

[Seems like it.] (Alice)

[Suicide bombing huh... Let's be careful next time.] (Ryouta)

[Yup!] (Alice)

With the help of Alice leading the way, we went to the nearest group of monsters that she sense with her "power".

This time there were three little devils who looked exactly the same.

Their hands lit up, nothing happened.

Next their hands were covered in darkness, nothing happened.

And——-self-destruct.

This time a triple blast struck us.

While protecting Alice I noticed something.

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The sight that I saw just before the explosion.

Only one detonated after stomping on the ground, the latter two had their hands still turning dark.

However, the magic circle exploded the two of them as well.

One of them was triggered and the three exploded.

[Ouch...] (Ryouta)

[Are you alright?] (Alice)

[Yeah I'm fine, but really this floor is weird. Even after the monster self-destructed no drops appeared.] (Ryouta)

[Yeah there weren't any.] (Alice)

[Guess we have to defeat it before it explodes.] (Ryouta)

[Let's test it out~] (Alice)

[Well then, that child seems to be alone.] (Ryouta)

With Alice's guide we encountered one little devil.

It waved its hand and it shone—and while it was doing that I loaded a shit ton of Bullet Enhancer and a normal bullet.

Before it decides to explode I should defeat it with one shot.

Head shot, and the little devil's head was blown off.

[So?] (Alice)

[Something dropped.] (Ryouta)

Because it was a new floor I did not equip my pouch, and I went to the area where I just defeated the little devil and confirmed that it was a gold dust that dropped.

Further searching, this time we let it self-destruct.

This time was the third explosion, thus I used the Bullet-Enhancer+Freezing Bullet combo to make an ice wall, absorbing the blast.

This time I equipped the pouch since I knew that the fourth floor was also gold dust.

Nothing was inside the pouch.

[Seems like it didn't drop~] (Alice)

[Yeah, and I've sort of understand the mechanics of this floor. The little devil on this floor has a rotation when attacking. It starts of with trying to fire a light bullet which doesn't activate, and next is a black ball which is the same as the previous, then stomping its ground a magic circle appears and that's when it self-destructs.] (Ryouta)

[And its comrades would get caught by the explosions and they would explode too.] (Alice)

[Yeap, I guess it has to do with the magic circle whereby if the little devils are inside it, they would explode as well.] (Ryouta)

[What if there was a Monster House for these monsters?] (Alice)

[That is a dangerous thing to say Alice!] (Ryouta)

I imagined for a moment and it frightened me.

A monster house, and in it was a huge amount of those little devils.

After the two activation failing, I can imagine the sight of that gymnasium sized space exploding to smithereens.

[This is also a special floor~] (Alice)

[Yeah, this floor should definitely need a permit before people can enter. Well even if they self destruct nothing drops, and if the adventurers knew about that I'm sure those who couldn't defeat it ahead of time would choose not to come to this floor.] (Ryouta)

[That's true too~] (Alice)

In this world, 99% of the time adventurers dive into dungeons is for the drops.

If there were no drops after the self-destruct, the reason of coming here would literally be 0.

It's safer to make this floor licensed, but I thought it would be fine even if there wasn't a permit.

[Ah.] (Alice)

[What's wrong?] (Ryouta)

[Someone's calling me.] (Alice)

[Calling? ——-Wait a minute.] (Ryouta)

Alice ran away leaving me behind.

Within this small road dungeon, after turning a few corners we saw a little devil.

The little devil waved its arms and light shone.

[Wait please stop and listen.] (Alice)

Alice, however tried to speak to it for some reason.

The little devil waved its hand further.

This was the second routine before the self-destruct.

[Boney-chan, Jumpy-san, Please stop Bomb-bomb!] (Alice)

The skeleton and slime that was on her shoulder returned to their original size.

Though it was their original size but they still kept that deformed face.

The two of them went towards the little devil.

The little devil stomped it's feet—this is bad.

I immediately switched bullets.

5 Bullet Enhancer, 1 Restraint Bullet.

Using that enhanced Restraint Bullet I fired at the little devil.

The light rope bound the little devil, and the groundwork stopped.

The magic circle did not appear.

[Thanks Ryouta!] (Alice)

Alice too went at the completely immobilized little devil.

Alice, Boney-chan, and Jump-san.

The three of them attacked the little devil.

Alice was level 2, and both the skeleton and slime were from the first floor of their

respective dungeons.

The completely restrained little devil took about a minute to be defeated.

The light rope disappeared, and the little devil fell to the ground.

Just before it disappeared, Alice embraced the little devil.

The little devil disappeared from her hand—–and it turned into a new appearance.

It was the little devil though it was in palm sized, the same deformed model as Boney-chan and Jumpy-san.

The name was probably Bomb-bomb.

[Best regards from now on, Bomb-bomb.] (Alice)

Alice narrowed her eyes while looking at her new friend.

Boney-chan and Jumpy-san who finished their roles returned to their SD size and rode on her shoulder.

[My name is Alice, and this is Boney-chan and Jumpy-san, please to meet you~] (Alice)

The monster then greeted Alice through body language, the sight put a smile on my face.

I thought why Boney-chan and Jumpy-san were hiding behind Alice's back.

As soon as I gave some thought as to why, I understood the cause.

[Eer, if you were to self-destruct, would it involve Boney-chan and Jumpy-san? As in if they are within the magic circle range? Oh I see~] (Alice)

The sight of her talking about something dangerous was funny to look at.

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Bombberman

Encountering a monster from the fourth floor.

It was the self-destructing little devil, and there was only one of them.

[I'll leave it to you, Bon-bon.] (Alice)

After encountering the monster, Alice reached out her hands and carried her friends. Even though the self-destructing little devil transformed from a cute doll into its original form, but it still looked deformed even when returning to its original form, making it really adorable.

The opponent reached out its hand and it shone but nothing happened. Afterwards blackness came and nothing happened.

The routined that has already been engrained into my mind, as for Alice's friends—Bon-bon flew straight ahead, and did a banzai stance.

Beneath its feet a magic circle expanded, and Bon-bon's body was escaping light. Soon after, Bon-bon exploded.

Compared to the original thing, the explosion power was inferior to it.

After the debris cleared up, nothing was left behind.

[Amazing, you're really amazing Bon-bon.] (Alice)

[Guess when he self-destructs he doesn't drag his friends.] (Ryouta)

Unbeknownst to us, I could see the doll sized Bon-bon on Alice's shoulder.

The imagination of Alice sending it out was stuck to me, but I guess it would return back to her after the explosion instead of disappearing.

So when it transform from it's SD size to it's original size, and after self-destructing it would return back into it's SD sized.

It's kinda like that.

[Can that self-destruction be used multiple times?] (Ryouta)

[Un, that's what he said.] (Alice)

[There's no restrictions?] (Ryouta)

[None I suppose. Aah, I guess after using it once it takes time to return back to it's original size. So the only restriction is we can't spam it.] (Alice)

[Ah, I see.] (Ryouta)

So I guess it's impossible to recklessly fire anytime she likes.

[What's more, so I've heard you saying that Boney-chan and Jumpy-san would get involved too, so I guess that's true?] (Ryouta)

[What do you mean?] (Alice)

[Well, remember when we encountered 3 little devils, when one of them exploded the other two follow suit?] (Ryouta)

[Heh, I didn't know about it.] (Alice)

Alice, whose face showed that it was interested and smiled.

Oh now that I remembered, she can't really see it.

During the routine where it activated the magic circle and was about to explode, you could see it for just a tiny moment.

The timing is probably 100th of a second, not even 1F(raction?).

And I guess Alice can't see that moment.

[But it seems to be like that, let's try it out.] (Alice)

I nodded and followed Alice who walked first.

After a while we encountered another little devil.

[Aah, this is a little early. Boney-chan, Jumpy-san, try and stop that child's movement.]
(Alice)

After Alice gave the order to them, the Skeleton Boney-chan, and the slime Jumpy-san returned to their original forms and went towards the little devil.

Before the little devil could do its routine, they stopped it. Boney-chan caught hold of its arms, whereas Jumpy-san slammed its soft body on its face.

It looked like a little devil having the head of a Slime.

The Menacing Slime Man, was what floated above my head when I saw that sight.

[3, 2, 1... Go Bon-bon!] (Alice)

After counting down, Alice sent out Bon-bon into the fight.

Bon-bon flew towards the monster, Banzai-ed and a magic circle expanded.

Afterwards, a flash and explosion dominated the entire area.

[Kyaa.] (Alice)

[Otto.] (Ryouta)

I sort of expected it to happen. After having a 3-times explosion going off, the ground shook and before Alice loses her balance I grabbed hold of her hand.

I pulled her onto my chest and hid her from the explosion.

A blast is definitely a blast, though my shirt and pants were in battered but I took no damage.

Soon after, the blast faded.

[Thanks Ryouta~] (Alice)

[No worries.] (Ryouta)

[Thank you for your cooperation everyone~] (Alice)

Out of nowhere the three monster was above Alice's shoulder.

The three SD sized monster smiled, which brought joy and was strangely adorable. Even Boney-chan and Jumpy-san showed a body language as if they were happy too.

[I see, so anyone who was inside the magic circle and whoever activates first would explode.] (Ryouta)

[Eh? Is that so.] (Alice)

[Just now there were three explosions. Bon-bon was the normal explosion that we are used too, Jumpy-san had a pale light, almost like an ice or water type. For Boney-chan it's pitch black... Instead of an explosion it feels almost like it's sucking in everything. Since she's a Black Hole chick so she's a darkness type?] (Ryouta)

Pinching your eyes closely, for just a moment I could see the explosion of each one of them.

Even though it was just a moment and it was messy and I can't confirm it but I don't think it's not that wrong.

[Hey... Ryouta you're amazing. I can't believe you can see the whole scene so clearly...]
(Alice)

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Alice open her eyes widely with voice of admiration.

[Should we try again? This time we will separate Boney-chan and Jumpy-san. Though Bon-bon must still be there so it might be hard to see.] (Ryouta)

[That's true.] (Alice)

[Let's go next. This time we will adjust the timing a little.] (Ryouta)

[Yeap!] (Alice)

Alice then walked away.

There were times we walked and there were times we stopped, it was because she had to wait for the cooldown of her friends to return back to normal before starting again.

I then looked at Alice.

I thought that her abilities were really awesome.

While she was walking really slowly we encountered no monsters at all, and the encountered monster would always only be 1.

The ability of knowing the entirety of the dungeon, that I think is really amazing.

[Hey Alice, I want to ask if it's possible to head to the deepest parts of dungeon and returning here whilst not encountering a single monster at all?] (Ryouta)

[It's possible~~, oh but the road ahead is blocked so I don't think that's possible.] (Alice)

[As expected.] (Ryouta)

The girl who was born from inside the dungeon, she could even find a path with no encounters at all.

Now that I think about it, she could also head straight to a monster if she wanted to.

It is an excellent ability if I do say so myself.

[But even having Bon-bon it'll still be a bit troubling, after self-destructing he would need to wait for a moment before fighting again.] (Alice)

[Plus the fire power is not that powerful, having to think of how to go through the dungeon while taking pit stops every now and then would really lower down the efficiency of hunting in a dungeon.] (Ryouta)

[There's that too. Ah don't be so down Bon-bon, it's not bon-bon's fault~] (Alice)

Alice was busy comforting Bon-bon, even Boney-chan and Jumpy-san showed their body language of giving courage to Bon-bon.

Even though we're in a dungeon, the sight gave off a calm feeling.

While they were doing that we encountered another monster.

It was just one self-destructing little devil.

She sent out Boney-chan, and Boney-chan went ahead and stopped the little devil.

This time she sent Bon-bon out.

[Then I'll leave it to you again~] (Alice)

The deformed little devil nodded once.

Afterwards we do not know why that happened but Bon-bon past straight through Boney-chan.

Bon-bon for some reason went to the other side and did a Banzai.

After that—he exploded.

It was three times the usual explosion, and further in front of Alice was the blast.

And inside the strong wind, I asked Alice what I thought of it.

[I see, if he exploded there then it is much easier to see.] (Ryouta)

[Yeah! Even I understood that. Bon-bon was like a black ball. It looks like Ryouta's Annihilation Bullet! Though the power still loses to your bullet.] (Alice)

[It's true that it's similar to the Annihilation Bullet, and yeah it is lower than my bullet.] (Ryouta)

[Is that so! Congratulations Bon-bon!] (Alice)

[What's wrong?] (Ryouta)

[Bon-bon has just leveled up.] (Alice)

[Heh, so even monsters can level up.] (Ryouta)

[Yeap!] (Alice)

I could see that the SD-sized Bon-bon was dancing around.

It's hands were clapping while it was tip toeing around, it was kinda cute.

[So what happens after he levels up?] (Ryouta)

[Uhhh—] (Alice)

Before Alice answered, Bon-bon stopped dancing, and waved his hands against me.

[That gesture, don't tell me—-?] (Ryouta)

[Yeap! It seems that he can use the light ball now.] (Alice)

[That's amazing.] (Ryouta)

After the SD sized Bon-bon waved his hand, he put his hands on his waist and made a good-looking face.

So I guess a monster that leveled up can use skills that they couldn't before.

[Would it be possible to use the black ball and fire after leveling up some more?]
(Ryouta)

[I wonder! Let's do our best Bon-bon!] (Alice)

Bon-bon then high-fived Alice and afterwards Bon-bon gripped his fist and did a high guts pose.

Black ball huh.

Remembering the routine of the enemy, it was the second swing that activates the black ball.

It was almost the same as the second and third floor's monsters way of firing.

Perhaps it might just be possible.

[If he can do it then you can fight enemies that surround you with both ways.] (Ryouta)

[Un!] (Alice)

Together with her three friends, Alice had a smile so sweet it melted everyone's heart.

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Irregularity in Drops

The fourth floor of Aurum Dungeon, I was folding my arms whilst watching the fight going on in front of me.

The one fighting in front of my eyes was Alice, or more specifically it was her 3 companions that were fighting for her.

The Skeleton, Boney-chan was holding a bone as a club which was used to whack the enemy. The Slime, Jumpy-san was bouncing around while hitting the body of the enemy, and lastly the newly added companion Bon-bon who had just raised his level, instead of using his signature self-destruct, he was firing light balls.

Though the firepower was underwhelming, but because it was a three-to-one battle, they managed to defeat the enemy monster.

The drop was a piece of gold dust, and Jumpy-san who dealt the final blow picked up the piece of gold dust and hopped back and gave it to Alice.

Alice who received the piece of gold dust tightly hugged Jumpy-san.

[Nicely done Jumpy-san, and also to the both of you too Boney-chan and Bon-bon.]
(Alice)

[Seems like you're now able to fight steadily.] (Ryouta)

[Yeap!] (Aliec)

[If you can defeat the monsters here then I'm sure you can fight in Shikuro too. Hmm? I just remembered the rare monster, High Guts Slime, since it would counter any lethal damage, I wonder what would happen if Bon-bon were to self-destruct on the slime.]
(Ryouta)

[I wonder?] (Alice)

As she said that she caressed her neck, and showed an interested expression.

[Do you want to head back and test it out?] (Ryouta)

[Yes!] (Alice)

Alice nodded happily, and returned the three companions into their SD sized while gazing at the gold dust she'd earned.

Together with this drop right not it was her fifth grain.

The gold dusts were slightly different compared to the world I was in, as the monster that drops this gold dust were of high purity gold which is way more expensive.

The gold dusts on the palm of her hands could be worth around 10k plus Piro.

[This might be the first time in my life that I'd earned my own money.] (Alice)

[Yeah, when we were in Shikuro I was there to support you.] (Ryouta)

[Thanks Ryouta! You really helped me a bunch!] (Alice)

[Instead of praising me I think it's better if you praise them too.] (Ryouta)

[That's true! Thanks everyone for your help!~] (Alice)

With that sweet and brimming smile placed onto Alice's face, Boney-chan and the rest expressed their joy in their body languages.

[Hey Ryouta, do you have anything that you want?] (Alice)

[Something that I would like...?] (Ryouta)

[I want to give something to Ryouta with the money I've earned for the first time.] (Alice)

[.....Cut me some slack with what you said just now.] (Ryouta)

[Why?] (Alice)

[Cause you're making me feel older now.] (Ryouta)

It's sweet and I understood Alice's feelings, but from what she said, converting it into my brain it just meant [A father getting a gift] from their child's first salary.

I'm honestly really happy about it but it at the same time it's hurting me.

[It's okay to feel good though~] (Alice)

[My feelings...] (Ryouta)

Alice thought for a moment then approached me, tiptoed and as if it was a matter of fact kissed me on the cheek.

[Alice?] (Ryouta)

[Feelings.] (Alice)

[No, that's not it.] (Ryouta)

[I really love Ryouta~] (Alice)

[I see.] (Ryouta)

I leaked out a bitter smile.

Feelings, as in Alice's feelings.

I did not feel bad at all.

[Was it an annoyance?] (Alice)

[No not at all? In fact I was glad and not like that homo.] (Ryouta)

[Is that so, thanks!] (Alice)

I wonder why she thanked me again.

A warm feeling and a refreshing fragrance was still lingering on my cheeks.

I was thrilled for just a moment but I decided to level with Alice.

[So what did we figure out, Aurum has up till the 4th floor, all of them drop gold dust, and if it's this sort of pattern then I assume that the rare monsters all drop gold bar.]
(Ryouta)

[Is that how it works?] (Alice)

[From what I know, dungeons seemed to have a rule in what they drop. Since Aurum is similar to Selenium rather than Teruru, the rare drop should be products rather than items.] (Ryouta)

[I see.] (Alice)

[So I guess we can finally end this investigation once and for all. It's time to head back to Shikuro too.] (Ryouta)

[Yay! I'm already missing Emily's home cook meal and futon to the point where I have not had enough sleep recently.] (Alice)

[Even though it's your own home?] (Ryouta)

[It's because Emily is amazing that's why!] (Alice)

[I totes agree with that.] (Ryouta)

We had three houses which were a house with two stories, a newly constructed 2LDK, and a poorly made apartment that costs 20k Piro.

All three houses that I rented were being transformed by Emily into a bright, warm and lovely home.

And here I thought I was the only one not getting used to it after coming to Indole, it seemed that even Alice who was born and raised here did not have enough of rest.

[Next time if we were to go for another trip we must absolutely bring Emily along~]
(Alice)

[Agreed.] (Ryouta)

With that we head back out from how we came in.

With the long and slender road of a passage, the end was divided into two branches, making it a Y-shaped road.

Alice stood before them and compared the both of them.

[There is a monster on the right, not a Monster House but just a regular one, whereas there are none on the left.] (Alice)

[Then let's head to the right path, let's earn some cash on the way back.] (Ryouta)

[Yes!] (Alice)

With that, Alice and I went to the right path.

Though, as soon as I stepped foot onto the ground my foot ceased.

[What's wrong Ryouta?] (Alice)

[There...] (Ryouta)

[There as in the left side? There's nothing there though?] (Alice)

[...No, there is.] (Ryouta)

[Eh?] (Alice)

[Feels like there's something there.] (Ryouta)

At the left side of the path, I immediately turn into a curve and gaze at the path where nothing can be seen at that point.

I don't know why but I felt that something was there.

[Lemme go and check what's there.] (Ryouta)

[Well then me too~] (Alice)

[It's alright, Alice you head for the right path. Try leveling Bon-bon so that he can also fire the Black Ball too.] (Ryouta)

[That's true, then I'll wait for you at the other side.] (Alice)

[Okay, toodles.] (Ryouta)

Waving goodbye to Alice, I proceeded to the left path.

Alice who could feel the entirety of the dungeon said that she felt nothing on this path.

It was a peaceful walk the entire time, as if there would not be any monsters spawning whatsoever.

[Was it just my imagination...?] (Ryouta)

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After awhile it felt like the feeling I had was completely wrong.

Nevertheless I continued forward and if there were really nothing then I'll just head back.

Finally I reached an area where it was slightly spacious.

Though not as big as the Monster House, but more of a garage where you can fit a few cars inside.

And as expected there was nothing there, it was a dead end.

[So there really was nothing.] (Ryouta)

I bitterly smiled, and thought that the senses of Alice who was born in a dungeon was more accurate.

Thus I turned and return back.

[— — — — —!]

At that moment, before I could think my reflexes kicked in and I immediately moved my body. I kicked the ground with all my strength and jumped to somewhere safely. The part that I was standing just a moment ago was squeezed by something.

While midair I reversed my body and landed, took out my gun and held it.

But there was nothing in the slightly spacious room.

[...No, there is something here.] (Ryouta)

Unlike before, I clearly felt it's presence now.

Because it struck at me where I was standing just now, I labelled it as an [enemy].

I emptied my entire cartridge and filled it with Homing Bullets, then simply fired them all.

The bullet that was supposed to fire straight suddenly did a 180 degree flip and flew towards me!

As the twelve Homing Bullets were approaching towards me, I ducked and evaded it.

[G Y A A A A A !!!!]

Immediately after I could hear the scream of a monster behind me.

While repositioning myself, I took a distance away from the scream.

The twelve bullets gathered in one place and floated in the air.

If you're comparing with a human then there was something gathering on it's head, and around it the space was distorted.

Though it looked transparent but it wasn't completely transparent and it looked strange.

It was the head of the devil. Must be the rare monster on this floor, it had the same appearance as the rest of the devil but this one can turn invisible.

I knew something was here.

The tension rose a little. Naturally, because if I were to kill it I would get 1 Gold Bar, which is worth several million.

He wasn't completely transparent because something went wrong and the bullet was stuck on it's head, which made him unable to completely be invisible.

Then he waved his hand, but nothing happened——Or not!

Bon-bon——The image of the little devil immediately float on my head as I immediately jumped away.

Then the ground where I stood exploded.

He then waved his other hand down, and something invisible was flying at me, this time it gouged the ground.

There were at least two kinds of invisible attacks.

And afterwards——

[So it can self-destruct too!] (Ryouta)

Since there wasn't much time, I had to quickly deal the final blow.

The transparent devil wield his arms further, and I jumped to the side to avoid it——

[Gufu!] (Ryouta)

A shock ran on my belly as if being smacked by a hammer.

I could see that his mouth which wasn't completely transparent, warped.

The invisible shot did not land on the place I was standing, but instead he anticipated where I was going and fired it.

This little.....

I was slightly frustrated.

When I got hit, he showed a proud look on his face.

I kept my gun.

Squat down, grabbed the ground with my toe and kicked the ground with all my might.

I ran full speed with my S Speed, and ran full speed into his bosom.

I saw that he was surprised and tried to waved his hands down.

I grabbed that hand halfway, and he was further surprised.

He tried to wave his other hand but I grabbed it as well.

Though I could not see clearly, but I could somehow tell where the position of his wrists were.

[And now you can't do anything. Now it's my turn.] (Ryouta)

While shouting I front kicked it. It connected and the not so transparent head went forward. Most probably it's body was on a "<" shape.

I did not stop there as I continued kicking it without mercy.

After the final kick I held both of it's arms and pulled.

Stretch, stretch, stretch..... Pop.

Something teared off and I could see the transparent devil's face.

Using my hands I grabbed it's shoulders and I could see it's arms for a split second.

And then I ripped off it's arms.

The now half-transparent devil's face could be seen where it was astonished and angry at the same time.

And, it wanted to stomp the ground——.

[Like I'll let you!] (Ryouta)

I rushed and grabbed hold of his throat.

Then rushing forward I slammed him onto the wall behind him, took out my gun and placed it inside it's mouth.

I repeatedly pulled the trigger where the gun was zero distance away from it.

The bullets penetrated through it's medulla with the back of it's throat blowing off half of it's head.

After releasing my hand, it fell onto the ground and a splash sound could be heard.

Just in case I aimed at it while staring at it—but it seemed to not be moving at all.

Afterwards a familiar sound was heard and it disappeared.

And something dropped.

I thought it would be a few million piros in front of me.

But for some reason it wasn't a gold bar, instead a stair leading down appeared.

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Infinite

[This... is just inviting me to head down right.] (Ryouta)

I stared at the staircase as I mumbled to myself.

Instead of getting a drop from that rare monster, the drop was a staircase leading down to the next floor.

What's more, after thinking that there were no more stairs leading down to another floor, this thing appeared out of a sudden.

A hidden staircase, a hidden floor.

My heart was beating in excitement to check out what lies below this staircase.

Thus I did a thorough check on my gears and equipment.

My dual guns, the plentiful normal bullets, Freezing Bullet, Flaming Bullet, Homing Bullet, Restraint Bullet, and the Bullet Enhancer.

Though just a few days ago I still had my Recovery Bullets, but because the situation needed it that during our whole trip of Indole I sort of used it all up.

Still, I should be able to overcome most situations by evading their attacks, reducing needless damages. With that, I proceeded to walk down to the next floor.

Right after I went down, the staircase disappeared.

[Is this those sorts of situations where you have to complete an objective before you can leave. Or is it...] (Ryouta)

Regardless, I would wish to completely explore this dungeon, thus I stayed vigilant.

What appeared in front of me was a completely different scenario compared to the floor above.

The floors above were all just straight and narrow paths, but this floor had nothing but blinding white space, as if I've just crossed through an entirely different world altogether.

Even though this was connected to the dungeon, but the air around here was different.

I had no idea if anything were to appear, so I tightly gripped my guns as I cautiously head forward.

After a while, I was in a slightly wider area.

It wasn't as big as a gymnasium, but more of the size of a city garden.

And in the middle of the space, there stood a guy.

Wait my bad, it was just a monster.

It had silver hair and a beard attached to his face, and a black cloak covering his stylish clothes making him look like a nobleman.

He had bat wings spreading behind his back, and two horns growing from on top of his head.

The word demon comes to mind. Compared to the little devils from above and the half-naked devil on a goat head, I could feel that this person was of the higher class demon.

