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The 47th day after I became a Demon King.

As result of having many times turned the tables on the humans, who came to invade, my level has grown to 2. As planned at first, I allotted all of my BP to Knowledge, making it go up from C to B. In the beginning, when I became a Demon King, I was scared due to my Domain — Demon King Beginner Pack (Hybrid Type) — being composed of deep forest and ruins, but nowadays I have completely relaxed my guard, happily spending each day together with my strange-looking friends. However, once it was 17 days after humanity had started its invasion—

From my experience of the daily attacks by humanity and after having learned from Knowledge through the stat's blessing, I was finally able to comprehend the true essence of the 『World Salvation Project』.

The goblin friend, with whom I pleasantly chatted until some time ago, was slaughtered by humans. The wolf, who joyfully shook its tail when I alchemized jerky for it, was slaughtered by humans. This world is really cruel.

And, the humans grow stronger everyday. There's not many, but among them some brutal humans, who wielded Black Iron swords, existed.

I became panicked.

The strongest subordinate I can create is a kobold. The strongest items I can alchemize are items of the Iron Series.

Even when I fully equipped my strongest subordinate, the kobold, with the strongest armor of the Iron Series, there were times when it was overpowered by the violence of human numbers.

I was able to somehow repel them after making up the numbers with fully equipped kobolds, but — even that seemed to only be a matter of time.

This world is truly irrational.



Usually I happily chat with my friends, create new friends and alchemize new items in the innermost room of the dilapidated house located deep in the forest. And I gather information by freely using the Internet.

I wonder, does humanity know that the Demon Kings can use the Internet?

I have a high level of intelligence gathering capability. While browsing through my favorite blogs, I feel a doubt.

Among my favorite blogs there are several site that summarized the information from anonymous bulletin boards that are treated as index sites.

The messages on this board; it's definitely a Demon King writing them, isn't it?

There was even a thread straightly called 『Gather Demon Kings Thread』.

I'm a Demon King, so I know, but...within 10 lies, 2 or 3 truths are hidden which no one but other Demon Kings understand.

For a time the net was in an uproar — about a theory of a 6-hour-monster-respawn in a certain Domain. At first I thought that this fake information was posted to play a prank on humanity, but...is it actually possible that all has been done by the same Demon King?

The 6-hour-monster-respawn theory — if you defeat a fixed number of low-ranking monsters such as slimes and rats, they stop appearing in the Domain. And, once 6 hours pass, they will appear again.

Such a rule doesn't exist. If you run out of CP, you will be naturally unable to create subordinates,

but even at level 1, 10 CP recover per hour or 1 CP every 6 minutes.

It's impossible fake information, but as result of being confirmed by a university's research team — it was actually proven to be correct.

Why?

Assuming it's possible, could it be a hoax of the university's research team that verified it...? But, since the 6-hours-respawn has been in reality continuing after that...it's no hoax?

In that case...it's a hoax produced by the Demon King of the Domain which became the verification site.

Actually, except for the Domain that became the verification site and a few other Domains, the 6-hours-respawn theory doesn't hold.

Why do something so troublesome? Did they want a 6-hours rest? But, Demon Kings are fine without sleep or rest, right? If you hate being attacked, I think it would have been smarter to make the interval a little bit longer into something like a day, and not only 6 hours...

It's the most famous Domain in the city. One time it demonstrates a 6-hours-respawn timer. Another time it gifts humans with powerful arms. Yet another time it's requested to be preserved as 『Farm』 by public opinion.

Gathering information about that locally famous and adjoining Domain became a daily routine for me.

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The 78th day after becoming a Demon King.

The intensity of humanity's invasions had grown.

Five days ago the liberation of a second Domain in the city was accomplished by the hands of humans.

The number of my friends, who are protecting my Domain, is diminishing as well. At the moment I'm close to being on my last leg. Every day I create kobolds as soon as I recovered 10 CP and send them out to battle.

Even the slime who claims by itself to be humble as it wobbles around, the rat who easily succumbs to loneliness, the bat who asks for berries while squeaking, the wolf who is a moody glutton, the goblin who calls me "Chief~"...all of them turn into experience points for the invading humans.

That's why I stubbornly kept creating kobolds, the only ones who can fight off the humans.

Right now my CP is 0. The number of kobolds protecting my Domain is 107. The ones fully-equipped among them are a mere 10 kobolds.

The number of kobolds I can create per day is 48 at maximum. The humans slaughter kobolds at a pace of 100 per day.

If this goes on, the kobolds will be annihilated tomorrow and the humans will reach my place.

I cheer on my friends fighting against the humans, reflected on the display of my smartphone....half with thoughts of desperation and half with thoughts of clinging to a faint hope.

Please...please...!

The figure of a friend, who is killed by a human...and the figure of a woman who crumbles down after having her nape bitten by a friend...

——!?

Yay, it's here!

For the first time I offer gratitude to the one, at whom I always hurled curses — the god whose existence isn't even clear.

