



Spending ten hours afterwards, I create the new smithing quarter. Moreover, I connect the smithing quarter and the second sector through a **【Transfer Array】**, and restructure all floors of the second sector to mines.

"...I completely used up the 9000 CP, huh?" (Shion)

"Yeah, but if it's only that, **《Random Creation》**——" (Yataro)

"I won't use it." (Shion)

Interrupting Yataro's nonsense, I gaze at the completed quarter.

The smithies are set up right next to a water wheel erected so that it would face a river extending into three forks. There are four smithies in total. All of them have a size allowing for more than ten people to work in them at the same time. If you peek in one of them, you're first greeted by a huge furnace. Metallic work platforms — anvils are positioned close to the furnace. Each of the smithies is used for something else: one exclusively for Akira, one for weapon smithing, one for armor smithing, and the last one for all the other smithing jobs. In addition to the smithies, I also created 50 houses for the dwarves to live in the quarter.

"The facilities are ready. Run a test by making an **【Iron Sword】**." (Shion)

"Got it." (Akira)

Akira nods, and throws the provided **【Iron Ingot】** on the furnace's fire. Afterwards, she keeps molding the heated **【Iron Ingot】** into the shape of a sword while skillfully using her hammer and pincers.

——Clang! Clang!

The sound of metal clashing against metal reverberates through the smithy.

Akira strikes down her hammer, incises with the chisel, and plans the blade part with a grinder while donning a serious look. She keeps changing and forming the former lump of iron, the **【Iron Ingot】**, into a sword.

"...Nn, not bad."

——カンッ！カンッ！

と、金属を打つ音が響き渡る。

アキラは真剣な表情で、ハンマーを打ち下ろし、
鑿で切り込みを入れたり、刃の部分を研磨機で削ったりして、
鉄の塊であった【鉄のインゴット】を剣の形へと
造り替えてゆく。

「……ん。
わるくない」



After waiting for around half an hour, Akira hands the sword to me.

Hmm... It's still warm.

Unfortunately I lack the skill to appraise it, but somehow it seems to sparkle stronger than the 【Iron Sword】 created with 《Item Creation》.

"Rina, what do you think?" (Shion)

I pass the Iron Sword to Rina who has observed the smithing together with me.

"Hmm..."

Rina swings the sword several times, and lastly bisects a log I threw at her.

"I think it has a better cutting ability than an 【Iron Sword】 created by you, Shion." (Rina)

Rina lowers her eyes on the sword blade that had cut the log apart, and reports her sensation of using it.

"Akira, can you also do stuff like remodeling or reinforcing, by the way?"

"As long as I have the materials." (Akira)

"Rina, pass me Dáinsleif." (Shion)

"Whoa? It's fine for my sword to be first?" (Rina)

"I don't mind." (Shion)

I hand Dáinsleif to Akira after receiving it from Rina.

"You're going to use it?" (Akira)

"I'm Rina. Nice to meet you." (Rina)

As Akira looks up to Rina, Rina smiles and holds out her hand.

"Understood. Any demands?" (Akira)

"Demands?" (Rina)

"Weight, length, sharpness...anything." (Akira)

"Let's see..." (Rina)

Afterwards, Rina informs Akira of each and every detailed demand, with Akira continuing to nod silently.

"Understood. Shion, please give me four 【Demonic Ores】, two 【Silver Sand】, and one 【Flame Stone】." (Akira)

"Wait a sec." (Shion)

I search for the items mentioned by Akira on my smartphone.
——!

"Are those really necessary?" (Shion)

"Yep." (Akira)

500 CP were necessary to alchemize Dáinsleif, an extraordinarily low price for a unique item. Maybe it's something like a teaser to test out unique items. On the other hand, the 【Demonic Ores】 Akira mentioned just now cost 200 CP each. 【Silver Sand】 costs 25 CP, and a 【Flame Stone】 goes for 100 CP. In short, all in all, 950 CP are necessary.

"Can 【Demonic Ores】 be mined?"

"No idea. I alchemized it." (Akira)

"If it's 【Demonic Ore】, it looks like silver ore will turn into it after it passed a certain amount of time in a mine with a high mana concentration — or to be precise, a place where monsters above C rank live." (Kanon)

What's with that background setting...? It's information you'd never find out if you don't invest BP into Knowledge.

That means, it'd be smart to deploy many subordinates with a lot of mana in the second sector.

Whatever. I alchemize the items requested by Akira and hand them over to her.

After receiving the materials, Akira first tosses the 【Flame Stone】 into the furnace. In response, the flames in the furnace blaze up as if getting excited. Next Akira throws Dáinsleif and the 【Demonic Ores】 into the furnace's fire, and starts beating them with her hammer.

At times she calls over Rina, and checks the shape of her hands, just to continue hitting Dáinsleif with her hammer afterwards.

Akira repeatedly strikes Dáinsleif with her hammer and sharpens it with the grinder as if fine-tuning it...and then she finishes after twelve hours.