[Can it even converse?] (Ryouta)

While still holding onto my guns I threw a conversation at him.

It raised it's hands, and with two fingers he pointed at my direction.

Zugooou——-

It sent chills down my spine as I immediately jumped away from where I stood.

The place where I stood just a moment ago was gouged with no sound being made at all.

[Not gonna even reply huh! I guess that's fine by me too!] (Ryouta)

After landing on the ground, I immediately took out my dual guns and fired normal bullets.

Obviously it wouldn't be just the normal bullet, I fired it with the intent to fused the bullets together.

Together with 1 Bullet Enhancer I fired the fused Penetration Bullet towards him. Pashin! A screeching sound was heard and the Penetration Bullet was stop dead in it's tracks and fell down to the ground.

Looking at it closely, I could see a release of magic circle and a pale light wall was surrounding him.

[A barrier huh, or is it a shield. If that's the case then I'll use this instead!] (Ryouta)

Switching the normal bullet, I loaded another Bullet Enhancer on each side, and also a Freezing and Flaming Bullet and fired.

Midway it collided and fused into an Annihilation Bullet.

The Annihilation Bullet clashed with the barrier, and it gouged a part of the space.

The moment I fired I kicked the ground and rushed to hit the partially destroyed barrier, completely breaking it.

I think out the distance between the demon and with the Flaming and Freezing Bullet on both sides I fired another Annihilation Bullet, this time firing from zero distance.

However, before I could fire the opponent immediately distance himself away from it. He dive below the muzzle.

Below there was an afterglow and with his red eyes he glared at me—This is bad.

As if doing a body blow the demon wield his arms, he aligned his fingertips at me though rather than a fist, it was his sharp nails.

I immediately did a knee kick and swung his wrists up while kicking.

The strange black aura that was clad on his nails scraped the tip of my chin.

The front of my clothes was then torn apart and something fell to the ground.

I jumped backwards to create a distance while reloading my guns, and continued firing at him.

While I was setting up the fusion Flaming and Freezing Bullets, he set up his barrier and interrupted the process.

The Flaming and Freezing bullets that did not merged flew straight at the barrier.

[It learns really quickly!] (Ryouta)

[...]

Without saying a word he leaped forward, closing in our distance.

Since he has learned of the fused bullets he immediately swapped to close combat, thus I used one hand to fire my gun and respond the rest with body fighting techniques.

Gun=Kata. It was a fighting technique where one uses a gun while using close quarter combat.

Using this self-taught technique, I faced against the demon.

Even though it's Strength and Speed weren't that strong, but it's probably around A, and at worse B.

However his magical barrier is indeed powerful, plus it's learning adaptability is high during fights.

By just experiencing it once, he can immediately remember the pattern and dodge that attack when it is used again.

It was another difficult monster, to the point where I feel that I was fighting with a real human instead of a monster.

In some way it's like fighting with yourself.

[Damn it, his senses are getting sharper.] (Ryouta)

The demon's attack further evolved. Whenever he did a feint that was not anticipated and barely managed to dodge it, my back would start sweating.

Even if I fired a bullet it would not hit him, and if I fired a Homing Bullet it won't be able to penetrate the barrier.

Eventually even my Flaming Bullets ran out, and also my Restraint and Homing bullets that never once hit ran out too.

I was steadily chased against the wall.

[.....]

For a second I felt that he was smiling at me.

[—It's too early if you think you are winning!] (Ryouta)

Puchin! A sound could be heard from inside my head, and I trust my muzzle.

The demon tried to get behind me as and I read his movement—Dropped my guns and grabbed hold of him and whack him.

Clink! The sound was different compared to just now.

The sound was similar to a glass breaking, or more specifically the barrier broke.

I took my gun back and pull the muzzle on his brain and continuously pulled the trigger.

Firing at point blank distance, and reload my bullet once it was used up.

Normal bullet on the right, Frozen bullet on the left.

[How's that——-Ku!] (Ryouta)

A counter attack is coming, and I immediately dodged his sharp claws flying towards me.

After keeping a distance, I looked up and saw that his head was bleeding out blue blood.

Not on the right side, but it was bleeding from the cold air from the left side of his head.

[That's unexpected, he is also weak against magic.] (Ryouta)

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After frivolously talking, I could see that he was showing an expression that was unkeen to him for the first time——-I could see his anger.

Even though I fired the same amount from both sides, the left side which was the Freezing Bullet worked well rather than the right side which was filled with Normal bullets.

If it is a magic attack it works, I thought as I loaded more Frozen Bullets——-But.

[Damn it, I've used up my Freezing Bullets too!] (Ryouta)

I threw out swear words.

Since I left Shikuro for an extended period of time, I did not have time to refuel my bullets.

Still I thought that it would be okay to fight against the normal monsters in Aurum, but when fighting an unexpected enemy it would really exhaust my bullets.

The demon who saw my predicament, I could see his mouth distorted into a crooked

smile.

[——! Wind Cutter!] (Ryouta)

Even without my special bullets there is still magic! Thus I shot the magic that I learned by eating the Magical Fruit.

It hit the demon—but it sustained little damage.

The demon accepted it without his barrier, and without moving he continued laughing.

[Fuck...] (Ryouta)

I backed off and he jumped in front of me.

I avoided and he anticipated and grabbed me.

Gradually, I was driven to a wall.

This is bad, if I leave it as is I would get stuck.

Suddenly, I thought of what happened at that time.

I remember seeing something.

I saw what was behind the demon.

If that was the case..... If only I have that.

But... can I do it?

It might not work, but there was a possibility.

However, it is only for a moment.

It was a momentary possibility.

I back off and kept a distance.

As if I was trying to flee, I took a distance.

The demon chased after me expecting me to be cornered into a wall.

Meanwhile he did not stop laughing.

Eventually I was chased at the edge of a space.

The demon warped his nails and his mouth distorted into the shape of [∠] while grinning.

[!]

Now's the time! As I gave my gun.

He laughed at me, behaving like a human laughing at me.

He stopped his attack, and as if saying if you can fire your remaining bullets at me then try it.

I fired at the devil——not at him but beyond.

[—--!]

It was the first time the demon was surprised, and after turning around he was surprised again.

There was a little devil there, and it was there for just a moment.

It was a rogue monster that was hatched from a gold dust that was dropped from my clothes when he dealt the first attack on me.

Even if it's inside the same dungeon the rogue monster could exist for a moment, that was confirmed when I was in Nihonium.

I aimed at that exact moment and shot the little devil with a normal bullet.

Why was that, the demon showed an expression as if he did not understand.

It wasn't without a plan, because this shot was the deciding factor.

From the pouch, the rogue little devil dropped a Lightning Bullet, and putting 5 Bullet Enhancer I loaded the Lightning Bullet inside.

And with it I strike at the demon.

[Sorry for overlooking this.] (Ryouta)

I mumbled, and pulled the trigger.

The Lightning Bullet fired from zero distance, and lightning wrapped around the demon.

The lightning was discharging around the demon's body, as the demon groaned in pain.

Eventually, he was burnt to crisp, collapsed from his knees and fell to the ground.

Then one bullet dropped, it was a shiny Rainbow Bullet.

I picked it up with high expectations as it would be something amazing coming from such a strong enemy, and since it was a strong enemy far beyond of a Dungeon Master, it must be great.

———Please choose one Infinite Bullet.

As expected, the moment I heard the voice I know that it would be [Amazing].

After thinking for a moment, I chose the Lightning Bullet made from the gold dust as it was the highest cost just by shooting one of it.

The rainbow-coloured bullet then shone brightly and everything became white, afterwards it was replaced to the Lightning Bullet.

It was just one Lightning Bullet, but this can't only be merely a Lightning Bullet.

I loaded it into my gun and fired.

The lightning fired into nothing.

I continued firing, and more sparks flew.

No matter how many times I fired, the lightning discharged, and the bullet wasn't used.
It was an Infinite Lightning Bullet.

[It may have been better if it was an Infinite Recovery Bullets too.] (Ryouta)

I wondered as I was stained by this world.

The first priority should be safety, if it was for a long term than the Recovery Bullet might've been a better choice.

Well, this was also good in it's own way.

Well, after getting my rare item, should I head back now.

[Congratulations]

[Huh?] (Ryouta)

Suddenly a voice caught hold of me, I was surprised and turned around.

It was a girl that I've never met standing there.

She was about 140 centimeters tall, and was wearing a gothic loli clothes, and had the same bat wings and horn as the demon before.

[Are you a monster!?!] (Ryouta)

I held my gun, but.

[No no, I ain't a monster.]

[...Then, what are you?] (Ryouta)

Well, it seemed that the reaction of the girl doesn't match of a monster.

But why was she here? And why does she look like the demon just a while ago?

Various doubts appeared, but the moment she answered I half understood.

[My name is Aurum, and I'm the God of this Dungeon.]

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Although I'm only level 1 but with my unique skill I've grown from venturing into dungeons

Though the person in front of my eyes had a pompous feeling around her, however, she gave me a sort of air around her that made her feel friendly.

[Aurum... Isn't that the same name as this dungeon?] (Ryouta)

[Instead of it being the same, it's correct to say that all of this is me.] (Aurum)

[...Are you perhaps the spirit of this dungeon?] (Ryouta)

[Didn't I say I was a God just now.] (Aurum)

Aurum inched closer to me, and did a chopped on my forehead, making a squishy sound.

It didn't hurt, it's similar to someone doing a tsukkomi act(comedy skit).

[Well, it isn't really convincing when my body does look like the monsters around here. Wanna try and *defeat* me? If you manage to defeat me you would get loads of gold bar.] (Aurum)

Aurum said while having a mischievous smile across her face.

Though she's a monster and I can defeat her, but with this pace plus she's sort of cute, I don't think I could bring myself to defeat someone who could converse so casually with me.

[Hey, what's your name?] (Aurum)

[It's Satou Ryouta.] (Ryouta)

[Satou? Ryouta? What a weird name.] (Aurum)

That's cause it's not a name of this world.

[But still how long has it been, roughly around a few hundred years since I've last met a human being. Still, you would have to conquer the dungeon and defeat the rarest monster above this floor with only a 0.000000001% of dropping in order for the door to open, so I guess it can't be help.] (Aurum)

[A few hundred years? Wait but I thought Aurum was just recently born not too long ago?] (Ryouta)

[Oh? So you don't know anything about it?] (Aurum)

Aurum's eyes were wide open.

[We've been here this whole time, it's just whether we'll get to become a dungeon or not.] (Aurum)

[Is that how it works? Wait we?] (Ryouta)

[Un.] (Aurum)

Aurum nodded while putting on a serious expression.

Aurum... Teruru... Nihonium... We.

[Don't tell me there are a total of 118 of you lots?] (Ryouta)

[Oh so you do know bout it~] (Aurum)

[I wonder if it's cause I know about it, or maybe because I know about the periodic table.] (Ryouta)

[What's that?] (Aurum)

[Nah it's nothing, just talking to myself.] (Ryouta)

[Fuuun, well it's alright. It's been more than 300 years since I've seen a human, I'm bored so could you stay and talk about what's been happening around the world. Of course it wouldn't be free. So how about this much?] (Aurum)

Aurum reached out her hands.

She then pulled out her sleeves which showed her white fingers and after a while, a

mountain of golden bars were stacked on top of her palm.

Well saying it's a mountain was an exaggeration, but it was probably the same size as a cardboard box.

The reflection of the shiny golden colour, just by staring at it for a moment one could tell it would hit the trillion unit which in another meaning blinded my sights.

Money is great and having it would certainly make one happy, this truly was a great offer.

[Sure, if it's this much.] (Ryouta)

[What? This is not enough for ya? If that's the case---] (Aurum)

[Moreover are you alright?] (Ryouta)

[---Eh?] (Aurum)

Aurum who was caught in surprise, open her eyes wide and closed them.

[By alright, you meant me?] (Aurum)

[Yeah.] (Ryouta)

[What're you saying, of course I'm fine~] (Aurum)

[...] (Ryouta)

I'm pretty sure Aurum has some haughtiness within her.

Though at the same time she has her friendly side of her too.

I further confirmed.

As I looked at her---it was a feeling that it wasn't just my imagination.

Emily.

Celeste.

Alice.

Margaret.

The villagers in Indole.

The other peoples that I've met, the atmosphere that they had.

One after another, they were rushing through my head like a running lamp.

It was the same with me.

It was the same back in my former world when I was working in a company.

Incompetent people, where we are blessed with the environment and giving of an air of forcing human beings to do their bidding.

Aurum had that sort of air around her.

Even though it was hard to understand, but it's certain that she carries that air around her.

[Wh, what's with that face.] (Aurum)

[What do you wish for?] (Ryouta)

[Wh, what are you saying.] (Aurum)

[...]

[...Haah, I guess I'm still not at that level yet. Well, it can't be help, I definitely missed having people over for the first time in 300 years.] (Aurum)

Aurum let out a sigh, and she had a thin smile on her face.

[I wanna see the outside world.] (Aurum)

[Outside.] (Ryouta)

[Yeah, outside the dungeon. From my first memory, since the day I was born I was already inside this dungeon and have been staying here ever since.] (Aurum)

[This entire time?] (Ryouta)

[Didn't I mention that this body resembles that of a monster? So I can't get out of this dungeon, let alone going out of this room.] (Aurum)

[...That's unfortunate.] (Ryouta)

I have fully understood the girl's wishes.

It's a normal and an obvious thing, a very easy and simple wish.

Not being able to leave since the day you were born, that's why if it's just once she wants to get out of this place.

This sorts of simple wishes are hard to come by.

[Well, it's an impossible dream anyways. Well since you're here how long will you be staying over. I have your lovely golden bars. Furthermore, since you've heard of my wishes, hang out with me for awhile. Please.] (Aurum)

After saying that, Aurum winked at me.

Hiding away her haughtiness, she was showing much friendliness.

At the same time something else leaked out.

Acceptance.

Since I'm here so I should spend some days with her, that wasn't a lie. Though I understood that because she couldn't go out that's why staying here was the best option.

That was a product of giving up.

That, was something fascinating to watch.

Thus, I.

[Wai, what—] (Aurum)

I pointed the muzzle of my gun in between her eyebrows and pulled the trigger

silently.

It was the Infinite Lightning Bullet, and together with the maxed Enhanced Bullet at work, it made the gothic loli girl's body charred in a single shot.

After being electrocuted, the girl's' body plopped down on the ground and immediately turned into a gold bar.

All sides were roughly 1 meter—So it's around a 1 cubic meter cube of gold bar.

[Now this is certainly an awesome gold bar.] (Ryouta)

While saying that, I lifted the gold bar.

It was really heavy. Compare to Emily's hammer it was much more heavy, and even with my Strength S, the weight can be felt across my arms.

I caught the gold bar on my palm and left the hidden room covered with gold.

Aurum Dungeon, fourth floor.

I went back the way I came—before I left I checked the stairs that led to the hidden room, it was still there and it's probably unlikely to disappear for some time.

I held the gold with confidence and head outside.

The third floor, second floor, and first floor.

I went outside without meeting anyone on the way. Though I saw several villagers in the village square, I sneakily went out so as to not be seen by anyone.

After leaving the village, I was on top of a mountain where I brought the gold bar over.

I placed the gold on the ground and while I was at it I placed a gold dust too and took a distance.

A place where there were no one around—a perfect distance to hatch rogue monster.

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I waited for some time.

Eventually she hatched from the gold bar.

It was exactly the same as when I first met her, even her damaged loli clothing returned to her original figure without any problems.

[...Eh?] (Aurum)

Her first voice was a surprise as Aurum looked around with a look of not knowing what's happening.

[Th, this is...] (Aurum)

[Aurum... it's the outside of the dungeon.] (Ryouta)

[Outside?] (Aurum)

[Yeah, well since you were the same as any other monsters so I thought it might work. So if you make yourself into an item and bring it outside you would just be turned into a rogue monster.] (Ryouta)

[Well you can do that, but it's really bad.] (Aurum)

[Why?] (Ryouta)

[Well it's true that you can come out once you're a rogue monster, but at the same time you can't go back in. Since I can only be at that floor. If I were to return again, the floors would disappear halfway and if I were to disappear I would not drop anything.]

(Aurum)

[That's fine.] (Ryouta)

[What is.] (Aurum)

[Here.] (Ryouta)

I pointed at her feet.

The gold dust hatched at the same time as her.

The golden dust rogue monster, the little devil that looked like Bonbon.

[This is——Hyan!] (Aurum)

Instead of explaining it's faster to just show it, thus I shot the little devil and it instantly died.

The lightning bullet blackened the little devil in a flash.

Immediately something dropped.

What was dropped on the ground was the lightning bullet instead of gold dust.

[Eh? What is going on?] (Aurum)

[With this it lets me drop it once more, and I can just return you to that room again.] (Ryouta)

[I can return?] (Aurum)

[Yeah.] (Ryouta)

[...]

Aurum had her eyes wide opened, and was stunned.

[With that, you should enjoy the outside world with ease.] (Ryouta)

[Outside... ah...] (Aurum)

Finally she could go out——as if it finally hit her consciousness that her dream came true.

Aurum turned around and looked at the ever expanding scenery.

A world where you can see from the top of the mountain.

Well because everything drops in dungeons, there weren't anything though on the contrary you can see a beautiful green world.

[This is... what outside looks...] (Aurum)

Aurum was deeply touched.

The expression that was depressed a while ago was gone.

Looking at her, I was glad that I took the bird out of the basket.

[...Thank you.] (Aurum)

After some time, she said that while looking at the scenery.

[Thank you for bringing me out.] (Aurum)

[If you enjoyed it then it was worthwhile to carry you here.] (Ryouta)

[But is this the end, what a waste to return back.] (Aurum)

[Last? Why?] (Ryouta)

[Didn't I tell you that the probability of the door opening was 0.000000001%, it'll probably take hundreds of years.] (Aurum)

[If that's the case then there's no problem, since my drop rate is at a 100%.] (Ryouta)

[...Whaaaaaat!?] (Aurum)

Aurum raised her voice in a dumbfounded manner.

[W, why?] (Aurum)

[It's part of my ability, what's more don't you think it's weird that the rogue monster even dropped something?] (Ryouta)

[Now that you mention...] (Aurum)

[Now that you know, I can then occasionally bring you out.] (Ryouta)

[Oh, please do!] (Aurum)

Aurum smiled that showed her youth, came and hugged me.

She was soft and light, it was the opposite feeling of the gold bar, and without thinking I nodded.



I tried to return Aurum to the dungeon in her gold bar form.

However, when I shot her with a lightning bullet, the dropped gold bar doubled.

Well if a rogue monster drops something, things will change, and the dropped item would be better than the previous item in most cases.

Aurum herself was no exception, she became two gold bar.

Thus I carried it and returned to the dungeon—Though as expected it was rather heavy.

Even though she would return to her own weight, but now the weight has doubled.

Even with my S Strength it made my muscles tremble as I was carrying it.

Since it was too heavy, I had to place the gold bar down and took a rest.

Aurum you're heavy..... wait, if I were to tell that to a girl I got a feeling they would unleash their wrath on me.

Well, a few hundred years—if she continued to be trapped here, even if it was a thousand years I don't think she would be able to leave. Thus seeing her smile when she left, I did not mind helping at all.

Besides her, there are other dungeons similar to her.

[So there are 118 of them... so another 117 more to go huh.] (Ryouta)

In Shikuro there's already Teruru, Nihonium, Silicon and Arsenic.

What that means was that in this world there are others like Aurum hidden

somewhere in the dungeon.

[Let's try meeting them all.] (Ryouta)

Just when I was about to get used to the dungeon, a new goal was set.

I don't know whether it's the spirit of the dungeon or it's actually God, but I've decided to come into terms with their existence.

[Ah, there you are!] (Alice)

[Alice, what's wrong?] (Ryouta)

[Uhhh Ryouta—-what's that!] (Alice)

Alice who ran here from the village was surprised by the gold bar.

[Take a deep breath, you seem to be looking for me in panic, what's wrong?] (Ryouta)

[Ah that's right, it's bad Ryouta.] (Alice)

[So what seems to be the problem?] (Ryouta)

[The drops in the dungeon has doubled from awhile ago.] (Alice)

[Huh?] (Ryouta)

[Everyone has gotten double drop, what's happening? Because it was so sudden people were worried, but is it okay?] (Alice)

[Double drop...] (Ryouta)

I caught sight of the gold bars that I placed at my feet.

The doubled gold bars, and Aurum who was touched when she saw what was outside.

[...I wonder which was it.] (Ryouta)

[Eh?] (Alice)

[No it's nothing.] (Ryouta)

Though I don't know which was it, but I decided to think it as the latter.
It was more worth it if it's that.

[Alice.] (Ryouta)

[Un.] (Alice)

[The drops being doubles should be of no problem, so please tell everyone that the drops would be doubled from now on.] (Ryouta)

[I got it!] (Alice)

Alice ran back.

I saw her back as she ran, and I looked at Aurum who has doubled.

I wanted to see Teruru and the rest as I began to think about it.

Chapter 101

Unearned Income

Next day during noon, the entrance of Aurum Dungeon.

There were villagers and adventurers scattered around the entrance of the dungeon. All of them were grinning happily as I stood and saw them from a distance.

[I was shocked that the drop of the dungeon would double.] (Clint)

Clint who suddenly appeared right beside me was speaking an obvious line together with his shocked expression.

Clint immediately rushed over from Shikuro when he heard of the rumours from the villagers.

At first he was half believing half skeptical about it, but when he heard of it from the villagers who dived in the dungeon, and even the employees of the trading shop •The Swallows Repayment talking about it. Soon that suspicion was morphed into curiosity. Thus, he came here to confirm whether the rumours were true, since seeing is believing.

[If you were that shocked, then I'm sure this is a first for you too?] (Ryouta)

[I do not know as much as you think.] (Clint)

[...Then, what is that special drop at the deepest parts of the dungeon?] (Ryouta)

Since Aurum does not know much about these sorts of things, at least I could ask Clint about it.

[The deepest floor of the dungeon? You mean the mysterious disappearance.] (Clint)

[Mysterious disappearance?] (Ryouta)

[Yeah, throughout the century it would only happen once in a few years. The timing,

place, and the adventurers were all unrelated, the only thing common was when someone defeats the rarest monster at the deepest floor of the dungeon, they would mysteriously disappear.] (Clint)

[Ah so they got spirited away.] (Ryouta)

[Some came back soon after but others were never to be seen again—Wait could it be!?!] (Clint)

Clint was showing a shocked expression once again.

[Yeah.] (Ryouta)

[So that's it. As expected of Satou-san, you have really good luck.] (Clint)

Luck huh.

Aurum did mentioned about it once. You would only have a 0.000000001% chance of having the staircase appear once you defeated the rarest monster at the deepest floor of the dungeon. So besides me who has a 100% chance, it's already been 300 years since another human had the chance of the staircase appearing.

Yesterday I went and visit Aurum again.

After defeating the rare monster, the staircase appeared.

Aurum was surprised that I passed through that 0.000000001% chance again in a day, but I wasn't surprised at all.

Because of my All Drop S.

The stats that only I have in this entire world, a unique (only one) skill holder.

With that my drop rate would always be 100%, the dropped quality would also be higher than others, and things that people defeat and couldn't get any drop, I would get a special drop from it.

Even if it was 0.000000001%, if you have a drop rate of S then it would still be turned into a 100%.

So it's not because of my luck or anything.

Clint was thinking deeply with his mouth open while looking at the cherry blossomed villagers happily taking their double drops.

[A horse appeared from within a gourd, I can't believe something as unreasonable as this would become a reality.] (Clint)

[Eh?] (Ryouta)

[At first it was to just ask Ryouta-san to help out the Indole's villagers, but I can't believe one thing led to another and now it became like this.] (Clint)

That is...

[*Your luck is reeeeaalllly good.*] (Clint)

[I guess so, well my luck is good I suppose.] (Ryouta)

The villagers were looking at us.

Suddenly, Clint took out something out of nowhere—and placed it right in front of my eyes.

It was a paper rolled into a cylinder shape.

[This is?] (Ryouta)

[You have something good due to your luck. After discussing certain issues with Samechiren last afternoon, I got this.] (Clint)

I received the paper from Clint and opened it, there were many complicated words written on top of it resembling that of a contract, and below there were two signatures signed.

[The relationship between Indole and Samechiren has been completely cut off. If the news of the double drop rate had been transmitted over there, then there would have

been another trouble.] (Clint)

[I see, so that's why you said I was lucky.] (Ryouta)

I rolled back the paper into a cylinder shape, and returned it to Clint.

With our shoulders side by side, we looked at the villagers with hope for the future with a smile.

There were some adventurers inside the dungeon, though slow but little by little the center of the dungeon was becoming active with commercial stores opening up.

The Gold Mine of Indole is getting back on track.

It was at that moment when I was convinced my role was finally over.



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After saying goodbye to Clint, I went to the house of the head chief.

[How may I be of service, our Benefactor-sama.] (Head Chief)

The head chief brought tea over, and with an extremely polite attitude greeted me into his house.

[I was thinking of heading back home.] (Ryouta)

[Heading back? Wh, where are you going.] (Head chief)

The head chief was flustered.

[Back to Shikuro. I just realized that I have been here for too long and left my house unattended for a really long time.] (Ryouta)

[I, if it's a house we can make one at Indole. We were just discussing about building a mansion for Benefactor-san to stay over.] (Head Chief)

[A mansion...] (Ryouta)

I bitterly smiled, as I wasn't filled in on this.

[It's alright, I don't need one.] (Ryouta)

[However, Benefactor-sama is this villager's—] (Head Chief)

[Low level doesn't like to be tied up.] (Eve)

While the head chief was desperately trying to persuade me, the door was swung opened and Eve let herself in.

The proud bunny ears with a sexy bunny suit.