My level went up to 3.

According to the information I gained through Knowledge B, the changes a Demon King experiences at level 3 — they are 『Evolution』 and 『Familia』.

I quickly operate the smartphone and select the evolution path 『Demon King (Fairy)』.

After confirming it, a pentagram appears under my feet and I'm wrapped up by a dazzling light. Kyaaaaa!?

As if my cells are being burned to nothing one after the other, my entire body is assailed by an intense heat and pain.

...Ple...ase. ...Hu...r...ry...

Going by the clock, it took a mere 60 seconds? Going by the bodily sensation, you might even say that it lasted forever until the suffering finally came to an end.

Once the pentagram under my feet had disappeared, the pain just now vanished as if it had been a lie.

I call the one goblin, who I didn't allow to participate in the defense of the Domain — the first goblin I created.

"Chief~. My preparations are perfect ~ssu."

"Gobfuto [efn_note]The "futo" part means fat/thick in Japanese...maybe a pun, who knows...If anyone has a better idea how to write Gobufuto in English... xD[/efn_note] ...please." (Kanon)

I place a hand on Gobfuto's forehead and pour feelings of deep affection into it.

—Trust!

Gobfuto is covered by a gentle light.

"Did it succeed...?" (Kanon)

"Right on the mark ~ssu! I became chief's familia ~ssu." (Gobfuto)

"I'm happy." (Kanon)

I feel quite relieved due to having succeeded in creating a familia.

"Well then, I entrust it to you, Gobfuto." (Kanon)

I handed a letter and a white, shining orb to Gobfuto.

"Leave it to me ~ssu." (Gobfuto)

I entrusted my own fate to one goblin — my dear friend.



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I make sure with my own eyes how the goblin, whom I entrusted with my fate, runs away.

I made a huge mistake when I became a Demon King.

That mistake is — the allocation of BP.

My BP allocation — if you apply to it the words widely used on the net, it's a Knowledge-specialized build.

By preferably assigning BP to Knowledge, it grew to B, allowing me to obtain various information. That knowledge saved me in very many situations, but...in light of the situation I'm currently in, it's a blunder.

A certain Demon King situated in Tohoku has a Body-specialized build, guessing by the information obtained through the net. In his Domain only slimes, rats and as the strongest subordinates, goblins seem to appear, but it appears that the Demon King's strength is extraordinary. 12 level 5 humans challenged that Demon King...resulting in them being annihilated without lasting even 5 minutes.

A certain Demon King situated south of Tokyo has a Mana-specialized build, guessing by the information obtained through the net. The only monsters appearing in their Domain are wolves. But, it seems the Demon King launches severe spells in the gaps in-between the fighting wolves, who are strong at group battle.

In addition there are also Domains infested with powerful monsters and heinous traps, seemingly specialized on Creation. Domains infested with goblins, who are equipped with high-ranking arms and armors - apparently Alchemy-specialized - have been confirmed all over Japan.

If it's true that the government has categorized all these unique Domains as Hazard Rank, I read that the most dangerous ones are the Domains of Body-specialized Demon Kings. However, even those besides Body-specialized, the domains managed by specialized Demon Kings have high Hazard Ranks...in the eyes of humanity, those are dangerous Domains...in the eyes of the Demon Kings — you can call them Domains that made the correct choice.

Even though I'm likewise a specialist...why does only the Knowledge-based specialization have such bad luck!?

The world is really irrational.

Do I, a Knowledge-based specialist, have no means of survival?

I felt anxious, digging through the extensive knowledge imparted into my head and thinking it over. And then I arrived at the sole way to survive.

That method is — 『Surrender』.

『Surrender』 is not the capitulation as meant by the word, but a 『Surrender』 recognized as means of the 『World Salvation Project』.

It's a piece of information I gained when my 【Knowledge】 went up to C, but there are three conditions for a Domain to be ruled by a Demon King or to be liberated by humanity.

1. Destruction of the 【True Core】.
2. The Demon King's death
3. Surrendering to another Demon King.

The specification that a Demon King can't surrender to humanity, but to another Demon King is a detestable aspect of the 『World Salvation Project』. I guess it's telling the humans and Demon Kings to continue their fight.

The process for 『Surrender』 is simple. Though the execution is quite difficult...

The method is to first yield the 【True Core】 to another Demon King, then pledge heartfelt

submission, and lastly the Demon King, who receives the 『Surrender』 has to agree to it.

Moreover, 『Surrender』 produces various demerits.

The Demon King, who used 『Surrender』, presents not only their Domain, but also the authority over their life.

The demerits aren't limited to just that either.

『Surrender』 doesn't stop at only the Demon King who used it. There are also demerits for the Demon King who accepted the 『Surrender』.

The demerit is a decrease in the obtained DP.

Originally, a Demon King, who usurped the Domain of another Demon King, will have the upper limit of their DP increased by 100 DP. However, in case they gained the Domain through 『Surrender』, the upper limit of the DP will be raised by 50 DP.

