



~ Shion's PoV ~

"It's going rather well." (Kanon)

"Indeed, it is." (Shion)

Rina's party and Chloe's party have both made progress in their advance through the second floor. Just like the first floor, the second floor continued with a forest terrain.

The enemy's experience was as low as expected. The prediction that we would be able to overrun them with individual strength proved to be right.

Nonetheless...

"The way ahead is still long..." (Shion)

"Alyssa's Domain has nine floor after all." (Kanon)

We won't be able to kill Alyssa's power unless we usurp all 12 sectors consisting of nine floors under her control. The probability of encountering Alyssa before usurping all 12 sectors is high, but...even so, it's still a long way.

"Isn't there any method to force Alyssa to come out, self-alleged strategist?" (Shion)

"——Wha-!?! That unintentional adjective in front of strategist...umm, there's none." (Kanon)

"Hmm, really?" (Shion)

"A journey of a thousand miles starts with a single step. I will give you that as advice as strategist." (Kanon)

"Doesn't that make a strategist meaningless?" (Shion)

In the end I didn't come up with a good idea. I instructed to invade while steadily and repeatedly mapping the area.



It's the fifth day after the invasion into Alyssa's Domain began.

Rina's party proceeded to the sixth floor, and Chloe's to the fifth.

The policy is to annihilate the visible enemies. They map out the floors by repeatedly going back and forth between the sector's entrance while whittling down Alyssa's combat forces. The damage on our side is almost zero. It's a simple strategy, but if I were in the opposite position, it would continuously keep my stress levels at maximum.

"Congratulations to the level-up!" (Kanon)

"Thank you." (Shion)

It comes from the small experience points I can obtain through the bloodkin, but if you pile up trash, it will turn into a mountain. My level grew to 9.

"Are you going to save your BP as usual?" (Kanon)

"Yes, I will. At present I don't feel any need to allocate them into **【Body】** or **【Mana】**." (Shion)

I operate my smartphone, and check my status.

Name: Shion  
Aptitude: Chaos  
Race: Demon King (Vampire)  
Lv.: 9  
CP: 3600  
Body: C (D)  
Mana: C (D)  
Knowledge: E  
Creation: B  
Alchemy: B  
BP: 22

Special Abilities:

- Demon King
- Absorption Fiend
  - Single Flash Thrust
  - Rain of Thrusts
- Domain Creation
- Separation
- Transfer (B)
- Subordinate Creation
- Random Creation
- Item Creation
- Darkness Veil
- Dark Arrow
- Dark Induction
- Mist Dispersion
- Dark Storm
- Absorption
  - Language (Human)
  - Whip Technique (C)
  - Snake Bind
  - Ice Magic (Intermediary)
  - Darkness Magic (Elementary)
- Blood Chalice
- Contract

The path until A in **【Creation】** or **【Alchemy】** is endlessly long. Even the shortest route would require me to grow to level 15.

"Beyond level 5 there are no benefits from leveling either."

"Well, raising **【Body】** or **【Mana】** is possible, though." (Kanon)

To raise **【Body】** or **【Mana】** from D to C requires 5 BP. In other words, the growth of **【Creation】** or **【Alchemy】** to A will be delayed by one level if I raise either of **【Body】** or **【Mana】**. To raise them from C to B will require 10 BP. In that case reaching A will become even more distant.

"A specialized build rather than a balanced one, right? However, a Knowledge specialization is——" (Shion)

"St-St-Stop!? You're still saying that!? But, because of my Knowledge...you knew that you need 50 BP to raise a stat from B to A, no?" (Kanon)

Interrupting me, Kanon rattles down her argument.

In reality the fact that I've been saved by Kanon's Knowledge is big. I don't have the slightest intention to deliberately mention it, though.

Should I raise either **【Creation】** or **【Alchemy】** to A once I become level 15?

While pondering about matters of a distant future, I gazed at the unchanging forest scenery displayed on the smartphone's screen.

## **Chapter 72 - vs. Demon King Alyssa ⑥**

The seventh day after starting the invasion of Demon King Alyssa's Domain.

The invasion was proceeding well. Countless of my subordinates had been defeated, but each time I replenished them. Above all, my bloodkin were all safe and sound.

One day when Rina's party and Chloe's party were in the process of invading the eighth floor., an abnormal event occurred.

The intense attacks they received on countless occasions suddenly stopped.

"Out of bullets, eh...?" (Shion)

"Eeh~!? Alyssa is recovering 210 CP per hour, you know?" (Kanon)

Alyssa, a Fairy Demon King, can create 70 goblins per hour. It looks like 30 CP are necessary to create a pixie. Hence, she can create seven pixies every hour. Since they would only turn into experience points for our side if she were to make the attack bare-handed...she has to alchemize items for them, too. Meaning, the total number that can be created per hour drops a bit.

Having said that, a complete stop of attacks is a strange situation.

As result of that state continuing, Rina's and Chloe's parties accelerated their invasion speed.

I guess I will have them converge their combat forces on the deepest level —— level 9?

Capitalizing on this good opportunity even while expecting all kinds of traps, Rina's and Chloe's parties discovered the stairs leading to the ninth floor.



"Shion-san! I got it!" (Kanon)

In the middle of Rina's and Chloe's parties' invasion into the ninth floor, held up her own smartphone that's almost half as big as Kanon herself, and leaped towards me.

"What's wrong?" (Shion)

"I got it! I understand why the attacks stopped!" (Kanon)

Kanon holds the screen of her own smartphone in front of my eyes.

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I see.

What's reflected there is an image of smiling, burly men and women. The title of the news article was written above the image.