The girl walked towards my direction with a pitter patter sound, and stared down at the head chief who was sitting down.

[What do you mean by being tied up.] (Head Chief)

[The dungeon is waiting for low level. Other dungeons too.] (Eve)

[Other dungeons...] (Head Chief)

[We can't be selfish and hog low level on just one dungeon, that is bad.] (Eve)

[Mu...] (Head Chief)

The head chief was fussing over Eve.

Eve's eyes were serious for once.

[Th, that's true too... we can't be keeping Benefactor-sama here because of our own selfishness.] (Head Chief)

[If you get it then it's all good.] (Eve)

[Then please accept all of our feelings!] (Head Chief)

The head chief kneeled down, and said something as if he wanted to say it for the longest time.

[Your feelings?] (Ryouta)

[Our gratitude for you. The villagers would certainly love to repay you.] (Head Chief)

The feelings of gratitude...

It's fine if I don't have to receive that, but I don't have a reason to decline either.

[I got it, I'll hold onto everyone's feelings.] (Ryouta)

[OOH! Thank you so very much! I'll go and tell everyone right this instance. Before you leave we would want to hand it to you even if it's just the initial part.] (Head Chief)

The head chief stood up and immediately ran out.

Despite being his own house, he left us and ran out.

[Such impatience. Furthermore, what does he mean by the feelings of gratitude? He also said something about the initial part.] (Ryouta)

[Bunny knows.] (Eve)

[You do?] (Ryouta)

Eve nodded.

[Bunny's ears are hell's ears themselves.] (Eve)

[The king is not a donkey!] (Ryouta)

[1%.] (Eve)

[1%?] (Ryouta)

[Make the village pay 1% of their tax to low level.] (Eve)

[I think that feeling is a little too much!] (Ryouta)

Without thinking I tsukkomi her.

[Moreover, how much would 1% even be?] (Ryouta)

[Bunny would not know until that far.] (Eve)

[I see.] (Ryouta)

I wonder how much would it be, as Eve and I both tilted our heads in unison.

[It would be tens of thousands piro per year, wait, now that the drop has also doubled it would probably hit the billions.] (Ryouta)

Afterwards I asked for that amount from Ena, and I was amazed at the fact that there would be more than 100 million income in the years to come without doing anything.

Chapter 102

Real HP

Nihonium, first floor.

As usual, the dungeon had nobody in it so I decimated any Skeletons that came into paths with me with my Lightning Bullets.

As I fired the bullet, lightning stuck down from above the ceiling, crushing the Skeleton's bones apart with a single blow.

The power was sufficient, by far out of all the special bullets, this one had the highest damage output without any fusion or boost.

[Since originally the cost is high too.] (Ryouta)

The Lightning bullet is a special bullet dropped from Aulum Dungeon's gold dust which when hatched into a rogue monster drops the lightning bullet.

In actuality, it's like firing around 3k Piro per shot.

Compared to the normal bullet that is dropped from vegetables, or the Homing Bullet that is dropped by trash, this is by far the highest cost bullet.

However, I was firing *that* bullet like it was nothing.

Whenever I encountered a Skeleton, I'll fire the Lightning bullet and overkill it.

The moment I saw them I'll shoot, and if I missed I'll just randomly fire until I land a hit.

When there's no enemy I won't need to reload, as per usual I'll keep on firing.

Infinite bullet.

When I was on Aulum's fourth floor and once again going down another floor which shouldn't technically exist, I defeated a monster and it dropped an item which allowed me to choose one of the bullets that I have and infinitized one.

Basically an Infinite Lightning Bullet.

Using it liberally— or more of not needing to restraint myself when shooting.

After going around the first floor once, my pouch was filled with the HP seeds.

I then took those out of the dungeon.

Heading to a place secluded from others, I placed the seeds on the ground and kept a distance away.

After waiting for a while, the seeds hatched into Skeletons.

Same as before, I randomly fired the Lightning Bullet, and all of them turned into drops of Freezing Bullets.

With that, I have finally replenished my stocks from the time I used them up in Aulum.

What's more, without spending a single resource.

Thus, today's job was to replenish my bullet stocks by defeating more rogue monsters. Back in the day if I wanted to consume zero cost I would have to waste my time defeating them using CQC(Close Quarter Combat), and if I wanted to reduce the time I had to waste some resources which basically means using bullets to defeat them.

[So I get the best of both worlds...] (Ryouta)

I looked at the gun that was loaded with the Infinite Lightning Bullet.

Due to having this, I could shorten the time of replenishing my bullets with zero cost.

This became way more convenient than I thought.

Picking up all the Freezing Bullets, I went back to the dungeon's second floor.

The monsters were zombies, which weren't any stronger than the Skeletons. Thus, using the same method as before, I fired the Infinite Lightning Bullet generously and collected more seeds in my pouch, and once it was full I went out and hatched them all into rogue monsters and get my Flame Bullets.

Same thing with the third floor, I defeated the Mummies and in return, gotten a huge amount of Recovery Bullets.

Just doing those alone, I've wasted only about 2 to 3 hours. I was doing it since this morning and it hasn't even reached noon yet.

If I have this Infinite Lightning Bullet, I can do basically anything was what I thought.

[...That's right, nothing is that easy.] (Ryouta)

The fourth floor of Nihonium, the Mummy that drops the Stamina seeds and Restraint Bullet from the rogue monster.

Though at first glance it looked exactly like the Mummies from the third floor, but there was one decisive difference.

In order to get it's drop, I had to use the Annihilation Bullet to damage it and at last use one Recovery Bullet to deal the finishing blow.

I fired the Infinite Lightning Bullet at an encountering Mummy.

The Mummy was annihilated instantly, but the bandages remained.

I tried rapidly firing the Infinite Lightning Bullet at the bandages.

It was nice that it's infinite as I would only need to hold the trigger as I fired.

The constant bombard of lightning strikes changed the shape of the ground.

Though the bandages still remained there, as if it was undamaged at all.

I took out my other gun and loaded the Recovery Bullets that I just replenished and fired.

The bandages with the power to withstand a hundred strikes of lightning was turned to crisp with just 1 Recovery Bullet.

It was those types of monsters which had to use a special way to deal the last blow in order to defeat it.

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[Given the opportunity, I would like to get an Infinite Recovery Bullet next.] (Ryouta)

The Infinite Lightning Bullet increased the efficiency rate of gathering most special bullets, and thinking of my next objective in mind.



Noon came, and after finishing replenishing my bullets to a certain extend, it was time to head back home.

My three-story home that has the function of guarding the Magic Storm.

The moment I went in, I saw Emily and Elza doing something.

The first floor was used as a garage, so we placed the dropped transfer function there, thus Elza from The Swallow's Repayment was assigned to become an exclusive employee here.

That Elza was doing something together with Emily.

[I'm home.] (Ryouta)

[Yoda-san, welcome home nanodesu!] (Emily)

[It's been a long time Ryouta-san, you've finally decided to come back.] (Elza)

[Yeah since yesterday.] (Ryouta)

Elza who I've not seen in a while was showing me her usual sweet smile.

Though I've finally came back from Indole yesterday, I hurriedly went to Nihonium early in the morning. Thus, this was the first time meeting Elza since coming back.

[Thank you so much Ryouta-san, we were immediately notified about what happened there, and Master was extremely happy.] (Elza)

[Well you've been helping us this whole time too. At least I made a profit there.] (Ryouta)

[It's not just a little! It was a tremendously huge business. Master even told us to hire another exclusive staff to be sent over there.] (Elza)

[Was it Ena?] (Ryouta)

[Ena's field of expertise was limited to Vegetables, thus we needed someone who is an expert at Gold, thus it would be better to dispatch a person who is familiar with it.] (Elza)

[I see.] (Ryouta)

Since it's the trading shop from Shikuro, it was obvious that there weren't anyone specialized in deducing the prices of minerals.

[By the way, what were the two of you discussing?] (Ryouta)

[I was just filling in the passbook with Emily's purchases.] (Elza)

[Passbook?] (Ryouta)

It was the first time hearing about it.

If I were to translate their meaning to my world, then it would be a bankbook used to record bank transactions on a deposit account.....

Looking at the 130cm Emily, her hands were holding onto what seemed to be the passbook.

Her figure reminded me of an elementary student coming out of a post office while bringing their piggy bank along.

Noticing my stare, Emily started explaining why.

[Although Elza-san has been dispatched here, but it's not so good to place cash at home desu, thus I decided to transfer the amount into the bank desu.] (Emily)

[Ah so that's why you needed the passbook to transfer the money into the bank.] (Ryouta)

So they used the same system as our banks too huh.

[Yes desu! Yoda-san yoda-san~] (Emily)

[What's the matter?] (Ryouta)

Emily called for me, I looked down and saw that her eyes were shining brightly.

[Look at this desu.] (Emily)

[By looking you meant the passbook? ———Ooh, it's more than a million Piro!] (Ryouta)

[Yes desu, the amount was this morning's drops that I'd obtained desu.] (Emily)

[That's amazing~ This is the first time seeing so many zero digits on a passbook.] (Ryouta)

[Is that so desu?] (Emily)

Emily had a really surprised look on her face.

[Well I've only ever seen my own passbook, and the last it had been around 120k per month. It was not an income which I can afford to save money. At that time I always felt like dying, and when it's at the end of the month my account balance could be compared to my current HP.] (Ryouta)

When I recalled my past, I was filled with sadness and frustration.

Every single day having to do overtime at the black company, and continued to be exploited, thus my HP was always blinking red and was on the verge of dying.

[Then shouldn't Yoda-san make one passbook as well desu~] (Emily)

[Un?] (Ryouta)

[Yoda-san right now would soon reach ten million—No, 100 Million desu!] (Emily)

[...That's true.] (Ryouta)

I nodded, it certainly is.

All this time whatever I earned I would just spend them all or leave them aside, but I thought that it might not be bad to have the enjoyment of saving money.

Chapter 103

The Usual Half

In the morning, inside the living room of the three-story home.

After having a delicious breakfast made by Emily, I looked at the passbook that was just made not too long ago.

[What are you looking at?] (Celeste)

[Oh this, this is a passbook, Celeste. I just made one yesterday.] (Ryouta)

[You never had one before... eh, why is there only 12 Piro inside? Usually one would deposit around 1k or 10k, wouldn't that be a more appropriate amount?] (Celeste)

Celeste tilted her head curiously.

That is certainly true, when I made the account there wasn't any particular reason so one would at least put 1 bank note first, but some people would even put 1 *Piro*(Yen) inside just for fun.

This half-ass amount, but for now I'll put it inside my pocket, though I hardly have anything inside.

But I did that.

[This is the account's balance.] (Ryouta)

[This amount?] (Celeste)

Celeste was still tilting her head in confusion, but ignoring her I continued.

[It's the end of the month. Since my account has 912 Yen, I deposited another 100 Yen inside the ATM and then taking out 1k Yen. Thus, this was the remainder. Because it is about three more days until payday, so I guess you could call it a margin.] (Ryouta)

[Etto... 3 days and 1000... Yen? It's Piro right, and you spent them all?] (Celeste)

[Yeap.] (Ryouta)

Since the value of Yen and Piro were almost the same.

[And that was the margin?] (Celeste)

[It's the margin nanodesu, I could go without it for about two weeks desu.] (Emily)

Emily said while bringing food from the kitchen.

I guarantee that she would be able to do it, because if she doesn't have enough money, she could just survive in the dungeon.

[Emily, tottado ¹, try saying that.] (Ryouta)

[Yes desu?] (Emily)

[Try saying it.] (Ryouta)

[Tottado... nanodesu?] (Emily)

[Un, it suits you.] (Ryouta)

Emily had a [?] floating above her head, same goes for Celeste.

I looked at the passbook once more.

12 Piro.

My remaining balance, as if showing the last digit of my health bar blinking in red.

If I have to say, it matches the number, thus I wanted to make a new start right now.

[I'll focus on earning money for today.] (Ryouta)

[This early in the morning nanodesu?] (Emily)

[It's what I plan to do.] (Ryouta)

[I understand desu. So during lunch you wanna bring a bento to eat desu?] (Emily)

[But, today might be a bad day.] (Celeste)

Celeste looked out the window while saying those words.

[What do you mean by the day might be bad?] (Ryouta)

[Today the sun increases.] (Celeste)

[You meant an eclipse?] (Ryouta)

[Yes, [Nisshoku].] (Celeste)

Celeste nodded, and looked out the window again.

What's the meaning of this? I thought as I stood up and looked out into the bright sun from the window.

Shikuro is as lively as ever. No wait, isn't it livelier than usual?

The stores that usually only open during noon has already opened up, and there were already adventurers drinking at 3 open-air bars.

This scene... I've seen it somewhere before.

[It's similar to a Magical Storm day where most people won't be earning money, and instead sit down relax and enjoy themselves for the rest of the day.] (Ryouta)

[It's because of that.] (Celeste)

Standing beside Celeste, I looked at the sky where she pointed.

Following the direction she was pointing... I was amazed.

I can't believe there were 2 suns on the sky.



Teruru Dungeon, first floor.

The amount of adventurers were few, and there were fewer monsters compared to usual.

Inside the dungeon, I was pushing the Magic Cart while going around the dungeon.

Monsters were scarce, I can't seem to find any.

[That is [The Sun Increase], every year it would happen quite a few times where the sun increases, and because of that phenomenon the drop rates of monsters would decrease.] (Celeste)

Celeste who tagged along with me explained along the way.

[I could see that the monsters are scarce, but even the drop rate is affected?] (Ryouta)

[Yeah, apparently your entire drop rate would go down by 1 rank.] (Celeste)

That being said, Celeste went to a nearby K-I-A board and operated it.

----- 2 / 2 -----	
Vegetation	F (-1)
Animal	F (-1)
Mineral	F (-1)
Magic	F (-1)
Special Item	F (-1)

[This is what happens.] (Celeste)

[Now I understand.] (Ryouta)

[Topped with the fact that the monster is scarce and your drop rate being lowered, most adventurers would give up on adventuring and spent their rest of the day doing something else.] (Celeste)

[Hence why the city had the same atmosphere as when the Magic Storm hit the city.] (Ryouta)

I operated the K-I-A board and flipped to the drop stats.

----- 2 / 2 -----	
Vegetation	S (-1)
Animal	S (-1)
Mineral	S (-1)
Magic	S (-1)
Special Item	S (-1)

After looking at the status, Celeste rolled her tongue.

[As expected of Ryouta, seems like the phenomenon had no effect on you.] (Celeste)

[Though it doesn't change the fact that even if my drop rate didn't change, the volume of monsters isn't gonna increase.] (Ryouta)

[It's useless if there's no monsters to defeat.] (Celeste)

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[I wished it wouldn't decrease the amount, but instead increased the volume of monsters.] (Ryouta)

[That is a thing though. It's called [The Lunar Increase]. The magicians in the east said that during the [sun increase], the effect of the sun is so strong that it suppresses the monsters, thus decreasing the overall population. Then during the [lunar increase], the shadow would grow strong which results in more monsters as well as a rise in drops.] (Celeste)

[Even the moon would increase...] (Ryouta)

As I tried imagining it I sneezed, and at the same time I felt like I'm having a bit of a runny nose.

Even though I wanted to do my best to earn more savings for today, but my timing was horrible.

Since it turned out like this I guess I'll wait till the [Sun Increase] phenomenon to disappear, so should I do something else for today?

Since today everyone would use up a lot of products, I'm sure the trash would pile up and it might be a good time to gather more Homing Bullets.

[...] (Ryouta)

[You're thinking of something again.] (Celeste)

[Yeah, I've thought up of another objective to do. I'll do what I can.] (Ryouta)

[Good luck Ryouta~] (Celeste)

Having Celeste cheered for me, I walked around the dungeon as I decided on what to do next.



[Damn it! You can dodge fast!] (Ryouta)

Since 20 minutes ago I started hunting, I realized one—no two different things.

First the monsters were weaker. The Slimes that were already weak to begin with at Teruru's first floor, it's speed and attack power had been further dropped by half.

I think even a kid would be able to defeat them at this rate.

Another thing I realized was, the monsters run away easily.

I guess since they're weaker, the moment you noticed one of them they would immediately try to run away.

The day where the sun increases, it's not double but triple the hard work and suffering.

Monsters were scarce, drops decreases, and when you meet with one of them they have a high chance of running away.

[I give up!]

[It's like playing hide and seek.]

[Even if I catch one of them they don't drop much, what a pain.]

Being played around by this triple suffering, the adventurers that came into the dungeon, one by one voiced out their frustrations as they immediately turned around and leave.

I kept walking around.

Due to having the existence of the passbook from Elza, the 12 Piro digit kept me from giving up.

I kept my guns, and continued circling around the dungeon.

As I was used to the route of Teruru's first floor, I circled around places where monsters were highly likely to appear.

Whenever I round for three times and there were no monsters at all, I swung my fist at the air.

In addition, whenever I encountered one who immediately tried to run away, I went quickly defeated it.

With my Infinite Lightning Bullet I decimated the monster.

Fortunately my drop rate wasn't affected, similar to the time when The defiler of purity • Bicorn that did not decrease my drop rate at all.

If others have thrice the pain, I guess I just have twice the hard work to hunt.

[.....There really are a few monsters.] (Ryouta)

Though rarely but normally when I hunt, even if I went around the dungeon, there were times when the next monster did not show up.

For bean sprouts it was 32109 Piro... I couldn't quite hit my usual 40k, though without being discouraged I went to the second floor.

The adventurers were getting lesser, so were the monsters.

Walking around the second floor, I obtained the drops from the Drowsy Slimes, and received just a little over 20k Piro.

The efficiency was really bad, even worse than usual.

Still I continued forward.

After finishing up one floor I went down another floor, and once finishing that floor, I recovered for a moment before returning to the upper floor.

The efficiency was still low when I returned, it was half of what I had just now... only having 10k worth of bean sprouts.

Still, I kept on going.



[Welcome back Ryouta-san.] (Elza)

It was dusk.

The first floor of the three-story building, the Swallow's Repayment's branch.

After going around the dungeon for almost an entire day, Elza greeted me who just came back.

[Thanks for your hard work.] (Elza)

[Farming during this hour is the worst, I do not want to visit the dungeon again when

such day occurs.] (Ryouta)

[Well during the [Lunar increase] there are some difficulties too, because during that day everyone is on war, even those who were familiar with the dungeon would sometimes end up dying.] (Elza)

[Still it's better than today...] (Ryouta)

I'm exhausted... and was extremely tired.

Moreover, I felt like I've done nothing at all.

It felt like back in the day when I had no Magic Cart and I had to come back to town every time once my baggage was full.

No wait, if I were to deduct the walking time it would've still been more efficient compared to now.

[Yes, so this is how much you've deposited.] (Elza)

Elza smiled as she handed my back the passbook.

The passbook, with only 12 Piro's remaining.

How much would it be now, I wondered as I took a deep breath and opened the book.

1.2 Million Piros.

The passbook had digits and number that I had never seen before in my entire time.

[Amazing...] (Ryouta)

The hard labour that I felt was immediately converted into a sense of achievement.

Chapter 104

Even if you used it all up, it still increases

[Wow! Yo, you scared me... What are you doing Eve.] (Ryouta)

[Bunny would normally dig holes, isn't that common sense?] (Eve)

[I don't know of such common sense.] (Ryouta)

[Cunning bunny digs all holes, that is a trivia.] (Eve)

[I don't think I would ever have the opportunity to use such trivia.] (Ryouta)

After defeating her with my tsukkomi, Eve hopped out of the hole, and the hole was neatly buried.

A rare and unusual rabbit girl with her proud ears and tails and a bunny suits attached to her.

Though she looked cute and full of colours, but don't let that fool you as opposite of how she looked, she's a full fledged power fighting adventurer.

Coupled with her wondrous element, I have no idea what she was thinking after surprising me with that scene.

Since I have no idea what she wanted, asking her upfront was the best option.

[What were you doing around here.] (Ryouta)

[Low level, potion.] (Eve)

[Un?] (Ryouta)

[I've used up the potions.] (Eve)

[...Aah.] (Ryouta)

Her hands were wide open.

By potion, she meant the special dropped item that only I can obtain.

The effects of that potion would increase your drop rate for a certain duration.

I produced that in huge sum, and handed it out to my fellow teammates to use.

[Did you use them all up?] (Ryouta)

[Un.] (Eve)

[Okay, then wait for a moment.] (Ryouta)

I U-Turned back into my home, and searched for the potion from inside my room.

There were a variety of potions, and I finally found the potion which boosts the drop rates of Vegetables.

I have a huge supply of potions but.

[Ah damn... there's none left.] (Ryouta)

[None?] (Eve)

Eve reached my room as she asked.

Though her expression did not change much, but I could tell from her voice that she was depressed.

[I didn't make surplus of potions when I went to Indole. Wait just a minute, I'll go and make some right now.] (Ryouta)

[Un.] (Eve)

I took the passbook and went out of my room.

The Drop Up Potions were all dropped from [Money].

Hence why I took my passbook with me, I'll go and withdraw some money and hatch them into rogue monsters and gather some potions for Eve.

It would not fail to turn into potions as I've been doing it for a really long time. However...

[990k...] (Ryouta)

Though I've just saved up 1.2 mill into my savings account, without thinking I took a huge sum out and it sort of hurted when seeing it decrease so much.



After separating from Eve, I stopped by Nihonium to farm my MP from D to C, and afternoon I dropped by Teruru.

If my savings decreased I just had to earn some more.

As I thought as such, it was time to work hard in earning more money.

By the way, when I was gathering the potions I went and stockpile more for future use.

Though the purpose of the potion was to increase the earnings of my teammates, but for Eve the role of the potion was to get [Delicious Carrots].

I knew about her expression when chewing on her favourite carrots, thus I didn't mind spending the money for her literally.

I'll just have to fill the rest up by working harder.

Teruru Dungeon, the first floor.

As the [Double Sun] day has ended and the dungeon returned to normal, the hunting was a success.

When the Slime appeared I would defeat it and many beansprouts drop as a result.

There were two reasons as to why my efficiency increased.

The first was obviously because the [Double Sun] day has ended and the amount of monsters have returned back to its original amount, and the second being that there were few adventurers currently.

It was the same back when the Magical Storm or when the Dungeon Master appeared. Was it how this world works, or it was just this city.

Whenever it wasn't worth it to hunt in the dungeon, the adventurers would carelessly spent their money in the city as much as possible that it disgusts me.

What's more there were many who became adventurers, so the majority would spent their time eating and drinking for the entire day.

By doing that, they waited for the Magical Storm to end, or wait for someone to subjugate the Dungeon Master, and waiting for the [Double Sun] to end.

Though it ended and you should earn some money from the dungeon, but many adventurers would either drink too much or ate too much that it made no difference whether they were doing it during the phenomenon or after the phenomenon has ended, resulting in the dungeon being empty.

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Even though it was the first day when the [Double Sun] ended, it was the same when the Magical Storm hit the city, the adventurers were few so it was easier for me to rush the dungeon multiple times.

After clearing half of the first floor, the Magic Cart was filled and I sent it to my home using the transfer function.

After a whole trip around the first floor, I earned around 40k Piro per trip, so a total of 80k Piro.

Diving into the second floor, I saw Eve who I just passed the potion too gnawing away the mountain of carrots.

[Ou, you're really pushing it.] (Ryouta)

[Low level... not giving you any carrots?] (Eve)

[I won't take them.] (Ryouta)

Or more like——-without finishing my sentence I fired the Infinite Lightning Bullet at a Drowsing Slime that suddenly popped out.

I handed Eve the S Rank Carrots by Ryouta.

[You wanna eat this too?] (Ryouta)

[I love you Low level, really really love you, you can do whatever you want.] (Eve)

[I mean you can pay me.] (Ryouta)

I snickered, and after handing over the carrots to Eve, I went around the second floor where as expected there were few adventurers over here too.

Though Eve went on a massacre on this floor, but after going around $\frac{3}{4}$ of the floor, my Magic Cart was filled up.

Sending those back, it was a total of 120k Piro.

If I were to go overboard on the second floor Eve would get mad, thus I went down to the third floor.

Defeating the Gokiburi like Cockroach Slimes, I sent the Pumpkins one at a time.

Without resting I continued hunting.

Since I was at it I might as well raise my savings account to 7 digits, thus with my full capability I went all out hunting.



[Thank you so much, so I'll be withdrawing your money for this month's rental payment...] (Antonio)

[...Yeah, I'll leave that to you.] (Ryouta)

When evening arrived, I went out of Teruru Dungeon and was heading back while walking at the streets of Shikuro—and I was caught by Antonio, the Real Estate agent.

As I went to Indole for quite some time, I did not pay for the rental fees, I was dragged here.

Since he saw me holding onto the passbook, I can't be saying I have no money to pay thus I gave up.

Since withdrawing was convenient, I've taken care of it with ease.

[Even though I should've come sooner, but there were Emily and Celeste here.]
(Ryouta)

[No no, I knew of the request you took from the Dungeon's Association, plus I trust Satou-san.] (Antonio)

[Thanks.] (Ryouta)

[Then, if you have anything you can come by again.] (Antonio)

[Okay.] (Ryouta)

I nodded, and Antonio sent me off with a bow.

It sort of wen over my head.

I was about to leave the dungeon and go back home and check my earnings from Elza today, but I was forced to spend money with Antonio.

Well it can't be help. Since I'm renting it I have to pay it.

Pushing the Magic Cart I walked the familiar path back home.

After reaching home, I went to the first floor to greet Elza.

Emily and Celeste have not came back, Eve and Alice was nowhere to be seen.

Only Elza was there.

[Welcome back Ryouta-san.] (Elza)

[I'm back. Can you help me on this.] (Ryouta)

Handing the passbook over to Elza, she took it and opened it up and recorded today's income.