Doesn't this implicitly tell one that 『Surrender』 is not recommended?

This demerit meant that the Demon King, who suggests a 『Surrender』, has to actively point out their superior parts.

Either way, in order to survive I must make the 『Surrender』 succeed.

To make that happen, I have to overcome three obstacles.

1.) Presenting the 【True Core】 to the other Demon King.

There are two methods to accomplish that. First, the other Demon King personally comes to my Domain. Well, that method is impossible though. For a Demon King to leave their own Domain, they have to be level 10. As far as I know there still hasn't been a single Demon King, who left their Domain, so far. The second method is to carry the 【True Core】 over from my side. However, to accomplish that, it's necessary to leave the Domain. The ones capable going outside the Domains are Demon Kings beyond level 10...and familia.

And I strangely grew up to level 3 just a while ago and became able to create familia.

With this one obstacle has been cleared.

2.) My familia — Gobfuto has to safely arrive at the Demon King who's the target for surrender.

For this my only option is to believe in Gobfuto. How high is the chance that he will safely get there? In front of the Domain, to which I had Gobfuto depart, the humans have set up a reception for some reason. It's a popular spot where many humans are waiting for their turn. He has to slip through the fierce attacks of those humans, avoid the monsters dominating that Domain...to finally arrive at the Demon King's place.

I'm about to be crushed by worry.

3.) The other party has to accept the 『Surrender』...I guess?

The other party, who is offered the 『Surrender』, is a Demon King. 【Chaos】 who loves freedom and chaos...even here that's nothing but a troublesome element. For the time being I happen to have a trump card to be used in negotiations on hand, but...

That trump card is — me, a Knowledge-specialized Demon King.

My Body, Mana, Creation and Alchemy are D as well, but...Knowledge is B.

It definitely exceeds the Knowledge of the Demon King to whom I offer a 『Surrender』.

Why can I declare it so boldly? The Domain of the Demon King in question is a popular spot called 『Farm』. Various information about it is available in the Internet.

The human party, which is brandishing its power as they currently progress through my Domain, has previously obtained the Silver spear they are using in the Domain of the Demon King in

question.

This indicates that their Alchemy is C or above.

Recently the news of a new monster, 『Ghoul』, appearing in their Domain was publicized online. This indicates that their Creation is C or above. Moreover, the ones who can create ghouls are Demon King (Vampire). In other words, they evolved just recently. That means it's obvious that they are level 3.

Going by this, the highest BP one can obtain until level 3 is 20. Even if they had an additional increase by 10 BP through 『Service ☆』 as I had, it's 30 BP.

To raise Alchemy to C requires 7 BP. Same for Creation. Even if their BP had been 30 for example, the remaining BP would be 16. In comparison, to raise Knowledge to B, I needed 17 BP.

That's why I can promote myself for having a Knowledge at B.

I will advertise my qualification as strategist or staff officer.

I will show you how I survive making use of the sole weapon I possess — Knowledge.



15 hours after Gobufuto left me.

I'm standing at death's door.

Even the fully-equipped kobolds, my strongest combat force, was completely annihilated.

As effect of having transported the 【True Core】 outside the Domain, I became unable to create or alchemize anything.

"Yay lol, my cuuute pixie-chan, where are ya?"

The man, who had the silver-shining spear --- the Silver Spear equipped, raises an indecent laughter.

It's unbelievable, but that vulgar human is one of the city's leading humans, called 『Matchless Heroes』.

"Hold it...Masakado-san. Please take this seriously! Even if they look like that, the opponent is still a Demon King. We have to be on guard!"

A woman, who had a black-shining sword — a Black Iron sword equipped, chides the vulgar human — Masakado.

I, who had evolved into Demon King (Fairy), have shrunken to a size of around 30 cm, and two wings grew out of my back.

Freely making use of my size and wings, I ran from place to place inside the forest.

Right now I'm lurking inside the densely growing leaves at the top of a tree while holding my breath.

"However, how troublesome...I wonder, where's the 【True Core】?"

A man, who wore glasses, sighs lightly.

"Yay lol, last time it was inside the washing machine, wasn't it?" (Masakado)

"True. Let's give up searching for the Demon King for now to thoroughly investigate the ruins?"

"Haa? Isn't it better if we catch that pixie-chan and press it outta her?" (Masakado)

"Inside this forest? That's inefficient."

"Tsk!?! Glasses-kun, you are too diligent. Do you actually enjoy being alive?" (Masakado)

"Before even enjoying it, I'm frantic to stay alive."

Once Masakado and Glasses-kun finished their light quarrel, all of them moved to the ruins.

Pheeew...I'm saved? But, it's just a matter of time, isn't it...?

Resignation wells up within me.

If I'm going to die anyway...I want to at least drive an **【Earth Javelin】** into that vulgar man before my death.

Just when I decided my final stand within my resignation—

—Vuuuuun!

My smartphone, which had shrunken alongside me, vibrated in my hand.