——『The hero **【Black Lale】**, pride of the Toyama prefecture, splendidly liberates the Den of Goblins which cause grief to the people of the Ishikawa prefecture!』

I guess Alyssa focused on the defense against the humans.

Having lost a sector to the humans is a serious blow. Nonetheless, it's not like I will let this opportunity slip away.

——The enemy on the ninth floor is short-handed! Find the **【True Core】** at once!

I instruct my subordinates.

The enemies located on the ninth floor are only those that had been deployed there from the start.

There should be no attacks by reinforcements that always check our situation as happened until now.

On the other hand, if there's actually an attack by reinforcements, you might call it a chance. Enemy reinforcements would prove that there's a **【Transfer Array】** connecting to Alyssa.

Six hours after the start of the invasion on the ninth floor.

Rina's party confronted the last enemy group protecting the **【True Core】**.



~ Rina's PoV ~

The enemy attacks decreased since the middle of the eighth floor. After arriving on the ninth floor, there has been only two battles that you could actually call as such. The enemies were fully equipped, but their numbers were few, and since there were bad at teamwork too, we won against them rather quickly.

As result of forcibly proceeding with the invasion in a partially forced march in accordance with Shion's order...we arrived in the deepest part of the sector — a place where we found a pedestal

with the **【True Core】** on top, and a group of enemies protecting it.

The enemy numbers 20. Among the enemies there are four goblin generals and four high pixies.

The goblin general, who seems to be the leader, wore a full set of mithril equipment on his whole body.

Our side excels in quality and quantity. Nevertheless, we have to be on our guard.

The one we should watch are... the four high pixies and the mithril-equipped goblin general. All of our comrades that died on the way here were killed by the magic of high pixies.

"Queen, sorry. This is how far we last ~ssu. But...we will defeat as many of the queen's enemies as we can ~ssu!! Let's go, you lot! Uooooohhh!!!"

The mithril-equipped goblin general brandishes its weapon and roars.

""""——《#&%》!""""

As if in concert with the roar, countless wind blades shoot forth from the wands of the high pixies standing in the back.

Iron and the living mails, who quickly readied their shields and stepped forward, receive the many wind blades with their bodies to protect us.

The dark elves led by Dakel respond to the high pixies' attacks by firing arrows at them.

"Come on!"

"Hah! I don't need you to tell me that."

"I will deal with that fatso."

"Ayes!"

"Okaaay~" (Flora)

I fought against the enemies protecting the **【True Core】** together with my comrades.

Layla swiftly fires ice bullets at the mithril-equipped goblin general, and protects it with her look.

Red and I match our pace and start attacking the goblin generals ruling the frontline. Guy charges at a high pixie, making use of an opportunity, together with his werewolf subordinate.

I confront one goblin general. The coordination with my comrades in order for there to be no obstructions is perfect.

"Giiii!!!"

The goblin general swings down its massive ax together with a roar.

I can't win a power contest. I give up on blocking and dodge the approaching ax with a back step.

Then I swiftly thrust out Dáinsleif.

A dry sound of metals clashing against each other reverberates.

Too shallow, huh...?

In that case...——《Slash》!

"Giii!?"

Before the goblin general, who held a heavy ax, returns to an offensive stance, I swing down Dáinsleif with all my power. This time the hand wielding Dáinsleif definitely felt a feedback. Even if I lose out in power...I will force my way through with speed! I swiftly attacked many times over with Dáinsleif.

"Gigigigi!"

Even while receiving my attacks, the goblin general forcibly swings its massive ax.  
——gh!?

At once the blade of the ax collides against Dáinsleif's blade, but...I'm overpowered and my posture is thrown off balance.

"&#%&"

Seeing my posture falling apart, the goblin general lifts the corners of its mouth, and raises its ax overhead. I ready Dáinsleif to the front, trying to mitigate the damage as much as possible, but...

"Giiiiii——"

An arrow that came flying from behind knocks away the raised ax.

"Humph." (Dakel)

Once I look over my shoulder, Dakel snorts indifferently.

I was saved. I thanked Dakel without voicing it out, and swung down Dáinsleif with my full power against the torso of the goblin general who lost his balance.

"Gii!?"

I made one step towards the goblin general who was staggering backwards...and quickly slashed Dáinsleif sideways at the armor's joint — the bottom of the goblin's neck.

The goblin's body that lost its head quietly fell to the ground while raising a cloud of dust.

Afterwards I exterminated the impertinent high pixies together with Guy.

The number of enemies is one. Once the previous enemy fell...all of us attacked the mithril-equipped goblin general, who survived until the very end, and succeeded in its subjugation.



~ Shion's PoV ~

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A rhythmical message sound plays from the smartphone.

『Rina Shion obtained a 【True Core】. Do you wish to use 《Unification》 on the domain with Rina Shion as temporary domain master? Or do you wish to immediately use 《Separation》?』

30 minutes later.

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A rhythmical message sound plays from the smartphone.

『Chloe Shion obtained a **【True Core】**. Do you wish to use 《Unification》 on the domain with Chloe Shion as temporary domain master? Or do you wish to immediately use 《Separation》?』

I choose 《Unification》 in both cases.

With this the number of sectors under my control has become 29, and the number of Alyssa's sectors went down to nine.

Making use of the 《Pseudo-Peace》 effect because of the 《Unification》, I set up a **【Transfer Array】**, and call Rina's and Chloe's party over to my place.

I'd like to give them my thanks and a break, but the situation doesn't allow for that.

Each time the humans liberate a sector, I lose a sector I should have been able to obtain.

A blitzkrieg. At the time when I was about to give them the order to invade the next sector without pausing——

——Beep! Beep! Beep! Beep!

An electronic sound I'm not used to hear reverberated from the smartphone in my hand.