[Eh? You seem to have spent a lot today.] (Elza)

[Today I really spent too much, the expenses for consumables and the rental.] (Ryouta)

[Ah I understand, but still it's amazing.] (Elza)

[Eh?] (Ryouta)

[Though you used up so much... here look at it.] (Elza)

Elza who was smiling handed my passbook back and I looked at it.

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I doubted at first.

The balance was about 2 million Piro. Though I used up so much but instead of decreasing it went up by 1 Million.

My tension was lowered when I knew my balance might be reduced, but my tension immediately turned a 180 degrees and I became much more happy.

Chapter 105

The increase and decrease of taxes

Nihonium Dungeon, 5th floor.

Inside the snowy dungeon, I was hunting down the Red Skeleton which was three times faster than usual.

Seeing as the speed was incredibly fast, the chances of hitting them with bullets were slim.

Compared to the other monsters, most of the time I would be able to hit with 100% accuracy, but for this monster it would drop down to around 90%——which for every 10 bullets shot, 1 bullet would miss.

[Ku!] (Ryouta)

After missing a shot from the already quick Red Skeleton, it further increased in speed to the point where my hands couldn't keep up to its speed.

Although the hit rate would be around 90%, but the second round of 10 bullets would drop that percentage to about 70%.

However it's still high despite dropping, plus it wasn't a problem when using the Infinite Lightning Bullet.

[Not good, I can't afford to be complacent.] (Ryouta)

As long as I repeatedly fire the bullet it would eventually hit——was what I thought when I hurriedly scraped that mentality and thought of another way.

It was the same when I had my HP and Endurance on S which allowed me to take almost no damage at all, just because it was Rank S I thought I was invincible. This habit of mine occurs whenever I obtained a new power, resulting in me being

complacent.

That is indeed a bad habit, and I have to figure out a way to fix that habit.

Thus, when I reached the 10 shot and 9 bullets hit, I started counting in my heart.

A sudden surprise attack came from within the wall which was a specialty of Nihonium, and without panicking I avoided the attack and fired at it.

With that it was 10 out of 11, 90.9% accuracy.

I picked up the seeds and my MP was increased by 1, and I continued walking.

This time the surprise attack came from above the ceiling, I avoided and fired another bullet.

11 out of 12, which increased it to 91.6%.

Picking up the seed my MP further increased by 1 and I was being targeted by a new Red Skeleton, I panicked and missed my shot!

The counter dropped to 10 out of 12. With just 1 mistake the hit rate dropped down to 83.3%.

[Fuu...] (Ryouta)

It instantly decreased, and if I were to panic once more I'm sure it would further decrease.

I took a deep breath, and after calming down I continued searching for more monsters.

When they appeared I defeated them, sometimes barely being attacked I managed to defeat them.

Keeping count of the hit rate in my heart whenever it increases.

Strangely, when I was keeping count of the hit rate, my concentration skills increased. Not only that, it also increased my motivation.

Both my concentration and motivation.

Together with my high stats, having both of these abilities increased made me peerless inside Nihonium's 5th floor.

When noon came, my MP was increased from C to B, and my hit rate was increased to an astounding 98%.



After exiting Nihonium, I decided to head back home for now.

[Thank you for the hard work.] (Elza)

[Welcome home nanodesu~] (Emily)

Elza and Emily were inside the first floor's garage.

They were sitting across the table while sipping on black tea.

On top of the table, there were sandwiches and bite sized sweets prepared. Even though it was only noon but the atmosphere seemed like it was tea time.

[Ryouta-san, how about joining us for a cup of tea?] (Elza)

[I'll brew more tea for you desu.] (Emily)

After Emily said that, she walked up the staircase with her pitter patter footsteps echoing around.

Leaving just the two of us, I sat next to Elza and reaching out for a piece of sandwich, I chewed it with delight.

The sandwich was spread with strawberry jam, with a balance of sweetness to it, leaving my exhausted body full of energy.

[H, how is it?] (Elza)

[Un, what is?] (Ryouta)

[The... taste of the sandwich.] (Elza)

[It was extremely delicious, as I've almost used up my entire energy, this was a really good meal to boost it back.] (Ryouta)

[...Yay.] (Elza)

For some reason Elza did a guts pose near her chest.

[Why did you suddenly do a guts pose?] (Ryouta)

[Eh? Uh that's because---] (Elza)

[Because that sandwich was handmade by Elza-san nanodesu~] (Emily)

Emily brought my black tea from the second floor and sat down.

[So it wasn't made by Emily?] (Ryouta)

[Yes desu, Elza and I both made it together nodesu. The piece that Yoda-san ate was 100% made by Elza-san nanodesu.] (Emily)

[Heeh~] (Ryouta)

I devoured another piece of sandwich which was spread with the same jam.

[Un, it is indeed delicious. It was normal that whatever Emily made was extremely delicious, but apparently Elza is good at cooking too.] (Ryouta)

[T, thank you.] (Elza)

Elza's cheeks were dyed red.

[Uhhh... should I... make some more for you... next time...] (Elza)

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[You're gonna make some for me? I would be glad to taste more of your cooking.] (Ryouta)

[I'll make more! I'll make lots and lots of delicious dishes for you.] (Elza)

Elza was in a high spirit, I'm excited at what she would make next.

Drinking the black tea that Emily poured for me, in addition with the sandwich, my energy was rejuvenated.

[Oh right, just in case should I register right now.] (Ryouta)

As I was saying it, I took out my passbook and handed it to Elza.

[Register?] (Elza)

[Yeah, I want to try and grasp the numbers of this morning's hunt fest.] (Ryouta)

I would like to record down this morning's hit rate.

Though it was just an increase of hit rate but it gave me a sense of achievement and that felt good.

Plus when I feel good about it my concentration would be affected, which would make me want to try even harder, resulting in me trying not to miss a single shot and getting a 98% of accuracy.

I would like to do the same afterwards.

By grasping the numbers, I wanted to see what would happen by gaining a small sense of accomplishment.

Until yesterday I had a great sense of achievement, and wrote it down after finishing, feeling glad to see the number increased by so much. Although that was good, but it sort of got into my head.

Since I kept on focusing on increasing my power this entire day, I thought that maybe I should've earn more as well.

[I understand, please wait for a moment.] (Elza)

Elza received my bank passbook and registered.

[I have kept you waiting, the balance has increased.] (Elza)

[Increased? Didn't it decrease?] (Ryouta)

[It has increased, by about 500k.] (Elza)

[Eh?] (Ryouta)

For a second I had a [Why?] moment.

I have not earned anything since last night. I decided to record it because there was a possibility that something was deducted this morning from doing stuff.

Although it should be reduced and not increase, but why...

[It's true that it has increased by nearly 50k, The nominal is... Indole?] (Elza)

[It's the name of a city nanodesu.] (Emily)

[...Aaah, the taxes.] (Ryouta)

I was relieved.

I was told that Indole would sent me some taxes.

I didn't know it came so early.

[Is it taxes?] (Elza)

Elza tilted her neck.

Thus, I explained to her about what happened in Indole till the very end.

[I see, so that's why you have taxes, but that's amazing that you would earn just by doing nothing.] (Elza)

[Now that you mention, it does seem amazing.] (Ryouta)

By not doing anything, that sounds good.

Well, it was a legitimate remuneration as I tried to save Indole's dungeon plus i doubled the dungeon's drop, so by having unearned income was certainly not weird.

Money would continued to flow from Indole even if I were to quit working.

It was similar to winning a lottery, I could build apartments and rent those out to earn more incomes, and buy lots of stocks to live a luxurious life.

Being similar to such lifestyle, I was sort of happy.

[Hoe... Just like that money comes in. As expected of Yoda-san, you could live with just the taxes alone nanodesu.] (Emily)

[Well I'll still be going into the dungeon, it's just that this would continue to enter.] (Ryouta)

[That would be even more amazing desu!] (Emily)

[—-Aah.] (Elza)

Suddenly, Elza clapped her hands as if remembering something.

[What's wrong?] (Ryouta)

[There is another payment again... Wow, this is amazing.] (Elza)

[What's happening exactly?] (Ryouta)

[It's a refund. Ryouta's tax amount for this year's purchases exceeded 30 Million, so the tax will drop slightly. Since it happened just yesterday, so this was the remainder.] (Elza)

[It decreased? Is it not going to rise?] (Ryouta)

After explaining, Elza returned me the book as though she was used to it.

The deposit itself was 20k Piros, it wasn't a huge amount.

[Yes, it will go down. Does the city where Ryouta-san went to went up?] (Elza)

[If you're talking about city... Yeah something like that.] (Ryouta)

This was running a progressive tax rate, if you earn to a certain extent, it was often that you would lose that amount with the increasing taxes.

It was the same when I was still a student.

Taxes up to 1 Million Yen per year are not taxable, but if you exceeded 1 Million Yen then would you be charged with taxes.

[For Shikuro, when purchases rise, taxes would fall. As the adventurers would always dive into the dungeon.] (Elza)

[I see.] (Ryouta)

The person herself understood this really well, as I do not know what the secondary effect would be.

The recorded 20k Piro that was recorded in my passbook was quite the small amount.

All this while I've been piling up 20k bags, it gave me a great sense of accomplishment

Chapter 106

Recommendation of changing jobs

I left home to Nihonium. Today, I continued my usual routine by diving into the fifth floor and kept hunting for Red Skeletons.

Concentrating to the best of my abilities, I maintained my hit rate at a 100% and also rose my MP from B to A.

After checking my status at the K-I-A board, I returned to the city with a sense of fulfillment.

Shikuro is as lively as ever too.

There weren't any Magic Storm, no Double Sun, no Dungeon Masters, it was just your average adventurers roaming around and fighting monsters in the dungeon.

My legs were naturally heading back home, but suddenly I stopped.

Emily said something to me before I was going out this morning.

[I will be maintaining my hammer today desu~] (Emily)

Emily • Hammer. A customized weapon that Smith the owner of the weapon shop offered to her.

The motive was similar to an athlete, where they sponsor a certain product to a famous adventurer, and the more active the adventurers are, the more they can sell that product. It was the so-called advertisement billboards.

Emily had been active recently. With her level being maxed out, she would head to Shikuro's dungeon—especially in Arsenic where there were only rock type monsters, it was a huge success.

Being that active, I heard that nearly 70% of adventurers who dive into Arsenic used

Emily's Hammer.

[It's almost similar to Air Jordan.] (Ryouta)

That reminded me of the days when basketball shoes were the hype in my school. Anyways, since Emily was busy all day with her maintenance, so I wouldn't have any food to eat when I return home.

[Can't be help, should I eat out then.] (Ryouta)

While taking a stroll through the streets, I tried to remember restaurants that were serving meals right now.

Then, there was a shop that sells something like ramen.

From the whiff I could smell what seemed to be tonkotsu or iekei, and the umami which made it seemed to be a wonderful ramen.

Suddenly missing those tastes, I tried entering the store.

Don!

I bumped into someone just before entering the shop.

[Sorry——Eh?] (Ryouta)

[Eh... Ah... I'm sorry...]

It was the guy from one of the pair of man and woman who was attached to the elderly man.

The elderly man had methods of brainwashing like people in cults or a black company by connecting words with their dreams and emotions.

He was that victim.

He... looked even worse than when I last met him.

[I'm sorry, I was sort of daydreaming.]

[That's fine but... you alright?] (Ryouta)

[...]

[Oi.] (Ryouta)

[...Eh? Sorry, I wasn't listening.]

The guy was dazing while looking at the sky.

The heart wasn't here... or not. He clearly was exhausted from rushing into dangerous situation.

[Then...]

[Wait a mo.] (Ryouta)

I inadvertently detained the man from leaving.

If this goes any longer it'll leave a bad taste to my mouth, as he reminded me of myself before I came here.



In the ramen shop, a man was having a look of surprise.

Flattening the 3rd bowl of ramen and stacking it on top of the first two, as well as devouring the fried foods I ordered from the side menu.

[Another one please—Ah, I'm sorry, I unconsciously.]

[It's alright, I've already said that I'm going to treat you, so you don't have to apologize and continue ordering more.] (Ryouta)

Thinking that he might refrained from ordering anymore, I opened my mouth and made an additional order.

I bought him in the store because I wanted to treat him as he looked like he was about

to collapse at any moment. Although he refrained at the beginning, but soon he fell for the fragrance of the ramen in front of him and his instincts took over.

This amount of dishes... was more than I expected.

By the way I could not eat it.

How do I put it, the seasoning made the taste too strong that it could not match with my tongue.

Though the taste itself shouldn't be that bad, as the interior of the shop has grown pretty well and the surrounding guests were feasting it.

It's probably... the fact that my tongue had been fattened by Emily's dishes.

I watched the man as he wolfed down the fourth bowl.

[Thank you for the meal.]

[Don't mind. Uhhh... Aah, my name is Satou Ryouta, you can call me by either Satou or Ryouta.] (Ryouta)

Speaking of, we never knew each other's name, thus I introduced myself from here.

[My name's Cliff, thanks Ryouta.] (Cliff)

[Was that enough? If it's not I can order more again.] (Ryouta)

[It's alright, but seriously thanks.] (Cliff)

[I see... anyways, what's happening with you? Are you not eating enough?] (Ryouta)

I knew the reason... but I decided to ask anyway.

[I wasn't paid yet. So it has been three days of not having meals.] (Cliff)

[3 consecutive days? Doesn't Cliff dive into dungeon and make money?] (Ryouta)

[We are... Oh there is one other friend but the money is under the control of the captain, so we get paid from him.] (Cliff)

[What about salary?] (Ryouta)

[Not enough.] (Cliff)

[How is it not enough? How much are you paid?] (Ryouta)

[If I'm not mistaken I was paid 30k Piro last month.] (Cliff)

[That's the pocket money for a kid!] (Ryouta)

[Eh?] (Cliff)

[Aah, it's nothing.] (Ryouta)

I accidentally tsukkomi myself, and Cliff seemed to be suspicious.

No wait, he had the face of weirded out.

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This world's currency, [Piro] is almost equal to [Yen].

Even the price for this ramen was similar, a normal bowl is worth 700 Yen and a large bowl costs an additional 100 Piro.

With such prices, he has a salary of 30k per month.

[Can you even live like this——-Ah, sorry.] (Ryouta)

When I saw Cliff looking at me with that expression, I apologized.

Because he can't live like that was why he is like this right now.

[It can't be help, we weren't earning much.] (Cliff)

[Was it that bad?] (Ryouta)

[Plus we were also injuring ourselves and our weapons and armors would need repairs, so that amount would be deducted from the captain.] (Cliff)

[Hmm...] (Ryouta)

So consumable items and equipments are deducted too?

It seemed to be reasonable but somehow it was still strange.

It can't be just 30k that less per month.

Cliff cast downwards, and was depressed.

[Sometimes I wonder, is this job not suitable for me?] (Cliff)

[Is that so?] (Ryouta)

[I think that there are other places where we can demonstrate our strengths, but if we were to tell that to the captain he would think we are amiable.] (Cliff)

[Well I don't think so at all, I think it's a great way of thinking.] (Ryouta)

[But that's the truth.] (Cliff)

[Huh?] (Ryouta)

[When the captain picked me up, my status were awful, my ability was low, and my Drops, besides Vegetation which was E the rest was F.] (Cliff)

[Ah, I see.] (Ryouta)

It sounded similar to Emily when I first met her.

If that was it... then he really had no choice.

[Did your drop not increase at all?] (Ryouta)

[Eh?] (Cliff)

[Eh?] (Ryouta)

Cliff was surprised, and I was too.

Why? Why did he responded with an [Eh?].

[What... do you mean by that?] (Cliff)

[What do you mean, it's common sense though.] (Ryouta)

[Drops can grow?] (Cliff)

[Wait, isn't that normal... Since you can level up too.] (Ryouta)

[...] (Cliff)

I was amazed as I thought this was common sense for everyone.

I opened my eyes widely, and I tried to open my mouth but I stopped and decided to keep quiet.

I remembered what I saw back when I was in the dungeon, the so called captain was spouting nonsense about being grateful and having dreams.

[Don't tell me... he told you that drops can't be increased at all?] (Ryouta)

Cliff nodded.

[It can... go up?] (Cliff)

[Well there are those who can't increase, but never once I know it cannot be increased at all.] (Ryouta)

At least my friends had some growth before their levels maxed out.

Cliff was astonished.

After paying for the meal, I took him out of the store.

Walking through the busy streets.

[Why not check it for yourself?] (Ryouta)

[Because I was told by the captain that if I were to see my own abilities I would limit myself. The status won't determine whether I'm strong or not, but whether I as a human being will be able to surpass my limits.] (Cliff)

[My god, this is a quibble.] (Ryouta)

Although that's what he said, but there was no way to not check for it yourself.

Perhaps that elderly man was cleverly controlling Cliff, preventing him from looking at it and making him inferior about his Vegetation being at E.

This is really pissing me off.

I brought Cliff to the tool store in the city.

I then bought a consumable item to check the status and give it to him. Even if you don't go into the dungeon to check on the K-I-A board, there's an item which can check it.

[Try using it.] (Ryouta)

[A, aah.] (Cliff)

Being told to use it, Cliff used it and his status was displayed.

----- 1 / 2 -----	
Level	66/66
HP	C
MP	C
Strength	D
Endurance	D
Intelligence	B
Mentality	B
Speed	F
Dexterity	C
Luck	F

[Aren't your level already maxed out! How much was he using you for!] (Ryouta)

[This is... my...] (Cliff)

[Besides being fairly strong, your your magic is stronger.] (Ryouta)

[Oh, is that so.] (Cliff)

Cliff was perplexed, but more than that.

[Onto the next, this is the deciding factor.] (Ryouta)

[O,oooh.] (Cliff)

I heard him drinking the consumable.

Then it displayed Cliff's drop status.

----- 2 / 2 -----	
Vegetation	E
Animal	F
Mineral	C
Magic	F
Special Item	F

[...Eh?] (Cliff)

[I told you so.] (Ryouta)

I let Cliff burned this into his memory, letting him remember the anger towards that elderly man.

[The numbers don't lie, this place won't be able to demonstrate your ability, but places like Indole.] (Ryouta)

Cliff was stunned.

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Just a part-time job

[I, Indole?] (Cliff)

[It's a dungeon that was born recently, and the drops are gold dust... which is perfect for you because of your mineral drop.] (Ryouta)

[Eh?] (Cliff)

[Eh?] (Ryouta)

Cliff was amazed. What is this? Being surprised by this.

[Dungeon... can be born?] (Cliff)

[...Wait what?] (Ryouta)

[Well, I've never heard of such story before.] (Cliff)

[...But Nihonium was born in Shikuro recently though? Plus Selenium which became part of Shikuro too.] (Ryouta)

[W, was that so?] (Cliff)

Cliff seemed to be half surprised, half embarrassed.

Does he not even know such things.

Such common sense that a dungeon is born and also information about Nihonium and Selenium.

Not being informed whatsoever and continued being exploited by that man.

My anger is slowly boiling.

[I'm just gonna say this straight, you're more suited to hunt in Indole.] (Ryouta)

[Bu, but...] (Cliff)

[Just shut it.] (Ryouta)

Seeing as it was gonna take some time to persuade him, I pulled out my gun and without questioning, fired the Recovery Bullet—the Sleeping bullets into Cliff.

Being shot by the special bullet, Cliff's eyes became white and was instantly sent into the dream world.



While Cliff was sleeping I brought him to Indole.

Even though I just left Indole for a few days, Indole has become a vibrant place. The people and things were increasing, and new buildings were beginning to develop.

The villagers were also bright and cheerful, clearly showing the fruits of the gold dust that Aurum brought.

[Th, this is...] (Cliff)

[This is the place I said just now, Indole. Well seeing is believing, let's head straight to the dungeon.] (Ryouta)

[Eh? But.] (Cliff)

[Just go already.] (Ryouta)

I pulled Cliff and went towards Aurum Dungeon.

[Ah, Benefactor-sama.]

[If you are gonna come, you should've informed us earlier.]

[Please go back and tell mother that benefactor-sama came back, so we can prepare a party.]

The villagers gathered one after another just outside of the dungeon and talked to me.

When I told them that I came here to attend to another business and the party was impossible, the villagers looked disappointed.

Cliff who saw what happened opened his mouth widely.

[.....] (Cliff)

[What's wrong?] (Ryouta)

[Is, Ryouta such an important person?] (Cliff)

[I'm just your ordinary adventurer, it's just that I was being hired once from the association chief to help the villagers.] (Ryouta)

[The association chief?] (Cliff)

He doesn't know that either.

That elderly man is beginning to frustrate me even more.

Well that's the reason why I brought him to Aurum in the first place.

Adventurers and villagers were gathered outside the dungeon.

I saw Aaron, thus I approached him and started talking to him.

[Aaron.] (Ryouta)

[Ah, benefactor-sama.] (Aaron)

[What's happening?] (Ryouta)

[Oh this? They are waiting for their turn to head into the dungeon. This mechanism is to keep the dungeon structure from changing each time.] (Aaron)

[I see.] (Ryouta)

Since Aurum is a rogue dungeon, the structure changes every time someone enters.

So if they do this, it would make it so that people diving inside won't experience the changes each time someone enters.

That means we'll have to wait.

I held back from letting Cliff entering the dungeon and decided to talk to Aaron.

[How's the situation in the village?] (Ryouta)

[Thanks to benefactor-sama, the villagers are doing great, the houses are being rebuilt and marriages that have been postponed are almost certainly resumed, which is also thanks to benefactor-sama.] (Aaron)

[I'm happy that everything is doing fine.] (Ryouta)

[Oh right benefactor-sama, I've raised my son's level but his Vegetation drop has increased by a lot. I have no idea what to do about that, plus I saw his eyes being awoken to the pleasures of exploring in the dungeon.] (Aaron)

[Then he should just come to Shikuro, and I can look after him for some time.] (Ryouta)

[That's absurd! I can't bother benefactor-sama with such trivial matter.] (Aaron)

[Don't worry about it, it's better to stay in a place where you can use your powers to the best of your ability.] (Ryouta)

[Thank you so much benefactor-sama, I'll ask him right now.] (Aaron)

After speaking with Aaron, the villagers continued to speak with me.

From the expression and tone, I could see that the villagers were full of life.

After finishing their stories, I went back to Cliff.

For some reason Cliff was daydreaming.

[What's wrong.] (Ryouta)

[How... are you such good terms with all of them?] (Cliff)

[Huh?] (Ryouta)

[Isn't being an adventurer to compete with rivals, and to only think of hunting your own prey without being opened to others besides your companion, and to also watch out for those approaching.] (Cliff)

[...Is that what your captain said?] (Ryouta)

Cliff silently nodded.

I can't believe he could spout such bullshit.

I heard that it would be better to cut out conversation with others to brainwash people easier, but this is on a whole different scale.

I've only ever seen people doing this to slaves or maybe to electronic devices.

This is really pissing me off.



Aurum Dungeon, First floor.

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Finally when it came to our turn to enter the dungeon, Cliff and I were the last person to enter the dungeon.

[Wow! The surroundings changed.] (Cliff)

[It's those rogue type dungeons, where the structure changes every time you enter.] (Ryouta)

[I, I see.] (Cliff)

[Anyways, look a monster is coming, try and defeat it.] (Ryouta)

[I, I got it.] (Cliff)

[Do be careful, those monsters are quite cumbersome. It'll try and deceive you until you manage to defeat it.] (Ryouta)

Cliff further nodded and ran towards the little devil.

Let the battle begin.

As expected of a level 66 cap person, he was used to battling.

The battle progressed while Cliff grabbed the pace of the little devil, and after gaining the advantage he would be able to deal the final blow.

[Ryouta.] (Cliff)

[What?] (Ryouta)

[Eh? Uhhh...] (Cliff)

[.....] (Ryouta)

Why did he call me before dealing the final blow? I shrugged my head but remembered why in a couple of seconds.

It was the same when Cliff was together with that man.

Cliff and the other colleague would combine and weakened the monster, then the elderly man would deal the final blow.

Probably the habit just came out.

[Not me, but you should defeat it.] (Ryouta)

[Me?] (Cliff)

[Just kill it.] (Ryouta)

[.....] (Cliff)

Cliff was clearly troubled.

Even though he was fighting so smoothly, but when it comes to defeating it he can't, and the little devil counter attacked.

[What's wrong.] (Ryouta)

[I, I don't think I can kill it.] (Cliff)

[...Damn it. Just do it.] (Ryouta)

[...I can't! I can only reduce it's HP till the final blow.] (Cliff)

Cliff was troubled.

Seems that his body was used to just almost killing the monster and stopped attacking afterwards.

[.....]

I thought for a moment, and fired a Recovery Bullet at the little devil.

The bullet hit, and the little devil was recovered.

After doing so, Cliff started moving and attacked the healed up little devil.

Afterwards, just before he could kill it, his hands stopped.

[Damn it... what should I do.] (Ryouta)

Cliff was also troubled.

As expected he won't defeat it, but would attack it before dealing the final blow.

...If that's the case!

I fired another Recovery bullet at the little devil.

The recovered monster moved towards Cliff.

Sure enough, after being healed Cliff would attack three times before defeating it.

I concentrated and counted Cliff's attack.

One, two and—third.

I interrupted by firing a normal bullet between the second and third attack.

After his third attack—The little devil was killed.

[I... defeated it.] (Cliff)

[Moreover.] (Ryouta)

I picked up the dropped gold dust and handed it to him who was stunned when he stared at his hands.



Indole's village, one of The Swallow's Repayment store.

After the construction of the shop was finished, it became a new store. I went there with Cliff.

I called for the store clerk and let him do a trading.

Afterwards, like a rehab, I supported Cliff by helping him defeat the monsters and getting the gold dust.

Because his drop was at C and the drop rate wasn't that good, but he still earned something.

With that, I let him sell it.

[Sorry for the wait.] (Ena)

A face I know, Ena had just finished counting.

She placed some notes and coins on the tray and presented it in front of Cliff.

[With the tax reduction it is 7320 Piro.] (Ena)

[...7000 Piro, this, by me?] (Cliff)

[Aah, it's all yours.] (Ryouta)

[...] (Cliff)

Various expressions floated on the face of Cliff.

Surprised, embarrassed, and gratefulness.

[I... earned so much in just a single day...] (Cliff)

He was happy with that much.

7000 Piro is a daily amount of a part-time job.

Still it was way better than that guy who only gave 30k Piro to Cliff every month.

Gradually, his mind caught up.

Cliff put on a joyful emotion and received the money.

[Thank you so much Ryouta.] Cliff said.

Chapter 108

Family and Family

The next day, Aurum dungeon first floor.

I was watching over Cliff hunting monsters.

It was still slightly awkward, but he was starting to get used to it.

Given enough time, he would be able to hunt for himself.

To be able to rescue someone who was caught in a Black company, I was relieved and satisfied.

We are done with Cliff's business, thus we should head back to Shikuro after coming out the dungeon.

I thought that the time has come.

Inside the dungeon, a bell was ringing.

It was a clear tone, and it sounded like the bell was specifically made out of gold.

A gold bell that was made from the gold that was dropped by Aurum dungeon.

The bell was a mechanism to notify when adventurers have used up their time and should leave the dungeon.

Cliff who heard it had just defeated the monster, picked the gold dust and returned to my side.

[Good work out there, how was it?] (Ryouta)

[Better than yesterday...] (Cliff)

While saying that, Cliff showed me the gold dust on the palm of his hand.

As he had said so, the amount had exceeded compared to yesterday's drops.

Being at maxed level and Mineral at C, plus Aurum had double the drop rate after defeating the hidden boss.

It can be said that it was normal in a certain sense.

[That's good then.] (Ryouta)

[It really is thanks to Ryouta.] (Cliff)

[Don't worry about it.] (Ryouta)

Because I was once in a Black company, I can't just overlook someone suffering from it too.

The scenery around us continuously changed while taking about such things.

Each time making Cliff surprised.

[Well, rogue dungeons are a troublesome thing, as the whereabouts would change every time an adventurer comes in.] (Ryouta)

[I, I guess it's that kind of thing.] (Cliff)

[It'll be convenient once you start getting used to it, look.] (Ryouta)

The moment I finished saying, we were sent to the entrance of the dungeon and we could see new adventurers lining up for their turn to enter the dungeon.

[If your timing is good then it is possible to leave without doing anything.] (Ryouta)

[It's so convenient.] (Cliff)

[Ryouta!]

Suddenly I heard my name being called, and at the same time someone hugged me.

Furthermore, the scenery around me changed and I was flown into somewhere unknown.

I didn't know who was cuddling me so I calmly judged the situation and saw the one hugging me so suddenly.

[Margaret.] (Ryouta)

[It has been awhile since we last met.] (Margaret)

It was that Margaret, the Princess of the Air.

As usual, the atmosphere around her was fluffy with her elegant, and beautifully dressed Princess dress.

[Likewise, so what's wrong?] (Ryouta)

[I've heard rumours of a new dungeon and I'm glad that I came as I could meet with Ryouta, because I have something to show to Ryouta.] (Margaret)

[What do you wanna show?] (Ryouta)

Margaret then went around searching for something, and when she saw the K-I-A board, she immediately went towards it.

After operating it, I went close to her.

The status board was displayed, and she looked at me with her fluffy smile.

[It was thanks to Ryouta that I'm finally like this!] (Margaret)

----- 1 / 2 -----	
Level	99/99
HP	F
MP	F
Strength	F
Endurance	F
Intelligence	F

Mentality	F
Speed	F
Dexterity	F
Luck	F

----- 2 / 2 -----	
Vegetation	A
Animal	A
Mineral	A
Magic	A
Special Item	A

[Woow!] (Ryouta)

What was displayed was what I'd expected, when her level is capped at 99 her Drop would all be A.

The status was exactly the same type as mine right after I came to this world.



Aurum Dungeon, First Floor.

I was watching the battle of Margaret.

They were the 4 men that was always with her.

The four of them made me see Margaret as a Princess because they resembled that of knights supporting her.

The four of them attacked the little devil, showing their outstanding combination by

chasing the little devil and weakening it.

[Princess.]

One of the four turned back and called out for Margaret.

Margaret nodded, dragged the same heavy sword when I first met and head towards the little devil that was being restrained like a naughty toddler by the four men.

The gold dust was dropped briskly because of her A Drop.

The Margaret Family.

That phrase naturally emerged in my head.

Being an All F for battling, but having All A for Drops, Margaret's tactic was different as she needed her knights to weakened and give her the finishing blow.

That was the status of Margaret and her appearance.

It was a totally different battle tactic compared to the Neptune and our Ryouta family, but I was convinced just by looking at her for a while.

Margaret then went towards the next monster.

[.....] (Cliff)

Suddenly, I looked at Cliff seemingly staring at Margaret without mentioning anything from a little while ago.

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[What's wrong, your expression looks sharp.] (Ryouta)

[That... is that fine?] (Cliff)

[Hmm?] (Ryouta)

[Isn't that, making it look exactly like how I fight...] (Cliff)

[...Aaah.] (Ryouta)

I see so that's what he meant.

The men around her was weakening the monster and letting her deal the final blow. Certainly, it may be the same as Cliff's way of doing things.

[...] (Cliff)

Cliff's facial expression was not excellent as he remembered his past self from watching it.

I thought that I had to say something.

After defeating the next little devil, Margaret picked up the dropped gold dust, and went to her knights.

[Yes, Rat, Social, Play, Builder.] (Margaret) *(TLN: I assume their names=their roles)*

After calling their names, she presented the gold dust quarterly to the four of them.

[[[[Thank you for giving us such happiness]]]]

Whether the four of them were genuine knights, but the four of them kneeled together and took the gold dust from Margaret.

It reminded me of a scene where the knights had no complains and gladly accepted whatever the Princess offers.

[Eeh...] (Cliff)

Cliff was puzzled by it.

[She... gives it to them.] (Cliff)

[Margaret treats her men differently from how your Captain treats you.] (Ryouta)

[Th, that's true. But why...] (Cliff)

[Ryouta!] (Margaret)

While Cliff was puzzled, Margaret who handed the gold dust to the knights came over to me and hugged me again.

She clung to my waist as if to tackle me, and looked up to me, showing her bosom.

[Did you watch my battle just now?] (Margaret)

[Yeah, I see that you can do it.] (Ryouta)

[It's all thanks to Ryouta~] (Margaret)

[How about them?] (Ryouta)

[They are from my Family. When I told them about my status they gladly helped me in fighting.] (Margaret)

[So they came from there.] (Ryouta)

[Yeah.] (Margaret)

[And the action of giving the drops?] (Ryouta)

[I was imitating Ryouta~] (Margaret)

[Un?] (Ryouta)

[Eh?] (Cliff)

While I tilted my head, at the same time Cliff heard that and was surprised that he raised his voice.

[It is all thanks to Ryouta that I managed to get to what I am right now. Ryouta who generously helped me, I'm merely imitating it.] (Margaret)

[I have not done anything that great...] (Ryouta)

[That is wrong!] (Margaret)

She stopped hugging me and took a step while looking up at me with a strong figure. Her elegant face was filled with her elegance aura——her atmosphere was drifting.

[It's thanks to Ryouta, not matter who they are—even if is Ryouta who said so, I will continue to say that I'm indebted to Ryouta.] (Margaret)

[...I see, then thank you too.] (Ryouta)

[Then... uhmm...] (Margaret)

[Yeah?] (Ryouta)

[I want to add Ryouta's family into my family.] (Margaret)

[My family?] (Ryouta)

Was she saying that as a subsidiary, or as a subordinate?

[Unfortunately, i cannot fight alone. If I do not have them I would not be able to do anything by myself. Thus, please let me add this family to Ryouta's family.] (Margaret)

[I see. If that's the case—I welcome you.] (Ryouta)

[Thank you so much! Being under the wing of Ryouta family, The Margaret Family once again thank you and wish to do our best in the future.] (Margaret)

Margaret was delighted and strongly hugged me.



We were at the plaza after leaving the dungeon in the afternoon.

The plaza was also added as a result of earning lots of money.

Aurum Dungeon was originally in the middle of private houses, so the remnants of those private houses were removed, and a fountain was created in the middle followed by constructions of shops related to dungeon was built.

Indole was also changing to suit the dungeon, which was a good change.

Thus, I was looking at Cliff face-to-face.

[Than this is goodbye, I will return to Shikuro. If you have anything please contact me

anytime.] (Ryouta)

I guess I have finished helping Cliff for now.

With the misunderstanding of Margaret, because she was listening from the side when she confessed to me, he understood that his former captain——they were different from that elderly man.

[Ryouta... No, Ryouta-san.] (Cliff)

[-san? Why so formal all of a sudden?] (Ryouta)

[I... please let us be under Ryouta-san's wings too! Perhaps another two more person... but please...] (Cliff)

Two person.

Cliff's friend, which was another colleague who has survived together with that man.

It was a declaration to save that person.

[I got it, good luck.] (Ryouta)

[Yes! Thank you so much!] (Cliff)

Cliff started using honorific words to me completely.

He probably saw what I could do from Margaret.

Cliff felt confident that he would be able to help his companion.

Chapter 109

The Princess's [Love]

The road leading back to Shikuro from Indole.

A wilderness that had nothing at all, and a man-made road built to compensate for the lack of things.

With a world that has everything(products) dropped from dungeons, if you were to leave just a few miles away from a dungeon, you would find no cities or humans whatsoever, which gives of an end of the world atmosphere.

On that empty path, Margaret and I were walking on it.

My appearance was your typical adventurer that you see everyday, but Margaret had an appearance showcasing her as [The • Princess].

Her clean and elegant look was displayed from top to bottom.

It was a considerable mismatch with this wilderness.

[So in conclusion, Ryouta is the head chief of Indole?] (Margaret)

[There is the village mayor, I'm just appointed as the Chief of the Dungeon Association.] (Ryouta)

[The position of the association chief is overwhelmingly higher than that of a village mayor. You can say that neither a city or a village can do without a dungeon inside.] (Margaret)

[...That's obvious.] (Ryouta)

I smile bitterly as I understood what Margaret was trying to say.

I do understand, but I just can't see myself as a [Chief].

Back when I was working at that Black company at my former world, there weren't any positions for manager, plus new employees did not settle for long and thus there weren't any juniors at the company.

So I wasn't familiar with being at the position of a chief which stood higher than everyone.

[Which means those peoples were also saved by Ryouta.] (Margaret)

[That's how things ended up being. Rescuing them and gaining knowledge of the dungeon.] (Ryouta)

Plus doubling the drops in the dungeon—Though I omitted from saying it.

I'm not sure whether it's the spirit of the dungeon or it really was the God of the dungeon, but I figured that it was best to keep Aurum's existence to myself for the time being.

[Nothing less from Ryouta.] (Margaret)

[Anyways—] (Ryouta)

I looked around us, and after checking that there were no one else I asked her.

[Did your four knights, I mean four teammates not follow you?] (Ryouta)

[You mean Rat, Social, Play, and Builder?] (Margaret)

[Yeah them.] (Ryouta)

I did remember their name being that (weird).

[They are following though.] (Margaret)

[Eh? Where on earth...?] (Ryouta)

[Rat.] (Margaret)

[Yes.] (Rat)

[WTF!!!] (Ryouta)

The moment Margaret called for his name, one of the knights suddenly appeared out of nowhere.

He appeared without a sound like a ghost and kneeled down in a posture as if [A follower following his princess].

[Where in the heck did you come from?] (Ryouta)

[...] (Rat)

Rat did not answer my question.

[Well, I wonder where though?] (Margaret)

Margaret tilted her head, as if not knowing too.

[We are always here when Margaret-sama needs us, and when Margaret-sama orders at any moment or at any place we will comply, also whenever we are not in use, we will be at a place which won't get in the way of Margaret-sama.] (Rat)

[Is what he said~] (Margaret)

[Th, that didn't explained anything at all.] (Ryouta)

[Good work Rat, it's alright now, you may leave.] (Margaret)

[Yes.] (Rat)

Rat slightly bowed and disappeared as the same as when he came.

Although I was watching him the entire time, but the moment I blinked he disappeared from my sight.

As if he wasn't here from the beginning.

[...Oi oi, he even removed his footprints?] (Ryouta)

In the wilderness there remained only the footprints of Margaret and I, and there were

no evidence of Rat ever stepping foot here at all, even looking at several tens of meters, there weren't any footprints of him ever existing.

[It's almost as if you summoned him, okay I won't say anymore.] (Ryouta)

[That's right.] (Margaret)

[What's more that attitude. It reminds me of way back when I saw the position of a senpai and a new stuff which turned into an errand boy under that senpai.] (Ryouta)

[What's an errand boy(Pashiri)?] (Margaret)

She doesn't know what's an errand boy, well it can't be help as she is a princess.

[It's a position where you are ordered to buy yakisoba bread or juice or something like that.] (Ryouta)

[If that's the case then everyone is an errand boy?] (Margaret)

[Huh?] (Ryouta)

[Social, I want a cold tea.] (Margaret)

[Here you go.] (Social)

[What the!!!] (Ryouta)

I was surprised by that sudden action.

A different man appeared diagonally behind Margaret this time.

I don't know where he got it, but the man gave a glass with ice to Margaret.

It looked tasty as one can see the cooling glass with water droplets dripping from the glass.

[Thank you~] (Margaret)

[It's my pleasure to serve.] (Social)

After Margaret finished drinking, Social disappeared without a trace or sound.

Though their appearance is that of a knight... but aren't they ninjas in disguise?

[That is seriously amazing. I'm kinda interested as to how far they would go to listen to your orders though.] (Ryouta)

[You want to know?] (Margaret)

[Un, yeah.] (Ryouta)

[If Ryouta says so.] (Margaret)

Margaret stopped.

[Rat, Social, Play, Builder.] (Margaret)

After she called for the four of them, as if time has stopped for a moment, the four of them appeared in front of Margaret, with one knee in front of her and rests their arm on their protruding knee. This time they didn't appear diagonally behind of Margaret. The appearance is that of a ninja, but their gesture showed that of a knight. That imbalance was a little funny to look at.

[How far would you cooperate with me?] (Margaret)

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When Margaret asked, the four of them did not spare any time, but they weren't in a hurry, using a delicate tone.

[I'll live on for the sake of Margaret-sama.]

[I'll die for the sake of Margaret-sama.]

[Margaret-sama's joy is everything to me.]

[It's because of Margaret-sama that everything exists.]

[They are outright devotees! Even their beliefs are similar to that of a devotee!]
(Ryouta)

[Thank you.] (Margaret)

After Margaret thanked them, the four of them disappeared without a sound again.

[Well, they have answered. Are you convinced with that?] (Margaret)

[Instead of being convinced, I feel that it was extremely amazing.] (Ryouta)

[Wait? Didn't the each of them received a gold dust from Margaret. Wouldn't that mean that they are pleased to serve you because they received something.] (Ryouta)

『We deserve only death if we refused any of Margaret-sama's gifts!』

[Wow wtf again!!] (Ryouta)

[What seems to be the problem?] (Margaret)

I was surprised enough to jump up, but Margaret seemed to be calm as ever.

I looked around me, I was certain that someone came and whispered into my ear, but when I looked around nobody was here.

Besides, I felt that the voice was different from the ordinary voice.

...That is seriously amazing, just amazing.

After being surprised, I calmed down and finally accepted it.

[They really are firm believers. Well, when I first met Margaret, I thought that you were like an idol, because you sold an Air box or something.] (Ryouta)

[What is an Idol?] (Margaret)

[Un? Aah... It's a type of race where everyone loves and adores them.] (Ryouta)

I tried giving my interpretation.

[From everyone... Is it?] (Margaret)

[That's right.] (Ryouta)

[...Even Ryouta?] (Margaret)

[Eh?] (Ryouta)

[Am I also... liked by Ryouta?] (Margaret)

Dokin.

Margaret turned to me and looked straight to me.

A happy eyes with reddish cheeks.

It's as if—Wait, wait, wait just a minute.

Idols should not have any romantic relationship or even get married—

[I really like Ryouta... so does Ryouta... like me too?] (Margaret)

A hard ball without fine workmanship was thrown straight at me.

My chest took a critical hit.

My heart was beating fast, spiking up my heartbeat in a stretch.

[.....]

Margaret was staring at me with wet eyes.

As I was excited and warmed up, she gradually became troubled, then saddened, as if tears were starting to pour out from her eyes.

[Is it, a no then...?] (Margaret)

[No no that's not it!] (Ryouta)

[Is that true?] (Margaret)

[Yes! I think I like you, but—] (Ryouta)

This happened before with Elza, but I have little experience with such things.

I have no idea what to do.

And, I'm at a lost.

My visibility unexpectedly became dark, and a soft feeling was transmitted to my lips.

The contact of about 0.1 seconds, a kiss just like a bird.

Kiss.

My head had gotten even whiter.

[———! Wh, what have I done!] (Margaret)

Margaret's face turned even redder, and her face was boiling up.

[Rat, Social, Play, Builder! Please hide my face.] (Margaret)

[[[[Yes!]]]]

The four shinobi knights appeared without a sound and surrounding Margaret.

[Uuuuuuu... I, I'm so sorry!] (Margaret)

While still being embarrassed, Margaret ran away covering her face with her hands while being escorted by the four of them.

I remained standing there blankly.

[Satou-dono.]

[Wow (stop scaring me)!!] (Ryouta)

One of the knights who escorted Margaret appeared in front of me.

If I'm not mistaken... It's Rat right?

He looked at me straight in the eyes with a serious face... and with that face he honestly said.

[This was the first time we have seen Margaret-sama with such a happy expression.]
(Rat)

[Eh? Aaah...] (Ryouta)

I imagined he would say things like [This unlucky man should not deserve the Princess!] or something along those lines, but what I was told was the complete opposite of that.

[Please continue to be with her from now onwards...] (Rat)

After saying that, Rat bowed and disappeared once again.

[Thank you...] (Ryouta)

Being said that by Rat, I remembered the feeling of that kiss.

Imagining the words [from now on] and [various] with Margaret, my heart rate increased even more than usual.

Chapter 110

A new record for oneself

I've missed a shot *again* from using the Infinite Lightning Bullet.

Nihonium Dungeon, Fifth floor.

While the snow danced around the dungeon, the shot to the Red Skeleton missed again and lightning strikes burst into the wall of the dungeon.

[Damn... cut by 50%...] (Ryouta)

My condition was horrible since this morning. My hit rate was already 0% to start off because of the Red Skeleton I fought from the beginning, and now it only raised to 50%.

The reason was pretty obvious... My heart was still beating fast, and a fuzzy feeling was felt throughout my body.

The Red Skeleton went behind me and hit me with its bone.

It made a clean hit on the back of my head and laughed with its bones cackling.

[What... don't look down on me!] (Ryouta)

I grabbed its legs from the ground and gathered power from my entire body and swiftly returned a punch.

Although the Red Skeleton tried to withdraw at super speed, but my fist connected first.

The Red Skeleton was blown away and shattered before it could even hit the wall of the dungeon.

It then dropped the MP seed and picking up I gained 1 MP. Afterwards, I blew out air that was accumulated in my lungs, letting out a [Fuuu] sound.

In the dungeon which had snow falling, I scratched my head repeatedly, messing up my hair.

The cause was obviously because of what Margaret said.

The unexpected kiss that I received yesterday still made me angry.

With my unstable condition, it took a longer than usual as I was constantly failing to hit the target—and at the end my hit rate went down by 40%.

I extended the battle until lunch break, and somehow I was able to raise my MP from B to A.



In the afternoon, I went to Teruru by myself, but I encountered Margaret at the entrance of the dungeon.

[I was waiting for you~] (Margaret)

[You waited?] (Ryouta)

[Yes, I went to Ryouta's house but you weren't there, then the people in the house said that you would be at Teruru in the afternoon.] (Margaret)

[Aah... Yeah.] (Ryouta)

I averted my eyes from her.

I could not look at Margaret's face properly as the base of my ear was hot.

My heart was racing, as I remembered about yesterday's kiss.

[An, anyways do you need anything from me?] (Ryouta)

[I thought of looking at how Ryouta hunts.] (Margaret)

[Looking at me hunting?] (Ryouta)

[Yes. Among the adventurers who are in Shikuro, I was wondering if I could learn from Ryouta's fierce battles against monsters.] (Margaret)

[So you want to learn about my movements.] (Ryouta)

[If I could move around by myself, then it would help Rat and the rest too in the future.] (Margaret)

[Well, it's better to have more variety.] (Ryouta)

Even if it's still dealing the last hit, but if the person who is dealing the final hit was stronger then it would certainly change some things.

If their attack power is high, then it would reduce the amount of cuts they need to do, and if they have a high accuracy, then they do not have to restrain it all the time.

As Margaret becomes stronger, it was certain that more things could be done.

[...Your ambition is amazing.] (Ryouta)

[Yes? What did you just say?] (Margaret)

[Nothing at all. I got it, follow me then.] (Ryouta)

[Yes !!] (Margaret)

Margaret followed me into the dungeon with a smile on her face.

Teruru Dungeon, First floor.

[I'm having deep emotions.] (Ryouta)

[Eh?] (Margaret)

[Ah no, I still remember when I first went inside here, I was the same as Margaret, our status were almost the same. Though all my Drops are high, but my abilities were all F.] (Ryouta)

[Is that true?] (Margaret)

[Yeah.] (Ryouta)

[If that's the case, then I could also be like Ryouta~] (Margaret)

[I guess so.] (Ryouta)

My only strength is my Drops being All S, and also having Nihonium, so I thought that I would not put water on Margaret with eyes shining brightly.

With that out, I started my hunt.

While pushing the Magic Cart, we went further inside the dungeon.

A Slime appeared and jumped at me.

I stopped the Slime with my hands, and fired at it from on top of the Magic Cart.

Even with a normal bullet it would penetrate the Slime • instantly killing it. The dropped bean sprouts then fell right into the Magic Cart.

[That's amazing, with just one attack.] (Margaret)

[Plus I defeated it from above the Magic Cart, so the drop would fall right into the cart without having to pick it up. As the Slime is weak so it was easy to do this method to increase the efficiency.] (Ryouta)

[So that's how it is.] (Margaret)

Plus, using normal bullets instead of the Infinite Lightning Bullet was also to increase efficiency.

Recently, I learned a few things, when a monster was zapped by the lightning, it takes time to burned it to crisp before dropping it's drop.

Though with the normal bullet, it would instantly penetrate and kill it and in an instant drop the bean sprouts.

Even though it's just a few second difference, but the time would accumulate and it would result in a time lost when using the lightning bullet.

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Although it's infinite and user-friendly, but it wasn't suitable for pursuing efficiency when it comes to doing things like time attack.

Bringing Margaret along, I defeated the Slimes as we went forward.

Defeating it, letting the bean sprouts fall into the Magic Cart, then repeat the process.

Suddenly, my feet stopped.

[What's wrong?] (Margaret)

[Just a little while longer.] (Ryouta)

Margaret tilted her head.

I prepared my gun and waited for awhile.

After 30 seconds had passed, a Slime was born.

The moment it was born I defeated it, and put the bean sprouts inside the Magic Cart.

[Wh, what was that?] (Margaret)

[I could guess the spawn point of the monster at a certain extent. For this point, the Slime would spawn every 5 minutes. When we went around and returned here I thought it was about time for it to spawn again.] (Ryouta)

[You could even remember something as detailed as this! That's amazing!] (Margaret)

[I'm just used to it.] (Ryouta)

[Is there anything else?] (Margaret)

Margaret was admiring me.

Her eyes were shining ever so brightly, and her face had a child-like expression waiting for something else to happen.

That face made me want to explain more.

From what I've remembered thus far, I taught her everything I've learned with the bodily sensation.

And to put it to practice, I showed her the efficiency rate of hunting in Teruru Dungeon.

Margaret was extremely happy about it and kept on saying how awesome I was. Her expression was beautiful and also adorable. Having these two high level expression together is dangerous.

I want to look at that expression more, and tried other ways to make her show.



[That was so amazing to look at.] (Margaret)

Evening befalls, and we head out of Teruru Dungeon, and Margaret and I were walking around the city streets.

From the first floor down to the seventh floor, I showed her the steps of defeating each individual monsters from each floors, and also the most efficient way of strategizing each floor.

Margaret was overwhelmed with pleasure, looking at it made me thought that it was worth doing it.

[As I expect of Ryouta, my one and only Prince-sama.] (Margaret)

[Pri—] (Ryouta)

Margaret went straight with her speech, and made my heart skipped a beat.

The thought of showing her the methods of hunting monsters was completely forgotten and my heart was beating even faster.

A cherry coloured lips entered the vision of my eyes.

This is bad, what am I supposed to do.

Once I became conscious of the person, looking at her in front of me made my heart beat even faster than usual.

[Aa, there he is. Ooi Ryouta.]

[Eh?] (Ryouta)

Someone was calling me from behind, and I saw Alice heading towards me.

While waving her hands, I could see the 3 SD sized monsters sitting on her shoulders.

[What's the matter?] (Ryouta)

In a way a saviour has come to save me. The excitement died down a little, and I turned to look at Alice.

[Breaking news, you would probably want to know about it so Elza sent me to tell you about it.] (Alice)

[Breaking news?] (Ryouta)

[Yes !] (Alice)

Alice strongly nodded, and expressed her innocent smile.

[Congratulations, your income for today exceeded 3 Million~] (Alice)

[——-Ooo.] (Ryouta)

[It's a new record for Ryouta.] (Alice)

[Ah I see, so it exceeded.] (Ryouta)

[That's amazing, 1 day 3 Million Piro. What happened though?] (Alice)

[Eh?] (Ryouta)

My heart skipped a beat, but it was a different kind of beat.

Alice looked at where Margaret was at, and she'd gotten surprised.

Looks like she didn't know, phew.

If she knew the reason then I would've died from embarrassment.

In the morning my efficiency was less than half, but at noon I wanted to show my good side to Margaret so I was able to make a new record.

[I do not understand, but congratulations~] (Margaret)

[Congrats, Ryouta is indeed amazing right~] (Alice)

When the person herself said it to me it was a bit embarrassing.

Chapter 111

Circling Magic

Nihonium's fifth floor, after defeating the last Red Skeleton, I picked up the seed. The seed that was on the palm of my hand melted like a snowflake and disappeared.

[With this... It's finally S.] (Ryouta)

I've already felt it previously that I was close to maxing the status out, so this morning while counting the amount of monsters I defeated, my status has finally reached to S.

After killing the newly emerged Red Skeleton, I went back to where I came.

After walking to the entrance, I stood in front of the K-I-A board.

There were no K-I-A board inside Nihonium, probably because it drops nothing hence everyone thinks it's a shitty dungeon.

At least at the bare minimum, they placed a K-I-A board right in front of the dungeon which I was standing and operating it right this instance.

----- 1 / 2 -----	
Level	1/1
HP	S
MP	S
Strength	S
Endurance	F
Intelligence	S
Mentality	F
Speed	S

Dexterity	F
Luck	F

The Red Skeletons at the fifth floor drops MP seeds which finally upped my MP to S.

This was now my 5th S. Initially all of them were F, but I finally have five of them becoming S.

It seemed like a long journey, but not really either.

I had other abilities up and gathering normal items and cheat items to help, which both had its easiness and difficulties.

...It was done, but.

[I can't seem to see the benefits of having MP.] (Ryouta)

Wait that was a misunderstanding, what I was trying to say was I felt that having my MP maxing out did not give me any benefit.

I could feel the benefits of HP and Endurance even at an early stage, the overall damage being taken had drastically decreased and I could feel confident from being attacked by an ordinary monster as I would not die immediately.

I've also realised the benefits of Strength and Speed as I could fight without using a gun.

On the other hand, I don't see a thing for MP.

The magic that I remembered having were two, Wind Cutter and Reservation.

Wind Cutter is a Level 1 wind magic, the very basic of the elementary magic.

On the other hand, Reservation is a magic that applies my drop S stats to any monster and anyone who defeats that monster would get an S drop drop.

For the former it was weak in general, and the latter is used only when facing strong enemies.

For different reasons, my magic had not much use.

Well, if I use Reservation, the effect is good.

In any case, I have used almost no magic and thus maxing MP to S had no benefits whatsoever.

[Should I buy... another Magic Fruit.] (Ryouta)



In the city of Shikuro, inside a Magical Tool Store.

I stared at the three Magic Fruits.

[I don't know whether I have to remind you about such things.]

Isaac, the store owner said so while bitterly smiling...

[No matter how many times you look at it it's useless. I understand your feelings of eating a Magic Fruit and learning a magic, but you won't know what magic you get.]
(Isaac)

[...It might be.] (Ryouta)

I was still gazing at the fruits to see whether there were any difference to it.

Buying one isn't cheap either. If you managed to buy one and eat, you can learn one magic for just only 3 Million Piros, and it's not as if I'm not gonna buy it, it's just that I wasn't in a hurry in buying it.

What's more, even if I know I was buying it, I'm contemplating on which one I should

buy as one costs a whopping 3 Million Piro.

[Well, I guess it's fine to concentrate as long as you want until you decide to buy it.]
(Isaac)

Isaac turned his palm upward and shrugged his shoulders.

Perhaps there were other customers like me, thus he had gotten used to it.

[...Muuuu.] (Ryouta)

I gazed at the Magic Fruit so much that a hole has opened from it.

I looked from the front then behind.

I looked at the side and look from top to bottom.

I gazed at it from all angles.

[—!] (Ryouta)

Suddenly, at that instant when I gazed at the three fruits from all angles, I could see something behind the leftmost magical fruit.

I unintentionally squint my eyes.

[What's the matter?] (Isaac)

[That...] (Ryouta)

[That?] (Isaac)

Isaac stared at the Magic Fruit that I was looking.

[What's wrong with this Magic Fruit?] (Isaac)

[.....] (Ryouta)

I wanted to say [Can't you see it?], but I decided to swallow my words.

Perhaps he really can't see it, and only I could see it.

A woman was standing behind the leftmost magical fruit.

Her body was translucent, and it had a shape of a human which was only slightly larger than the Magic Fruit.

It was like a ghost... A woman in sleeves.

[..... Give me this.] (Ryouta)

[Please come again—] (Isaac)

Restraining from wanting to say it out loud, I brought the Magic Fruit with a woman wearing a kimono dress happily smiling.



The suburbs of Shikuro, a place where rarely anyone comes.

I came to the place where I always use to hatch rogue monsters and placed the Magic Fruit on the ground.

After leaving the store, the figure of the woman in kimono disappeared.

Just a while ago, I was having various thoughts on the Kimono Lady, but now it was different.

Aurum of Aurum, a spirit of the dungeon, might have some association with it.

Nihonium, a woman in kimono.

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[...Wouldn't that just be too easy?] (Ryouta)

With that in mind, I left the Magic Fruit and waited for it to hatch.

Even if you eat the Magic Fruit normally, you would only gain one magic, but if you hatched it into a rogue monster and drop it again with my S Drop, it would give you the effects of the Magic Fruit twice.

While waiting for it, it made me feel like a chef cooking in a fine dining.

After a while the Magic Fruit hatched into a rogue monster...

It was a Liquid Metal monster similar to before, and right after it hatched it changed into the same figure as me.

The monster with an ability that retains 80% of the ability of whoever they transform to.

[She's there again.] (Ryouta)

A woman in kimono appeared on his shoulder for only an instant.

It was similar to Alice's monsters standing on her shoulder.

After smiling a little, she disappeared, and the monster started attacking.

Just like before, I fired a Restraint Bullet with the max amount of Bullet Enhancer, and defeated it by repeatedly firing the Infinite Lightning Bullets in succession.

It was good to have the Infinite Lightning Bullet, or else it would take a ton of bullets to defeat this guy.

It's not just this monster, but it was the same with Rare monsters or Dungeon Masters.

It's not that I can't defeat it, but it's troublesome and there are monsters that would not turn around for anything.

In order to fight such monsters, I thought that I wanted to be a bit stronger.

While thinking about it, the rogue monster collapsed and dropped Magic Fruit.

The Magic Fruit which originally had one hexagonal star now became two hexagonal stars.

I ate it and at that moment, two Magic emerged from within my head.

The first one was Magic Force. It is a spell that consumes MP each time you attack but in return your Physical Damage increases.

The other one was——

[Satou-dono.]

[Uwaa!!] (Ryouta)

My name was suddenly called out and I was surprised till I jolted up.

The one in front of me was Rat, one of the ninja knights who was always around Margaret.

[Wh, what is it?] (Ryouta)

[Please lend me your power.] (Rat)

[My power...? Wait, are you injured?] (Ryouta)

I was surprised to hear his request, but looking at him closely I could see he was quite shabby.

His armor had been torn from various places and the torn place was bleeding out his blood.

[What exactly happened?] (Ryouta)

[Margaret-sama is in danger.] (Rat)

[What?(NANI!)] (Ryouta)



Nihonium dungeon, the first floor.

[Satou!]

As soon as I entered, the old man who was selling the air called out for my name.

[Where's Margaret?] (Ryouta)

[Over there!]

As soon as he said that, I looked at the direction he was pointing, and saw Margaret and the three knights protecting her.

And the figure of the monster as well.

A 160cm tall monster with long hair.

The translucent body made it look like a ghost.

It was a Dungeon Master of Nihonium.

[So you've encountered it.] (Ryouta)

[I can't believe it appeared... Satou, please do something about it.] (Rat)

[I'm on to it.] (Ryouta)

I moved forward one step.

Beside me was Rat, and he called for me.

[I'll do anything, just say the word.] (Rat)

I caught a glimpse of him.

Even though the armor was hiding it, but I could tell that the wound wasn't light. The

wound was dripping out blood nonstop.

Still he had no fear in his eyes.

His face only showed a [If it's for Margaret].

Admiring... no, it's more of a respect to him.

[It's fine, I can handle it by myself.] (Ryouta)

[...Can you do it?] (Rat)

[Yeah.] (Ryouta)

I nodded, and after feeling something, Rat left it to me without saying anything.

After running towards it, I saw her appearance.

It wasn't Margaret, nor was it the Dungeon Master.

But it was that woman in sleeves.

She then smiled at me sweetly, and with that I confirmed.

[I have another 4 more floors to go, so please wait for me.] (Ryouta)

After saying that, she smiled with satisfaction and disappeared.

I then chant a spell.

[Repetition.] (Ryouta)

The moment I casted it, my body suffered a tremendous burdened, my magic—MP felt like it had been sucked up dry.

It should be like that, as my opponent was the Dungeon Master.

Repetition, a magic that instantly kills a monster that you've defeated before in exchange for MP.

The Nihonium Dungeon Master was burned to crisp, as I defeated it in one hit in exchange for my S rank MP.

Chapter 112

A large scale

Teruru Dungeon, first floor.

I held onto the Slime that just appeared. Without using my guns, but with my hands.

[Repetition.] (Ryouta)

It was the new magic that I've just learned, and the ability is to forcibly kill one monster of my choice.

The Slime disappeared, and it dropped bean sprouts.

I picked it up and threw it into the Magic Cart.

This was the first time it was that easy. Though I could still use my gun to defeat it, but using a gun would take my concentration to aim at the target before shooting.

Compare it with the magic Repetition, I don't even need to aim, all I have to do is imagine where the monster is and it would be defeated.

What's more---

[It consumes only a little MP.] (Ryouta)

I've only ever used this magic at the Dungeon Master once to save Margaret.

At that time, with just one use it felt like my entire body was sucked dry as I ran out of MP.

Though today was alright, it didn't happen like before when I used it on the Slime.

Another Slime appeared, and doing what I did before, I used Repetition.

The Slime was instantly killed and dropped the bean sprouts.

As I suspect, I didn't even feel my MP depleting at all.

Repetition, a magic that instantly kills any monster that the owner defeated before, and the MP consumption depends on the strength of the monster.

An easy enemy like a Slime would barely consume much at all.

[In a way... no wait it can be said this magic is the strongest in this world.] (Ryouta)

Having a magic that instantly kills monster that have been killed before would only be a convenient tool in games, but for this world it would likely be the strongest magic.

In a world where everything is dropped from monster, the ability to defeat monsters and circling around can be said the most useful.

It might not even be an exaggeration to say that just by using magic, I could instantly kill a monster.

[The only problem is... how many times can I use it?] (Ryouta)

The consumption when defeating a Slime is not zero, and although it's low, but I certainly felt my MP being consumed even if it was just a little.

How many times can I use it before I ran out of MP... Let's test it out.

I used Repetition on the weakest Slime.

Defeating it with magic, it dropped the bean sprouts and then putting it in the Magic Cart. Once the cart was full, I pressed the switch and sent the drops to my home.

And repeating that process.

I kept repeating without minding my MP.

[...Fuu.] (Ryouta)

Finally my MP has ran out, repeatedly using the magic to kill, it was half the usual time—after going around the dungeon, my MP ran out at about 3PM.

Even though my MP was S, it was already powerful enough that I could use this magic nonstop for nearly three hours.

Well then, what was the outcome?



I went back home.

It was the first time I came back from Teruru during midday.

[I'm back.] (Ryouta)

[Welcome back Ryouta-san.] (Elza)

A house with three story building, I went inside the first floor.

There, Elza was sitting down inside what seemed to completely look like a store.

She was dispatched by the Swallow's Repayment store to help me, she stood up and greeted me.

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[What seems to be the problem, you're early today.] (Elza)

[I wanted to know how much I've earned for today.] (Ryouta)

[Aah, I knew it.] (Elza)

What do you mean you knew it?} (Ryouta)

I answered Elza while tilting my head.

[Ryouta-san, were you trying some new method today?] (Elza)

[How did you know?] (Ryouta)

[Of course I know about it. Today, it was different from the usual way when you sent the items over.] (Elza)

[Oh, because of that.] (Ryouta)

It might seemed unexpected to be able to spot such difference.

[Well then, yes the passbook,] (Ryouta)

[Please wait for a moment.] (Elza)

Elza took the passbook and recorded today's earnings.

While I was waiting, I was filled with excitement.

Elza who finished recording it handed the passbook back to me with a smile on her face.

[Here you go.] (Elza)

[Let's see... WOW 3 Million Piro!?!] (Ryouta)

The number written on the passbook was 3 Million when I rounded down the fraction.

The amount was certainly...

[Wasn't it almost the same as the other day's record?] (Ryouta)

It was when I wanted to show my good side to Margaret, when I wanted to challenge my limits.

It was also the same amount when I broke through my limits, and this time I'd only used half the time.

[What's more so quickly... , Ryouta-san you're amazing...] (Elza)

[Well it's thanks to a new magic I've learned.] (Ryouta)

[You've learned a new one? A new magic that is.] (Elza)

[Well it's from the Magic Fruit.] (Ryouta)

[Oh I see... Still it's amazing.] (Elza)

Elza looked at me with respect as I looked down at the passbook.

The money that was spent yesterday has come back to me.

The ability of this new magic, plus having extra time after earning the usual earnings.

[I want to head back to the dungeon again.] (Ryouta)

[Are you going again?] (Elza)

[Yeah.] (Ryouta)

I nodded, and opened my passbook and showed it to Elza.

[I'm still shy of 2 Million to hit the 10 Million mark.] (Ryouta)

[Woow! You can still make it! If you continue with today's pace.] (Elza)

Elza was relieved, and sweetly smiled at me.

[Well then, I'll head out now.] (Ryouta)

[Do your best! I'll also do my best!] (Elza)

Encouraged by Elza who tried doing a small guts pose, I turned around and head for Teruru Dungeon again.

Though my MP has ran out, it wasn't a problem.

I shot myself with a Recovery Bullet and it restored my MP entirely.

I then entered the dungeon again with my MP at full bar.

This day, I would never be able to see it from my former world.

My account balance showed a 10 Million digit.

Chapter 113

You're not alone

At night in the cities of Shikuro.

The bar • Villa De Edge.

It was a famous store with various types of beers from around the globe's dungeons, changing their beers every day.

Once work during the daytime was over, Emily and I both came over here for a drink.

[It's been awhile since Yoda-san and I are both alone nanodesu.] (Emily)

[Now that you mention, it has been a long while. Well, our members did increase, so it was rather difficult for us to be alone most of the time.] (Ryouta)

I chugged the beer in one gulped, and ordered another one from the waitress. Since there were 10 types displayed tonight, I could drink all 10 of them in order and savour each taste.

[Eve is all about carrots as usual, and Alice isn't the type to drink so there wasn't a reason to invite her, then how about Celeste?] (Ryouta)

[Celeste-san is currently resting at home nanodesu. She mentioned that her head was throbbing in pain desu.] (Emily)

[Her head? Is she alright?] (Ryouta)

[She doesn't seem to be having a fever so I think she's fine, but I told her to contact us if anything were to happen desu.] (Emily)

[I see.] (Ryouta)

The 130cm girl who was sitting across was slowly sipping away the same beer that I'd just drank.

Looking at her, she really displayed her adult side, taking care of things at home and

all.

She is clearly the perfect person to be a mother in charge of a house, it was hard seeing somebody being sick if they were being taken cared by her.

[Fuuu...] (Emily)

[What's wrong?] (Ryouta)

[Yoda-san, have you realized desu?] (Emily)

[Realized what?] (Ryouta)

[Since just awhile ago, everyone was looking at Yoda-san nodesu.] (Emily)

[Looking at me?] (Ryouta)

Placing the mug down, I turned my head and scanned the entire bar.

Now that she said, I noticed that there were people staring at me.

Both men and women——For some reason when I laid eyes with the women, they immediately looked away. Though just as Emily said, almost half of the customers were looking at me.

[Yoda-san has already become a full-fledge celebrity nanodesu.] (Emily)

A celebrity huh.] (Ryouta)

[Being with Yoda-san makes me really proud nanodesu.] (Emily)

[Maybe Emily is unaware, but some of them might be looking at you too. Hasn't your Emily Hammer increased in sales over the past week? When I went in to Arsenic, occasionally I would see nearly 90% of adventurers using the Emily Hammer.] (Ryouta)

[Th, that's because the hammer is good to use nanodesu~] (Emily)

Emily's cheeks were blushing as she cast her eyes downwards.

Even though I wasn't used to being this popular, Emily was way embarrassed and wasn't immune to being called a celebrity herself.

Seeing an embarrassed and adorable Emily made me want to tease her just a little.

[Don't be so modest, because you're still Ryouta Family's Number Two.] (Ryouta)

With that sort of phrase, plus purposefully saying it out loud for everyone in the bar to listen.

In that instance, the bar was bustling with noise, and gazes were all focused on Emily.

[That kid is the Number 2? She doesn't seem like it though.]

[You idiot, it's not that kid, it's that person! Emily • Brown, also known as [The Little Giant] or [Our Lady of Strong Arms].]

[She's that amazing. Can't judge a person by their looks... Placing her as Number 2 in Ryouta • Satou's eyes, is no sense...]

Though some were talking about me, but the majority of the gossips were about Emily. Emily has gotten even more embarrassed, and not just her face, but her arms and feet were bright red.

That was incredibly adorable in my opinion.

I thought of wanting to know more about [The Greatness of Emily].



After Emily was praised to death in the bar, the two of us finished up and was now on the way back.

The night life of Shikuro, because the dungeon has a 24-hour of monsters appearing, the adventurers were bustling around in the streets, turning it into a nighttime castle.

Even the road that we're taking, adventurers were walking around, making the nightlife similar to that of Japan where everything was brightly lit and busy.

Being a world that drops everything from dungeons, it could be said that if there is a dungeon, the place around the dungeon would always be lively.

[Nn?] (Ryouta)

[What's wrong desu?] (Emily)

I who stopped halfway, was stared by Emily while I was making a strange look
My eyes were glued towards a particular street vendor.

To be exact it was a store with items, decorated mirrors.

[What's wrong with that mirror desu?] (Emily)

[Emily can't see it, I knew it.] (Ryouta)

[What can't I see desu?] (Emily)

[Aah.] (Ryouta)

I nodded, went towards the street vendor and squatted down.

I stared at the mirror for a while, it wasn't mistaken.

A person was sitting straightly(seiza) in front of the mirror.

It was a small girl who was wearing a kimono outfit.

It was the same girl that I met during the fight with Nihonium Dungeon Master, the woman in sleeves.

This material was undoubtedly related to Nihonium.

No, there was also the example back in Aurum.

I wondered and came up with a conclusion that she might be a person who was Nihonium herself.

What's more, she had a worried look on her face.

While sitting straightly(seiza) in front of the mirror, she had a really worrisome look on her face.

[Dear customer, are you interested in buying that?]

[...Yeah.] (Ryouta)

I had no idea why, but I got a feeling that I needed this mirror no matter what.

[How much is it?] (Ryouta)

[It's 15 Million Piro.]

[...Huh? (Nani the fiak).] (Ryouta)

I doubted my ears for a moment.

[15 Million Piro?] (Ryouta)

[That's right, this was taken from an aristocratic mansion, it is a venerable item.]
(Venerable: accorded a great deal of respect, especially because of age, wisdom, or character.)

[So basically an antique item huh.] (Ryouta)

[That's what it is.]

But to be worth 15 Million Piro.

Well it's also true that an antique coming from an aristocratic mansion would be worth this much.

An antique worth 15 Million Yen would give an image that seemed like something to be given away from a rich people as a welcome gift.

[Okay, I'll buy it.] (Ryouta)

[Please come again.]

[But please give me a days worth of time, I'll come by here again at this hour to pay you the amount.] (Ryouta)

I currently have more than 10 Million Piro in my savings account, and with the help of my new magic skill Repetition, I could get 5 Million Piro in just half a day.

Though I don't have the money right now, but I would be able to have the time to earn it by then.

[That's fine by me. Though I'll be leaving this city tomorrow, so I'll only wait until tomorrow night.]

[I got it, no problem.] (Ryouta)

[Then we'll meet again tomorrow.]

[Yeah.] (Ryouta)

After saying that, I once again looked at the woman with sleeves.

The woman had a relieved look on her face, and she waved me goodbye.

With that kind of response, all the more for me to obtain this item., was what I thought.



Early morning, I went out the first thing after waking up.

The weather this morning was great as always, and Emily who kept the house was cozy and warm as ever.

With my condition right now, I could use Repetition twice as much to earn that 5 Million.

I wanted to quickly head down to have Emily's homemade breakfast, and start working in the dungeon.

Was what I thought as I left my room and head down to the second floor living room.

[Eh?] (Ryouta)

I could see Celeste being really exhausted and out of energy, laying down on the table.

[Morning, what's wrong Celeste?] (Ryouta)

[Aah... Good morning Ryouta-san...] (Celeste)

[Are you sure you're alright? Your facial expression tells me you're not.] (Ryouta)

[I'm alright, the same as usual.] (Celeste)

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[Is that so? Well, if you're not feeling well don't push yourself alright? We're friends so if anything happens we'll follow through together.] (Ryouta)

[Thank you... as expected, Ryouta-san is kind... but I'm fine, it's just the Magic Storm.] (Celeste)

[Aah, is that the reason why you're not feeling well and you're having a headache?] (Ryouta)

[Un, so it's all good.] (Celeste)

[If you say so.] (Ryouta)

After hearing that I was sort of relieved.

The Magic Storm, would make a magician like Celeste unable to use magic, and would worsen your physical condition.

It might be something like a low pressure in the present day.

If that's the case then there's no helping it, I'll take the words of Celeste to just rest and it'll be fine.

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[Aaaaaah!] (Ryouta)

[Wh, what's wrong Ryouta-san, suddenly shouting.] (Celeste)

[The Magic Storm...] (Ryouta)

Today's the Magic Storm!?



The first floor, where the Swallow's Repayment has opened a branch here, I was facing Elza.

[It seems like the Magic Storm would continue throughout the day.] (Elza)

Because she was directly connected with the amount of purchase per person, the employee of the trading shop——would keep track of the scale and length of the weather, the Magic Storm.

After asking her, a desperate answer came back.

[How could this happen...] (Ryouta)

[What seems to be troubling you Ryouta-san.] (Elza)

[To be honest, I need to make at least 5 Million Piro by tonight.] (Ryouta)

[The Ryouta-san would be able to easily do that though!] (Elza)

[...That is if there isn't any Magic Storm right now.] (Ryouta)

[...Aah.] (Elza)

Elza was stunned, and finally got it.

Yes, I could earn 5 Million Piro in half a day, that is if I use Repetition to instantly kill the monsters on the first floor, but how do I use Repetition, good question, of course by using magic.

Usually I would be able to earn around 2 Million if I were to use my guns and my CQC techniques, and if I'm on a fever to showcase my good quality to someone, then it would be 3 Million.

But during the Magic Storm, I can't reach 5 Million.

[Th, that is indeed bad.] (Elza)

[...I guess I should do what I can for now. I'll pass heading to Nihonium right now, and head straight to Teruru.] (Ryouta)

[I understand. I'll support you to the best of my abilities too!] (Elza)

[I'll count on you!] (Ryouta)



After heading inside Teruru, I hunted my first monster using my hands.

Since there's the Magic Storm and all, the amount of adventurers roaming around the dungeon has been reduced by quite a sum, so hunting was easy and there were more monsters for me to hunt.

For now I'll do the best I can, concentrating when using the Infinite Lightning Bullet, and even using the Homing Bullets when necessary.

I've also used my pouch to suck up all the drops, and when the Magic Cart was full I immediately pushed the button to sent the items to my home.

Furthermore, remembering the spots where the monsters would appear, I timed their appearance. Moreover, thinking of mapping the best route to efficiently hunt the monsters.

From the first floor to the second floor, and onwards to the third floor, I went down all the way to the seventh floor before going up and repeat the cycle.

For now I kept on hunting.

After that—It was afternoon.



[This whole morning was 2 Million and 3 thousand Piro...] (Elza)

On the way I went back to ask how much I earned from Elza, but she answered with an apologetic tone.

2 Million... which means it wasn't enough.

Even though I've used my entire strength to plow through the dungeon this entire morning, it was only 2 Million.

So this was my limit.

Without using magic, half a day was 2 Million.

With my current equipment, knowledge, and abilities.

Using all of them to the best of my abilities, I could only earn 2 Million in half days time.

Normally it wouldn't be a problem, rather I would've said [Wow I've earned 4 Million a day!].

Though it was still not enough, I would need to earn 5 Million before the sun sets... it's not enough.

What's more...

[Fuuu...] (Ryouta)

[Yo, you don't seem so good Ryouta-san.] (Elza)

[Aah I'm fine, I'm just a little tired that's all. I'm just exhausted from using my full speed to hunt.] (Ryouta)

[That's a relief... but, as for noon...] (Elza)

[.....] (Ryouta)

I can't answer her.

If I'm exhausted after hunting all morning, I'm sure the earnings would lessen for noon's hunting.

...What should I do.

[Uhhh... If you're alright---] (Elza)

Just as Elza was trying to suggest something, behind her, there were two girls coming out from the entrance of the dungeon.

It was the two girls from Ryouta Family, Emily and Alice.

[Emily, and also Alice. What's wrong?] (Ryouta)

[We've come to help Yoda-san desu!] (Emily)

[Since we're here, there's nothing to worry about~] (Alice)

[The two of you...?] (Ryouta)

What's happening, as I was anxiously thinking, Emily who had her rucksack carrying behind her, placed that giant rucksack down the ground.

She picked up various things from inside there in a handy fashion and started setting up in the dungeon.

A table and a sofa, and various ingredients.

After looking at it, it has completely become a resting place in the corner of the dungeon.

What's more, it was set up exactly the same as Emily's unique and warmth house.

[Sorry for the wait desu. You can rest here for awhile nodesu.] (Emily)

[Rest.] (Ryouta)

[Please rest for a bit, at least you'll be able to store some energy and run through the dungeon with all your might till the end nodesu.] (Emily)

[...Emily.] (Ryouta)

Jiin, it appeared.

[During this time, leave it to me!] (Alice)

[Alice would?] (Ryouta)

[Un! If I'm here, I can tell you where the monster is to battle with them~] (Alice)

[Oh right, since you have that skill because you were born in the dungeon.] (Ryouta)

[Yes, wouldn't it be perfect for Ryouta~] (Alice)

[Yeah, it will.] (Ryouta)

Though I've memorized the places where the monsters would likely spawn, but in the end it's all from my experience.

Though, Alice's special skill would allow her to know where the monsters are like a radar.

If she were to support me, my efficiency would most likely increase.

[Emily, Alice...] (Ryouta)

[It's good to be grateful, but for now, please rest.] (Alice)

[And hunt the monsters nodesu!] (Emily)

[...Yes!] (Ryouta)

That's right, this is not the time to be grateful yet.

First I'll rest up, and after regaining my full strength I'll continue hunting.

I sat on the sofa, and rest my body while being taken care of by Emily and Alice.

[Thank you.] was what I said. (Ryouta)

With this, I've gained the support of both Emily and Alice.

During the entirety of noon, I was able to barely earn 3 Million Piro.

Without any problems, I was able to made it in time to buy the 15 Million Piro mirror from the vendor.

Chapter 114

Limit Breaking

Holding onto the mirror that I bought, I went towards Nihonium together with Emily and Alice.

[I'm truly thankful to the both of you.] (Ryouta)

[Your welcome nanodesu~] (Emily)

[Me too, and this was the first time I was of help to Ryouta~] (Alice)

Emily smiled gently.

Alice was hopping around delightfully whilst the three SD sized monsters were hanging on her shoulder and were happy for her.

[Yoda-san looked extremely satisfied, you really wanted it it seems desu.] (Emily)

[Yeah, after holding it I knew that it was worth getting it...] (Ryouta)

While we were walking, I held the mirror high up to the sky.

Emotions that couldn't be explained suddenly accumulated from the bottom of my chest.

I was glad that I got my hands on this, even if I was unhappy but I was glad.

Maybe it was fate, and I felt like if I were to pass this by, destiny would change a lot.

It reminded me of the other time when I confirmed that it was something but there weren't any reason to proof my explanation.

[Hey, what would you do with that?] (Alice)

[I myself am also unsure, the only thing I do know is it's related to Nihonium.] (Ryouta)

[Why are you so sure of that?] (Alice)

[I think Alice would understand it though, you remember that I doubled the drop rate of Aurum dungeon right?] (Ryouta)

[Yeah you did.] (Alice)

[That was because I met Aurum, who was the spirit living in the dungeon. This is also similar, when I saw the mirror for the first time, I could see the appearance of Nihonium.] (Ryouta)

Alice opened her eyes widely.

[Is that true?] (Alice)

[Yeah.] (Ryouta)

[I see... so this mirror was something you absolutely had to get right.] (Alice)

[Hence why... and I'm really grateful for your help.] (Ryouta)

While holding onto the mirror, I once again thanked them.

[I've already heard it once, so you don't have to thank me so many times. Aren't we friends?] (Alice)

Despite saying all that, Alice placed her hands on her cheeks, and she seemed happy enough that her cheeks were slightly blushed.

[Yes nanodesu, we're happy to be able to become Yoda-san's strength nodesu ♪] (Emily)

Even though she said that, but it seemed like a heart shape appeared at the end of her sentence.

Anyways, it was thanks to them.

Thus in the end we brought the mirror and reached Nihonium.

From the start, this dungeon would not have much adventurers approaching it, but it looked even more sad at night.

[It, It feels like somethings there... I'm scared.] (Alice)

Alice rubbed her arms with her hands, and was trembling in fear.

[Feels like something's gonna jump out at any second.] (Alice)

[Jump out?] (Ryouta)

[Well, like ghosts and stuff.] (Alice)

[Ghosts, well it certainly has that kind of atmosphere.] (Ryouta)

[If it that's we will be fine nanodesu~] (Emily)

[Eh?] (Alice)

What do you mean? Alice wondered as she glanced at Emily, though Emily slowly approached her, with that 130cm height she stretched her body up, and held the SD Skeleton from Alice's shoulder, and showed it to her.

[Because Alice-chan is with Kakukaku-chan nanodesu~] (Emily)

[...Oh.] (Alice)

[Certainly there exists undead-type monsters.] (Ryouta)

[I see I see, so if it appears it would only be things like Kakukaku.] (Alice)

Alice said that, and the Boney-chan was rattling her bones just as her name applies. I felt that it was slightly different, but it seemed to convinced Alice, so I decided to omit my words.

Since we've gotten accustomed to the scary atmosphere, we decided to go into Nihonium together.

[The inside of the dungeon is as usual.] (Ryouta)

[There is neither day nor night.] (Alice)

[I has a sense of security like a home nanodesu.] (Emily)

I felt that Emily's home was more secure than this place, but I decided not to say it.

[Well then, this mirror—] (Ryouta)

The next moment when I thought of what I should do, the mirror shone.

The light was enough to illuminate the inside of the dungeon and it was floating away from the palm of my hands.

[Ryouta?] (Alice)

[...Well, I wonder if a demon would come out or not.] (Ryouta)

I reached for my double guns. If it was similar to Aurum, then we might need to face something.

Both Emily and Alice prepared themselves.

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Emily readied her huge hammer, and Alice made the three monsters into battle stance.

Though the three of us were prepared, no enemy showed up.

Just beside the mirror floating in the air, two items emerged.

[It's a sword nanodesu.] (Emily)

[And that... what a strange shape.] (Alice)

[...It's a jewel.] (Ryouta)

[A jewel?] (Alice)

Alice tilted her head as I nodded.

In my head, the words [Three Sacred Treasures] emerged.

That word appeared probably because this is [Nihonium] after all.

The Sword, Kusanagi no Tsurugi

The Mirror, Yata no Kagami.

The Jewel, Yasakani no Magatama.

You'll definitely see them in games at least once, even I know of the name as they were super major items.

A woman in sleeves appeared behind the mirror.

Nihonium, it was getting more convincing that it was her.

Nihonium said nothing, she just smiled like an adult.

Afterwards, the sword, the jewel, and the mirror that I bought disappeared.

[Wh, it disappeared?] (Alice)

[Did she take the mirror away nodesu.] (Emily)

[No, this is fine. The item was returned to the place where it was supposed to be. It seems like I'll have to collect the other two more items before something happens.] (Ryouta)

[I see—] (Alice)

[But it was unfortunate nanodesu, it is a pity that nothing happens unless you collect all three nanodesu.] (Emily)

[That's not true.] (Ryouta)

[[Eh?]] (Alice & Emily)

The moment I said that, Emily and Alice was surprised.

[Alice, do you know the locations of the skeletons on this floor?] (Ryouta)

[Yeah, I do know... but why?] (Alice)

[Please show me, I want to hunt them.] (Ryouta)

[I got it. Follow me.] (Alice)

After Alice said so, she returned the monsters back to their SD sized and they were on her shoulders and started walking.

[Yoda-san, what happened exactly desu?] (Emily)

[You'll find out afterwards.] (Ryouta)

I smiled at Emily, and loaded the Infinite Lightning bullet into my guns before following Alice.



Outside of Nihonium, outside at night.

We were standing in front of the K-I-A board.

[Well then, let's go~] (Ryouta)

[Okei.] (Alice)

[Yes desu.] (Emily)

After the two of them nodded, I operated the K-I-A board as usual.

----- 1 / 2 -----	
Level	1/1
HP	SS
MP	S
Strength	S
Endurance	S
Intelligence	F
Mentality	F
Speed	S

Dexterity	F
Luck	F

The displayed status evolved another step than what I previously saw.

The HP, is now SS.

[What is this, what does this mean?] (Alice)

[HP becoming SS desu... did it increase from the skeletons just now nodesu?] (Emily)

[Yeah.] (Ryouta)

[Oh, so this was the mirror's effect?] (Alice)

[Strictly, it's different.] (Ryouta)

[Eh? Why is that so?] (Alice)

[There are 9 statuses right? So, in Nihonium——there are three items in total to collect right. What that means——] (Ryouta)

[So 3 of the statuses could become SS nanodesu?] (Emily)

Emily who had the longest relationship with me understood the meaning way quicker than Alice.

I nodded.

Yes, it's 3.

So simple maths would show $3 \times 3 = 9$. It was the result of handing over the mirror.

HP, Strength, and Speed.

The first three floors of Nihonium could now increase my statuses to SS.

Chapter 115

Splitting Mandarin

Morning, Nihonium Dungeon's second floor.

Killing zombies that I encountered using Repetition from one end to the other.

With the latest repeatable magic(Repetition) instantaneously killing the zombies, and absorbing the dropped seeds into the pouch.

I managed to raise my strength in about half the previous time.

Just in case, I went out to check at the K-I-A board.

----- 1 / 2 -----	
Level	1/1
HP	SS
MP	S
Strength	SS
Endurance	S
Intelligence	F
Mentality	F
Speed	S
Dexterity	F
Luck	F

And thus, my Strength has finally reached SS.



Arsenic Dungeon, the first floor.

The moment I stepped foot inside the dungeon, I could immediately see the appearance of Emily.

When Emily saw me walking in, she was surprised and carried her hammer while running over here.

[Is something wrong desu? It's rare for Yoda-san to be at any other dungeon besides Nihonium before noon nodesu.] (Emily)

[I've raised my Strength—] (Ryouta)

Glancing around me, I omit saying the word SS.

Besides my teammates, nobody else knew about me having a status of S.

Statuses around this world were capped at A, even for the drop rate as well, both of them were all capped at A.

At first I asked Emily about it, but sooner or later I've confirmed it with other adventurers and concluded that it was common sense that the highest rank was A.

Having S—well it's now capped at SS, it's better to keep this a secret and blur the word from letting other adventurers from Arsenic dungeon to know.

The adventurers around us that were mostly using Emily's Hammer, were glancing over at me when Emily ran over to my direction. Well, they're probably adventurers that are Emily's fan (club).

It was a situation where I couldn't speak freely.

[You've raised it already nodesu? That's fast, usually Yoda-san would go round and round until morning ends desu~] (Emily)

[It's thanks to my trusty Repetition and Pouch, so progress was much faster than usual. Also, the reason why I'm here is to test out my current Strength.] (Ryouta)

[So that's why nanodesu!] (Emily)

Emily nodded strongly, and understood the situation.

Arsenic Dungeon, in a way it was a special dungeon.

All monsters from within this dungeon were rock-type.

Although it's body is harder than The Rock and there were only a few ways to defeat it, but the rock wouldn't attack back no matter what.

Thus, this place is a heaven's match for Emily and her hammer.

Well, it's not exclusive to just Emily, even the other adventurers—men and women of all ages who wants to show of some of their muscles could head on here and break some rocks.

It's the best place to test your Strength.

[Can I follow and see Yoda-san test his strength desu?] (Emily)

[Oh, of course you can.] (Ryouta)

[Thank you nanodesu!] (Emily)

Emily was like a happy child receiving a plushie from someone.

Though she has a height of a small kid, but don't let that fool you as she carries a huge hammer and hops around with that hammer, hulk smashing everything on her path, making even adults fear her power.

Together with *that* Emily, we walked for a bit to find a monster in front of us.

It was a huge rock that resembled a chair. And right on the middle of the seat—was its face.

Dante Rock, that was the name of the first floor's monsters.

Even while we're right in front of it, it didn't budge. So, I stood there while stroking my

chin.

[So, how should I go about this.] (Ryouta)

[What do you mean by that desu?] (Emily)

[Cutting it in half, well I've already done that before.] (Ryouta)

Confirming that there were other Dante Rocks chilling around the area, I casually let out a punch.

The motion was like a kid gripping their hands tightly and swinging them around, but I was serious in cutting it.

Cracked. The Dante Rock was split to half, followed by dropping Dandelion.

[As you can see, I've already done this before so I need to find another method to gauge my current Strength.] (Ryouta)

[I see nanodesu. Then how about trying to smash it into little pieces nodesu?] (Emily)

[Smashing it?] (Ryouta)

[Yes desu!] (Emily)

[...Fumu, let's try it out shall we.] (Ryouta)

While stroking my chin again while thinking, Emily followed me to the next Dante Rock.

As usual it didn't even attack whatsoever, but it was staring at me with its sharp and scary eyes. I took a deep breath, and did a rushing punch at the Dante Rock.

As though like in a manga, I showered the Dante Rock with my Guardian Spirit's multiple fist combo attack.

It was an attack I wasn't familiar with so a lot of strength was lost, but I continued that for 20 seconds.

[That's amazing desu! The rock is smashed to pieces nanodesu. Now it looks like sand nodesu.] (Emily)

Emily was hopping around like a rabbit in excitement.

Before the Dante Rock had a chance to drop, it was smashed to pieces by my *rushing* punch.

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[No, this still doesn't pinpoint my strength. I also felt that I've done this before too.] (Ryouta)

[Oh yeah, I think you've done it before too nanodesu.] (Emily)

[Are there any other methods...?] (Ryouta)

[Nanodesu...] (Emily)

Emily placed her arms on her waist while tilting her neck.

It's good that I've reached this level, but there's one thing I was still unsure of.

Logically speaking, S rank wasn't a thing from this world as no adventurer had it, and this time it was another rank higher than S, which is SS. Trying to verify its strength was indeed hard... I suppose it can't be helped.

Emily and I head over to the next Dante Rock, while I was poking at my cheeks while thinking of other ways.

Poking poking, squishing it.

It was good that the monster doesn't attack, it gives me time to slowly think about it.

[How about like a tomato where you *Gucha!* And crush it nanodesu?] (Emily)

[In the end it's still imitating—-Tomato?] (Ryouta)

[Yes desu?] (Emily)

[...That's right, that might be a good idea.] (Ryouta)

[The tomatoes are nanodesu?] (Emily)

[No not the tomatoes silly... come have a look.] (Ryouta)

I once again met the Dante Rock eye to eye.

Using both my hands, I grabbed the sides of the Dante Rock.

And then—I squeezed it with all my strength.

Holding both sides tightly, I put my Strength in such a way as to push the two of my thumbs from the top of the rock.

By doing so—*Pekii*

A tiny sound was heard, and the rock was split to half.

[What was that! That looked like splitting mandarins nanodesu~] (Emily)

[Yeap yeap.] (Ryouta)

Just as what the excited Emily said, it felt like I was peeling off mandarins.

Placing your thumb on the top, and using your strength to peel off the mandarin into two semi-spheres.

I did just that to a rock.

[That's the Yoda-san I know, I've never thought of that before nodesu.] (Emily)

[Well I've got the idea from the tomato thing Emily was saying. Yeap, I guess I couldn't do that before.] (Ryouta)

I picked up the dropped Dandelion and placed it inside Emily's Magic Cart, and stood in front of another Dante Rock.

Same as before, using the peeling of mandarins as reference, I split the Dante Rock in half.

[It was split in half again desu~] (Emily)

[That's right, with this I could sort of gauge how strong I am now. Thanks again

Emily~] (Ryouta)

[But I didn't do anything desu, it was Yoda-san the one that thought of this amazing idea nodesu.] (Emily)

Emily was smiling sweetly.

Suddenly, as if an idea popped up she clapped her hands.

[What's the matter?] (Ryouta)

[How about trying it on that monster nanodesu?] (Emily)

[That?] (Ryouta)

[Yes desu, the Steel Slime nanodesu.] (Emily)

[...Oh...] (Ryouta)



Teruru Dungeon, the 8th floor.

Emily and I both arrived here, and there were Slimes with metallic bodies rolling around.

This... was worth testing.

Reason why, because I had to use the Freezing and Flaming bullet in an order, to defeat it by using science! Which was metal fatiguing.

It could be worth testing my strength here as it was way stronger than the rocks.

[Well then, let's go~] (Ryouta)

[Go go fight-o ! Nano-desu!] (Emily)

While Emily was cheering from behind me, I leaped to one of the Steel Slime.

The Slime that I was targeting jumped towards my body.

It was quite a momentum, even for a metal body.

If you eat this giant lump of iron ball's damage head on, it would probably cause enough damage.

I caught hold of it by stopping it with my arms and grabbed it tightly.

I grabbed the Steel Slime that was fighting hard to escape from my hands, but without caring I pressed both my thumbs against it's head.

———Pekin.

A soft metallic sound was heard, and the Steel Slime, like a mandarin was split into half.

[As expected desu! Yoda-san saikou desu!] (Emily)

As Emily cheered, I grabbed another Steel Slime that flew towards me, and split it as it is.

Looking at the Metallic body Slime being broken up carefully, I finally realized the Strength of SS.

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A man who went ahead to obtain SS for Speed

Nihonium Dungeon, the third floor.

Inside a limestone-esque dungeon, I went around hunting for mummies with their bodies wrapped up with bandages.

When I faced for the first time, it was a tough battle indeed.

Normal bullets had little to no effect on them, only when I stumbled upon that the Flame Bullet was it's weakness and only then can I actually defeat it.

[Repetition.] (Ryouta)

But now, it was an EZ victory. As I've already defeated this monster once before, I used my strongest repeating magic to instantly kill it.

Ah, Repetition is such a useful magic, just by aiming at a target and chanting the spell, I could defeat a monster immediately.

All this while, it had been like an Action RPG, but with Repetition the RPG became a command-based RPG.

It was that easy, walking around and hunting.

[...]

A mummy crashed out from a wall and surprised me, but I stepped backwards while holding my gun, and blew it away with a turning knee kick combo, then shot a Normal Bullet at it.

Together with a consecutive rushing combo, it was decided.

Maybe I've been relying on Repetition that my body was numbed and was afraid for a moment, but I guess that wasn't the case.

Yeap, I can't be conceited.

Repetition is just [A magic that defeats a monster], that's all there is to it.

Monsters that I've not defeated before would just make this magic as useless as the Wind Cutter magic, what's more I would probably be facing even more new monsters from now onwards.

The Rare monsters on certain floors, the Dungeon's Dungeon Master, or the boss that I have to face before meeting the spirit of the dungeon.

I would have plenty of chance to face against those monsters. Thus, if I rely too much on Repetition, it would be a foolish act and would blunt my fighting ability.

I lightly sealed off my Repetition, and with my remaining time left on this dungeon, I used my dual style Gun=Kata to fight them.

I've also restricted myself by not using the Infinite Lightning Bullet, and disciplined myself on defeating it without any easy way out.

When morning ended, I've collected a ton of seeds and managed to raise my Speed from S to SS.



In the heart of Shikuro's city, I was walking with Emily side by side.

I positioned my gun in front, and pulled the trigger.

Bam——Shuuuuu...

The moment I fired the bullet, immediately after I caught hold of the bullet mid air with my hands.

Using my thumb and index finger, I caught hold of the bullet as if holding onto a seed.

I caught a flying bullet. (AMAZING!)

[Amazing desu! How did you catch that nodesu?] (Emily)

[Well I just moved fast that's all (that's all... that's all...).I just have to move faster than the bullet and catch it when I fired it.] (Ryouta)

[There's a limit to how fast one can move nodesu. And to catch something that fast with your hands—is something I would never think of desu.] (Emily)

[Well I've seen someone doing that on movies in the past.] (Ryouta)

[Mo—-bies?] (Emily)

[Ah, no just talking to myself.] (Ryouta)

There's definitely no movies in this world.

Pulling the trigger again, as soon as the bullet flew out I used my hands to catch it.

Though the bullets were fast, but my SS Speed was faster.

Well, since I was the one shooting it so gauging on the timing and catching it wasn't as hard as it seemed.

[Yoda-san is starting to get stronger desu, I'm happy nodesu~] (Emily)

[I'm not there yet, my Intelligence, Mentality, Luck, and also Dexterity. Those four are still F. Plus, I would still have to search for the sword and the jewel.] (Ryouta)

[That would be of no problems nanodesu, because Yoda-san would settle it in no time nodesu!] (Emily)

[Ah, I guess so.] (Ryouta)

I won't know whether I can or can't do it, but if I were to say whether I'm doing it or not, I'll definitely answer [Of course I'll do it].

That's the reason why I must not rely too much on Repetition, and continue to defeat the small fry monsters with my usual method in order to keep my battle intuition sharp.

Thus, in order to improve my remaining abilities, I would have to do what I can as countless battles are awaiting me in the future.

Raising my abilities, and also obtaining more new items.

Those are important, but constantly cultivating my battle intuition which is not in a status is equally or just as important.

[I'll do my best too desu. Together with yoda-san~] (Emily)

Emily smiled sweetly at me.

I was almost caught looking at her and immediately looked away.

[Well, we won't know what happens in the future.] (Ryouta)

[Yes desu!] (Emily)

Afterwards, while being secretly healed by Emily's smile, we walked together with our shoulders side by side.

Suddenly, my feet stopped.

[Yoda-san? Why did you stop desu?] (Emily)

[...That.] (Ryouta)

I raised my arms up and pointed at something that was slightly further away from us.

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Clint was over there.

Clint was sitting in a cafe terrace with a whole bunch of sugar cubes stacking on top of his table. He was chewing on the sugars.

Munch munch.

[Haah... Can someone help me with this situation.] (Clint)

Clint, who was all alone, sighed loudly.

Then, he turned over and looked at Emily and I.

It was on purpose, seriously, that was too obvious.

[Should we use another route to go?] (Ryouta)

[I think that's a fine idea desu.] (Emily)

Emily nodded, and we switched routes.

We won't know what's gonna happen, hence we needed to prepare.

Well, I do have some relationship with Clint, so if there were anything I would help.

Though, that would be the case if he came head front.

[That kind of invitation.] (Ryouta)

[Yes desu, it's 100% something bad nodesu.] (Emily)

Emily nodded, guess the both of us had the same thinking.

Thus the both of us hastened our footsteps away from that direction, but.

The road in front of us, Clint was there!

He was sitting on the ground in front of someone's house, and on his arms were a stack of sugar cubes, he was biting on it.

The sugar cubes have increased.

At first there was a pyramid stacking of 5, but now it had increased to 10.

[HAAAIIZ... I WONDER IF THERE ARE ANY STRONG ADVENTURERS AROUND HERE...] (Clint)

[...Emily, should we just head home for today.] (Ryouta)

[...Agree desu, it is important that we should rest our bodies once in awhile desu.] (Emily)

Emily and I hastened our pace even more.

This time we were walking fast towards the direction of our home.

This is bad, this is definitely bad news.

I don't know whether he was doing this on purpose, but the moment we turned to another route, we could see Clint with his favourite sugar cubes increasing again.

It all seemed to be a supplementary materials.

We hurried, and our walking fast has turned into lightly jogging.

[Once we turned to this corner we'll reach home.] (Ryouta)

[Yeah desu.] (Emily)

When we turned around to look, Clint wasn't there.

[I think we lost him—-but desu.] (Emily)

[Wait Emily, don't say that, it's a bad—-] (Ryouta)

Saying those words during this time is definitely bad omen.

It was as bad as when attacking a strong opponent in one hit and saying [Did I do it?].

Basically it's a flag, what's more the flag was retrieved at supersonic speed.

The moment we turned around the corner, Clint was there!

Clint was sitting in front of our home.

This time the pyramid cubes had increased to 20 times.

[I WONDER IF THERE'S ANYONE WITH EXTREMELY GOOD DROP RATE WITH THE NAME OF SATOU HUH~~~] (Clint)

[What the hell, even my name was said !!] (Ryouta)

Shit, I've unconsciously tsukkomi his sentence and responded to him.

After thinking of it I was like damnit and covered my mouth but, there weren't anywhere else for us to escape.

I can't believe he would chase us until here, even if we were to escape till tomorrow—
—and even if we managed to run into our home he might appear out of nowhere like just now.

Well, it's not like I can run away from him for long, I thought and decided to talk to Clint.

[What is it...] (Ryouta)

[OOO, you've come at a great timing Sato—] (Clint)

[You don't have to do your little act anymore, just say what you want.] (Ryouta)

I stopped him mid-sentence, as I knew it was useless and it was a waste of time.

[...First off is to thank you. And something huge has happened, I would need Satou's help again for this.] (Clint)

Clint looked straight at me, with his usual Dungeon Association Chief's look, he thanked me.

And right after, this case seemed to be serious.

Facing me with his most serious face, he said.

[Arsenic... might run out of lifespan.] (Clint)

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The Ultimate Wall

Dungeon Association, in the reception office.

And facing in front of me was Clint biting on a sugar cube nervously.

Even before when we entered the room, he was biting on it, and when the secretary was giving a report, he was biting on it, even right now when the both of us were sitting on the sofa, he was biting it.

He kept gnawing a shit ton of sugar like a rodent. That amount would probably gave me a heart attack.

[You're eating a lot more than usual.] (Ryouta)

[I'm sorry for showing you an ugly side of mine.] (Clint)

[So Arsenic is about to die, so do you know anything about it?] (Ryouta)

Clint nodded and during the meantime he crushed another sugar cube.

[Then let me hear it from you. Why do you know that Arsenic would die?] (Ryota)

[...It seems that talking to Satou was the best option.] (Clint)

Clint stared at me for awhile, then swallowed the whole sugar cube in his mouth, sighed and said.

[Why was it?] (Ryouta)

[That is the question. I know for a fact that the dungeon will die, so I never really wondered about it.] (Clint)

[...Because it is the rule of this world?] (Ryouta)

He showed me a stupefied look.

In a sense it was careless of me. As for that matter——where a dungeon would die wouldn't cross my mind as I know of Aurum and Nihonium.

So it was a commonplace to accept that [A Dungeon will die].

Tough.

[If so, you should also know about Bloody Rain. If you don't know about that then you won't know why a dungeon would die.] (Clint)

[Bloody... rain... A rain of blood?] (Ryouta)

[Yes. Bloody rain is a phenomenon that happens inside a dungeon when a dungeon is about to die, as if the dungeon is bleeding itself. Though visually you can look at it, you can't touch it whatsoever.] (Clint)

[So something like the Dungeon Snow then?] (Ryouta)

Clint nodded.

[It is a set that when a dungeon is about to die, Bloody rain happens. So it's impossible to know it would do unless one sees the bloody rain.] (Clint)

[So that's how it is.] (Ryouta)

[Satou is indeed a strange person. If there were anyone here that could stop Arsenic from dying, I believe the person would be you.] (Clint)

I wanted to ask why must we stop Arsenic from dying, but I didn't need to ask.

A world where everything is drop from dungeons, so a city's tax revenue is heavily involved with a dungeon.

Thus, it was indeed natural for Clint, as the head of the dungeon association, to try and prolong Arsenic's life.

On the other hand.

[Is it normally impossible to do so?] (Ryouta)

[...Aah yeah, not once.] (Clint)

[I understand.] (Ryouta)

I got up and head towards the door.

[Will you do it?] (Clint)

[I can't guarantee success, but I'll at least try my best.] (Ryouta)

[Thank you! Really thank you so much for helping me!] (Clint)

Clint stood up, chased after me and took my hands only to repeat saying the same words over and over again.



Arsenic, first floor.

When I entered the floor, I was surprised at the sight around me.

Bloody rain, it was literally raining blood.

Contrary to the Dungeon Snow falling down, making it a kind of a fantastic scenery, but this rain—was coated in red and was pouring down making it a surprising atmosphere.

I guess the only salvation was that it does not give the same physical influence as the Dungeon Snow.

[Well, first we must meet up with Arsenic.] (Ryouta)

That being said, I turned around.

There were four girls behind me

Emily, Celeste, Eve, and Alice.

The face of Ryouta Family was gathered here today.

[What should we do after meeting her?] (Emily)

[I'm not too sure exactly, but considering Aurum and Nihonium, and factor in the consideration, I guess we would have to defeat the rare monster at the bottom most floor, and a road would naturally appear.] (Ryouta)

[The rare monster at the bottom most floor... So it's the 30th floor's <Absolute Rock> ?] (Celeste)

[Do you know about it Celeste?] (Ryouta)

[Yes, it's quite an annoying opponent to deal with. It's the same as every other Arsenic monsters where they don't attack, but it's tough. There hasn't been any adventurer who could defeat it till this day.] (Celeste)

[As the name suggests huh, the ultimate rock.] (Ryouta)

Can I defeat such an opponent?..... No.

[We should dive further down for the time being.] (Ryouta)

[What should rabbit do?] (Eve)

[Help capture them for me. I guess the worst case scenario would be me capturing it from every floor all by myself, but maybe capturing is fine instead of defeating it.] (Ryouta)

[So similar to Aurum right!] (Alice)

[That's right Alice, well then...] (Ryouta)

I stared at the four girls.

The petite Emily carrying a hammer.

A model body with a long hair, Celeste who looked good even when in the middle of the rain of blood.

The bunny ear with a bunny suits, Eve.

And Alice with her 3 monster companion riding on her shoulders.

I looked at the four of them and lowered my head.

[Please lend me your power.] (Ryouta)

[Leave it to us nodesu.] (Emily)

[If it's for Ryouta-san, I, I would do anything!] (Celeste)

[Carrots, as high as a mountain.] (Eve)

[It's a Family-based battle! Uun, I'm getting excited!] (Alice)

The four responded with their respective words.

Friends that I made after coming to this world.

It was reassuring and I was delighted.



Arsenic, the 15th floor.

For the entire 30 floors in this dungeon, Emily, Celeste, and Eve were in charge of the first 15 floors, whereas Alice and I took the 15th floors and below.

The moment we came down, I fired a Flaming and Freezing Bullet at the monsters which fused into an Annihilation bullet.

I've heard that the Arsenic Rocks are more vulnerable to the Annihilation bullet than the Infinite Lightning bullets.

Defeating it in a single drop, the dropped flower was carried into the Magic Cart, and was immediately sent of to Elza that was at home.

Though I do not know what the condition is, but I just defeat, collect the drops and sell them off, making it a set of capturing rare monsters and hunting.

[Alice!] (Ryouta)

[Yes! The stairs are here!] (Alice)

The reason why I brought Alice along was not because of capturing Arsenic, but it was because I have no idea where the stairs are.

Even if I could instantly defeat the monsters, if I can't find my way down it would be pointless, thus I asked Alice to tagged along with me.

Proceeding onward with Alice as our guide, we immediately head down to the 16th floor.

In the rain of blood, the rock that does not move even when faced with the Annihilation bullet was again instantly killed, and the flower which was dropped was put into the Magic Cart, and continued forward. Arsenic Dungeon was far from being [Captured].

Huge rocks, small rocks.

Flying rocks, buried rocks, and transparent rocks.

Though they were various rocks, but all of them had a common trait of not [moving]. The moment I laid my eyes on them, I fired the Annihilation bullets and defeated them all in one fell swoop.

Thus, with Alice guiding me all the way, we have finally reached the 30th floor in the blink of an eye.

I defeated the rock that was rolling around.

[Ryouta ! Over there!] (Alice)

Alice who noticed first pointed to the other side.

In the rain of blood, the rock was standing flat.

It was smaller than the rocks around it, no irregularities.

However, it was clear that [It is different].

And the possibility of being different in a dungeon are two, the fact that there are still around and the possibility is narrowed down to one person.

Arsenic's 30th floor rare monster • Absolute Rock.

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[Good luck Ryouta! You can definitely meet Arsenic if you defeat that.] (Alice)

[Can I though?] (Ryouta)

[Yes, you can!] (Alice)

Alice replied unreservedly.

This wasn't a mere encouragement, as she was born in the dungeon, she could sense everything in the dungeon and I'm sure she'd felt something.

That's why she can say so much without hesitation.

That gave me strength.

One step at a time, I readied my guns.

I shot a Flaming and Freezing Bullet that was loading to the max with the Bullet Enhancer, when the bullets flew out it was fused in the middle, and became an Annihilation bullet, swallowing everything in it's path.

The Annihilation bullet landed, and it became a black sphere swallowing the space around it—but.

[It, didn't work?] (Alice)

[Seems like it.] (Ryouta)

I furrowed my eyebrows.

The annihilation bullet that swallowed everything up till now have conversely been sucked into a shape like a lunar eclipse.

After the bullet disappeared, the Absolute Rock remained there in a figure as if

unchanged.

[Ryouta, you alright?] (Alice)

[...Lemme try some other things.] (Ryouta)

I got a lot of things for the Absolute Rock.

The maxed Bullet Enhancer with Lightning bullets, Penetrating bullets, Homing Bullets, Freezing bullets and Flaming bullets.

In spite of a thought, I tried firing a Restrained bullet fused with Recovery bullet to form a Sleeping bullet and fired at it.

The firepower was too high and I tried just shooting Normal bullets at it.

Everything was useless.

Even if I shot all my bullets, the Absolute Rock did not even bat an eye.

[Yoda-san!] (Emily)

The voice came from behind, and as I turned around I saw Emily, Celeste, and Eve who was left to capture the upper floors.

[The upper floors are all done nodesu~] (Emily)

[So that's an Absolute Rock.] (Celeste)

[Move, Rabbit will do something about it.] (Eve)

Eve said that and progressed slowly to the Absolute Rock.

She raised her right hand, it was the slowest she's ever moved—the chop that was so fast that it looked slow.

[...Painful.] (Eve)

The Absolute Rock that not even budge, on the other hand Eve's hands were splashed! It made a noise and it became bloody.

Eve did not even bat an eyebrow to show pain, but I could see the colour of discouragement on her face.

I fired the Recovery bullet at her and it healed her hand.

[I'll try it now desu~] (Emily)

Emily pulled her hammer and took a distance from the Absolute Rock.

After some distance, she dashed towards the rock.

She jumped high up as flying and raised her huge hammer.

Opposite from Eve, it was a powerful blow.

The cave shook, it was a tremendous shake that even I could not sustained my footing.

But.

[Th, that did not even leave a dent desu.] (Emily)

Absolute rock did not have a single scratch.

[...Hey Ryouta-san, I remember you mentioned something about metal fatigue, what was that again?] (Celeste)

[You heat it then cool it immediately.] (Ryouta)

[Yeah, how about doing that?] (Celeste)

Celeste points out with her wizard like perspective.

I reloaded my guns.

For each side I placed the Bullet Enhancer to the max and place a Flaming and Freezing bullets on both side respectively.

It was the same with the Annihilation bullet, but this time it had to be in order.

The flames wrapped the rock and immediately it was cooled down with the Freezing bullet.

Doing in that order, Eve jumps towards it and released her SUPER CHOP!

Even with all that it was useless, the rock did not even care.

[This child is amazing... it did not even bend.] (Ryouta)

[I had knowledge that it was [hard], but not this tough.] (Celeste)

[This is bad at this rate nodesu, if we don't defeat this monster we can't move forward desu.] (Emily)

[...If it's carrot I can bite it.] (Eve)

My friends were in despair.

It doesn't move an inch, if it was angry it could escape like every other monsters, but I guess all this while it's hardness was the strongest thus it doesn't care.

In a way I can't think of any way of breaking it, nothing can be done.

[————!]

Suddenly, the rock seemed like it was crying.

In the Bloody Rain which should not physically interfere with anything, it seemed like it was flowing to the body of the rock and the face was shedding bloody tears.

It's like, the face of Arsenic, it's heart.

It felt that way to me.

[Yoda-san?] (Emily)

Emily was surprised that I was going towards the rock.

I kept my gun. Such a thing would not work.

Standing in front of the rock, I closed my eyes and took a deep breath.

I grasped my fist—and punched it with all my might.

The punch had no effect, far from being a crack, not a piece fell at all.

Still, I continued punching it.

Punching it over and over again.

It's as if hitting a tremendous thing—as if hitting the mountain itself.

Still, I kept on punching it over and over again.

This was my strongest weapon.

A transported person, and handing the mirror to Nihonium.

I have broken through two limits compare to a human being, thus my SS Strength was my strongest weapon.

I kept pounding at it.

[Do your best nodesu!] (Emily)

[Ryouta-san, you can do it!] (Celeste)

[Fure~, Fure~, L • O • W • L • E • V • E • L.] (Eve)

[We're cheering for you!] (Alice)

My teammates were cheering with all their got behind me, while I continued punching.

I had no idea how long I've been punching, but I persevered.

Along the way, the tears of the rock stopped.

It was staring at me with its expressionless face, the Arsenic monster.

That face, seemed like it was smiling at me faintly.

So I continued BEATING IT.

Eventually.

——-Cracked!

The Absolute Rock cracked and my fist was stuck inside the rock.

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Infinite Recovery bullet

As soon as the Absolute Rock disappeared, a staircase miraculously appeared.

It was the same back in Aurum, when I defeated the rare monsters of each floor, the staircase appeared at the last floor, leading to the final floor.

[So it did come out after all.] (Ryouta)

[What came out desu?] (Emily)

[Emily can't see it?] (Ryouta)

[Yes desu.] (Emily)

[How about everyone else?] (Ryouta)

I asked the girls, Celeste, Eve, and Alice.

The three of them tilted their heads to the side in unison.

A staircase that was visible in front of me and unquestionably exists there.

Still, the four of them couldn't see it.

Only I could see the staircase.

[That means I'm the only one who could go down then. If I remember the owner of the dungeon back then did say that they've never seen anyone for the past century or so.]

(Ryouta)

[Yeap, I've heard of that before.] (Celeste)

Celeste the wisdom answered.

I've realized a connection between drops for this world, one was [Only me] and the other [anyone].

The drops that are outside of the dungeon, which basically means the rogue monster's drops can only be obtained by me.

And the other drop that is dropped inside a dungeon where everyone can obtain.

Take another example, for the staircases we took to get here and the rest above, [everyone] can use it, but only I can see this staircase plus it appeared because of my S Drop Rate.

Probably the reason why the others couldn't see it was because I was the one who dealt the final blow against the Absolute Rock.

Once I thought through it, I came up with a conclusion.

I turned around and faced the four of my teammates.

[Thank you so much everyone. It's time for me to go.] (Ryouta)

[Fight nanodesu~] (Emily)

After Emily said that, the the girls nodded in unison.

After being cheered by the lovely girls, I gave a final check for my guns ammunition, and with the lovely girls brimming smiles, they sent me off as I walked down the staircase.

Similar to Aurum, as soon as I stepped foot on the ground, I could only see a white empty space surrounding the entire area, and the staircase behind me disappeared without a trace.

Afterwards, a rock was rolling around in the middle of the space.

The rock looked just like the Absolute Rock that I'd beaten just awhile ago.

[Are you for real—Repetition!] (Ryouta)

I chanted the magic and fired at it.

A magic that defeats an already once defeated monster.

Though the magic was in contact with the rock, but nothing happened.

[Guess it's a different monster after all.] (Ryouta)

Afterwards, I held onto my guns tightly, and approached it slowly while prepared to fire at anytime.

I was slowly inching my way towards it from 20 meters away.

15... 10..... 9..... 8..... 7... 6..... 5...

Finally I was 5 meters away from it when the opponent suddenly moved.

More specifically it transformed.

Until awhile ago, it did not move at all while staying rock still, but it suddenly grew in mass and deformed.

The size became to bulged as it grew from the inside towards the outside.

The rock remained as, a rock, but it grew to about 2 meters in size.

[A Golem huh.] (Ryouta)

That word emerged inside my head.

A human-sized monster with a body of a rock, a form that at first glance would definitely be a power-type monster.

I don't know what other names to describe it except a Golem.

That is not only the thing that changed.

Unlike the Arsenic monsters that have never moved before, this moved and attacked me.

It raised its arm and struck at where I was, thus I quickly kicked the ground and threw myself beside it.

The punch penetrated the ground and shook the space around us greatly. Sorry, I won't stand still and let you hit me.

[How about some of this!] (Ryouta)

I pulled the trigger while avoiding its attacks.

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First it was the Infinite Lightning Bullets together with the Bullet Enhancer.

The bullet flew to the Golem while sparkling.

The Golem stucked its hands out and opened the palm of its hands and took the lightning bullet.

The lightning hit the golems hands and crackling and roaring sound spread through the empty space.

After the electric light cased, the Golem was still intact.

[Knew it was impossible to OTK(One Turn Kill) it.] (Ryouta)

While dodging the punches, I tried firing various bullets.

From the Annihilation Bullet to the Restraint bullet, I tried the full set once.

But the Golem was still intact.

[Is the hardness the same as the Absolute Rock?] (Ryouta)

While fighting it came to mind, it was exactly the same form as the rare monster that

I struggled hard to defeat on the floor above me.

Guess it's properties would be the same.

In other words, this was the upgraded version of the Absolute Rock, where it could move.

It's a troublesome—no it's an annoying fellow to deal with.

That itself is not too bad to deal with though.

As I avoided several of it's attacks, I realized that the Golem's attacks were almost readable.

If it's hardness was around S or SS, the Strength was probably around B, and let's just say it's Speed could barely be at E.

It was just an extremely hard monster.

Though Strength B is a threat as it is, but it wasn't as bad compared to other monsters I've faced.

It was only a negligible ability.

I kept my guns away, and stopped moving.

The Golem shook his arms and released punches, I returned it's punches with my Full Strength punches.

Roaring sounds surrounded us as if the space was screaming.

As our punches connected one by one, I started pushing the Golem backwards.

There was no damage, it just staggered.

I was convinced that this wasn't a threat.

It's Strength was less than Emily, it was just a thing that was hard and could move.

Thus I used the same strategy as I did at the floor above.

I stood firmly as I punched it with my full power.

I kept punching non stop at it.

Continuing to hit the fist of the Golem and landing some hits at it.

Because of my counter attacks, the Golem began to show signs of cracks on it's body even with just only a few punches, compared to the Absolute Rock that took way longer.

Naturally I won't let it escape, it will fall.

Over and over again, I released my full power punch into places where the cracks showed—Pounding at it with a Strength of SS.

The cracks grew larger and spread to the whole body.

And—The last counter.

As a result of striking with a blow that made the space trembled, the Golem collapsed from it's arms all the way down to it's legs.

The clumps of rocks and fallen rocks disappeared without a trace of sound...

I looked at where it disappeared, stared hard at it.

After the Golem had disappeared completely, a Rainbow Bullet appeared there.

I approached it and picked it up.

———Please pick one bullet to make it infinite.

It was the same infinite bullet back in Aurum.

I immediately gave my answer, and chose the Recovery bullet that I required so much.

The rainbow-coloured bullet slowly changed into the Recovery bullet, and it I became an Infinite Recovery Bullet.

I loaded it into my gun.

I pulled the trigger and fired it.

The Recovery Bullets launched repeatedly.

[With this I would not have to worry about running out of gas when using Repetition.]
(Ryouta)

While satisfied with my secondary remuneration, I kept my gun.

And—

[You've come, young one.] (???)

Certainly—It emerged with a hoarse voice, the real form finally appeared.

Chapter 119

Around 1000 years

What was facing in front of me was an old man.

The elderly man was another times smaller than the 130cm Emily. However, it doesn't look strange at all, the image he gave was similar to those of a dwarf tribe.

It was the same with Aurum where the old man was sitting like a buddhist statue, right in the middle of the empty space.

[Hou, how many hundreds of years has it been since a human has set foot to this territory.] (Old man)

[So you're Arsenic?] (Ryouta)

[Indeed, I am. If you have already know of thy name, the people from above must have recorded us down to their history?] (Arsenic)

I wanted to tell the old man=the owner of this dungeon that I knew of his name because of Aurum, but I decided to hold down onto my words.

I had something much more important at hand.

[Are you going to die?] (Ryouta)

[That's right. If I were to convert it to human years... I would live for another month or so.] (Arsenic)

[How can I stop it.] (Ryouta)

[It's impossible for a mere human.] (Arsenic)

[Enough of that, just tell me how to stop you from dying.] (Ryouta)

When I approached him strongly, Arsenic was surprised and stared at me.

He stared into my eyes, as if trying to peek into my true intention.

I allowed him to look at me for a while, and afterwards he answered me with a calm voice.

[I see, well it is as if I would lose anything in return of teaching thou. Very well, thy very lifespan would require the Fruit Of Life to survive longer.] (Arsenic)

[The fruit of life?] (Ryouta)

[You don't know about it? That's impossible, this very fruit, no human being could obtain it at all. If you are an ordinary person, even just touching it would increase your vitality. It is a legendary-class item which increases your life force.] (Arsenic)

[Just by touching it... you could increase your vitality...?] (Ryouta)

[Well, mere humans———] (Arsenic)

[Wait just a sec.] (Ryouta)

I went back from whence I came and went back up the floor.

I ran up all 30 staircase all the way to the top floor, whilst experiencing the raining blood and finally reached to where my teammates were.

[Yoda-san!] (Emily)

[How was it Ryouta?] (Alice)

[I'm sorry, I don't have the time to explain right now. Alice, can you help search for me where the next Absolute Rock would be, so I need you to come with me again.] (Ryouta)

[I got it, leave it to me!] (Alice)

Alice instantly nodded, and held her fist with high spirit.

I started running.

I left them behind and rushed towards a dungeon.

After rushing out from Arsenic, I crossed over Shikuro's streets and arrived at Nihonium.

Nihonium, the basement first floor.

The ever unchanging dungeon with zero adventurers and a paradise of skeletons roaming around.

[Place my pouch here——and Repetition!] (Ryouta)

After equipping an item, I used my repeating magic and blasted my way through the first floor.

Running through the familiar first floor, I filled up my pouch with HP Seeds.

An item that would increase vitality the moment you touch it, no human being could ever obtain such an item.

Probably... he was talking about this.

Carrying the pouch I exited the dungeon and in a breath ran straight back to Arsenic.

Basement 30th floor, Celeste was waiting there for me.

[Ryouta-san, it's over here!] (Celeste)

Celeste who was patiently waiting for me pointed at a direction.

After turning a few corners, there was an Absolute Rock being surrounded by Emily and the others.

[Thanks everyone.] (Ryouta)

After saying that, the girls smiled and distanced themselves from the Absolute Rock that they were keeping watched.

I held my hand up, and used Repetition——but poof, nothing happened.

Guess I have not enough MP to activate it.

I took out my gun, loaded the Infinite Recovery Bullet and *injected* the bullet onto myself.

After recovering my MP to max, I finally fired Repetition.

As expected from the last floor's rare monster, just by firing one Repetition, it drained of almost all of my MP.

Though, the stairs did appear.

The first time when I fought it, it took me a long time to defeat it, but because I've defeated it once, Repetition could instantly kill it.

[Yoda-san is amazing as always desu.] (Emily)

[The only ones that could do this in this world would probably only be Ryouta-san.] (Celeste)

[Low level, brazen.] (Eve)

[Can Eve-chan not say that sort of words while your face is red.] (Alice)

[Eh? Don't tell me Eve—] (Celeste)

While my teammates from a distance was having fun, I was through it for a moment.

After checking the contents inside the pouch, and I went down the stairs.

The Absolute Rock Type-Golem was there.

This monster was also annoying to deal with, but using the same method as just now, I fired myself with the Infinite Recovery Bullet and fired the Repetition spell at it, instantly killing it(exploding it).

Then, Arsenic returned again.

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[Hey—] (Ryouta)

Arsenic had his eyes opened wide in shocked.

[You've came back again...? The chances of a human coming back a second time is not even a million to one. What did Sir do——] (Arsenic)

[Enough of that stuff. What's more important is, is the Fruit of life this?] (Ryouta)

[Eh?] (Arsenic)

I opened the pouch and showed Arsenic the contents.

At first he was doubtful, but as he looked at it his expression gradually changed.

[it's the Fruit of Life! What's more such a large quantity of it!?] (Arsenic)

[So it was this that you were referring to.] (Ryouta)

[My lord... how did you...?] (Arsenic)

[Don't mind the minor details, just eat them right now. Oh yeah I've forgotten to ask how many you need, is this not enough? If it's not enough I could get more.] (Ryouta)

[A, aaaaah... it's enough...] (Arsenic)

Arsenic had an expression of a fox.

Though he had an expression of not knowing what's going on, but he was interested in the HP seeds——no the Fruit of Life and gulped.

He took one from the pouch——All this while nobody managed to pick it up except for me, this old man just took it naturally and put it into his mouth.

He chewed it, and swallowed.

And the old man's body started emitting light.

[...Life.] (Arsenic)

[Life?] (Ryouta)

[I've revived.....] (Arsenic)

He dragged the last words for a long duration.

It sounded like a gas that had been held for too long was forcibly opened.

[Delish... Del~ish~... THIS IS DELICIOUS!] (Arsenic)

[Old man, your character seems to switch.] (Ryouta)

[It can't be help okay! It's been over a thousand years since I ate something this deliciousssssss!!!] (Arsenic)

Is that so, wait so he hasn't been eating or drinking anything for the past thousand years, it looked like he could even eat a thousand person worth of portion?

...No, if he doesn't eat he might really die.

Arsenic was putting the seeds into his mouth one after the other while munching on it.

The more he ate the more his body shone, I guess his vitality=HP is increasing.

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[Old man, wait just for a moment again.] (Ryouta)

After finishing my sentence, I left the old man who was chewing the seed, and went up again.



Carrying a basket, I once again met up with Arsenic at the middle of the empty space. Inside the basket was a mountain of seeds and the excited old man was looking at it while gulping and holding onto his saliva.

[Oh young one, you came again.] (Arsenic)

The old man with a face smiling so widely greeted me.

[You've really safe this old man, young one. Seems like this old man is going to live even longer than expected.] (Arsenic)

[Seems like it. As the raining blood has stopped.] (Ryouta)

[Umu. I have another 200 years left to live.] (Arsenic)

[That long huh.] (Ryouta)

The amount just now wasn't that much, I just went around Nihonium once and came back.

If an amount that increases your status rank by 1, it's about 1/10 of that amount.

Even so he can live up to 200 years.

[I have to thank ya lad.] (Arsenic)

[Thanks for the gratitude, but what should we do about this?] (Ryouta)

[About what?] (Arsenic)

[This.] (Ryouta)

I took the basket and showed it to the old man.

I opened the lid and showed the contents to him.

Inside it was the various types of cookings made by Emily.

When I left this old man and went out I asked Emily to cook some dishes for me.

The moment I opened the lid, the aroma spread throughout the empty space, making it warm and comforting.

Emily's cooking, a God-like existence that could instantly warm and calm down any mood.

I brought it along to give it to the not human old man.

There were different types of rice balls and sandwiches, and a bite sized hamburger. Basically food that were easy to eat. Emily really put a lot of thought into it.

The old man that ate it was tearing up.

[Delicious..... This is freaking deliciousssssaaaaa.....] (Arsenic)

His reaction was over the board, but I could understand some of that reaction, as his face showed that he really enjoyed and was really happy.

An old man that was trapped here and could not eat anything, a strong spirit.

From now on, I thought that I would bring some dishes over.

Then.

The unprecedented news about the Ryouta Family saving Arsenic from death was spread throughout town.

Along with the option of having the double lunar moon(doubling monsters), it quickly spread among the adventurers.



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