"...Nn. Done." (Akira)

We head over to the smithy after being called by Akira, and Akira hands over a sword shining in a jet-black color — Dáinsleif to Rina.

"——!?! T-This is..."

Rina's eyes widen as she fixedly stares at Dáinsleif in her hands.

"Shion! Are there no enemies!?" (Rina)

"Right now 《Pseudo-Peace》 is in effect." (Shion)

"...I see." (Rina)

As I inform the excited Rina about the current situation, she lets her head hang in disappointment.

"Logs would be no problem?" (Shion)

"I won't be able to demonstrate this guy's...Dáinsleif's evolution with logs." (Rina)

"Is it that amazing?" (Shion)

"Amazing doesn't even begin to describe it! The familiarity in my hands...no, it feels as if it unified with me...!" (Rina)



Seeing Rina so excited, it looks like Akira's reinforcement has succeeded.
I wonder whether I should ask her to work on my Gáelbolg as well...

Once I take out Gáelbolg and direct my eyes at Akira, she says, "Impossible...tired," and flops down on the spot out of total exhaustion.

There's three hours left until 《Pseudo-Peace》 comes to an end. I decide to postpone the weapon enhancement, and instead adjust my future plans.

Chapter 131 - Reign ①

Currently I'm ruling over 90 sectors. The areas under my control are: Kanezawa (though 30% is human land), the Kahoku District, Kahoku City, and Hakui. Remaining in the prefecture's north are: the Hakui District, Nanao, the Hosu District, the Kashima District, Wajima, and Suzu. Based on that, the next invasion area is going to be the Hakui District, but——

"There's too few, isn't there?"

As far as I can see on the Domain distribution map that has been published online...there are six domains across the Hakui District with its area of 358 km². The number of Demon Kings in the area totals to two, one ruling over four sectors, and the other over two. 300 km² of land, which is equivalent to less than 90%, belongs to humanity.

Areas with a low population that have already declined before the new world have naturally few people with an aptitude for 【Chaos】. I guess, as a result it has led to the phenomenon of little land having changed into Domains I can see right now.

Now then, how should I go about this?

Considering the future, I want to turn the entire region north of Kanezawa into my Domain — a safe zone by conquering the prefecture's north. This will allow me to concentrate my defense on the sectors in the south and east.

Until now the human land enclosed by my Domain has automatically become part of my Domain, but with so few Domains being in this area, it'll be impossible to enclose the entire region.

In that case, the solution is — 《Reign》.

『Reign: Rule a territory with a radius of 3000 meters as your own domain by creating and installing a true core. If there exist people submitting to you in the range of its effect, it becomes possible to welcome them as new subordinates. However, if there are hostile entities within the range of its effect, reign will fail.』

Hrm, even after looking at the explanation, I don't quite get the idea behind it.

And even after looking up information about Reign on 『Laplace』, I don't find anything.

As I've got nothing to lose anyway, I might as well try asking...

I use the smartphone capable of accessing 『Laplace』, and start posting in the thread where the upper class Demon Kings gather.

297 Nameless Upper Class Demon King ID:0536

I have a question for all of you senpai-sama. Have any of you used «Reign»?

298 Nameless Upper Class Demon King ID:0013

Saburo, huh? It's been quite a while since the last post.
The answer to your question is YES.

299 Nameless Upper Class Demon King ID:0027

The answer to your question — YES *salute*
Uwaahh rofl. Sati, you're so full of yourself though lmao.

300 Nameless Upper Class Demon King ID:0077

Nina, stop flaming all of a sudden.
By the way, for me it's a no.

301 Nameless Upper Class Demon King ID:0007

Just when I wondered about a new post after a long time, it's you, Saburo-san.
My answer is YES.

For the flamer Nina (ID:0027) to have responded is really bad luck, but the other three posters are Demon Kings who write gentle posts. It'd be great if I could draw out some information here by acting modestly...

302 Nameless Upper Class Demon King ID:0536

I've been planning to enact «Reign» for the first time, but do you have any advice for me?"

303 Nameless Upper Class Demon King ID:0027

Giving advice to your enemy!?! roflmao Is your brain kinda foed up or something lol?

Nina responded the quickest to my question. He's right, we're in a hostile relationship. At the very least Nina is going on my nerves so much that I'll go kill him as soon as I find out his true identity.

304 Nameless Upper Class Demon King ID:0007

Nina, your point of view is valid, but we are the chosen elite, aren't we?
How about being a bit more open-minded?

305 Nameless Upper Class Demon King ID:0027

Elites lmao. Seven, as always you're on your elitist trip rofl. GJ on discrimination lol.
Having said that, I will give you just one piece of advice. Surround the neutrals.

306 Nameless Upper Class Demon King ID:0013

You a tsundere!?

I suppose I'll give my self-alleged junior a piece of advice as well. Go at it with a big army.

307 Nameless Upper Class Demon King ID:0007

Well, then you get one from me as well.
Alchemize a megaphone.

I waited around five minutes afterwards, but the number of posts didn't increase.

308 Nameless Upper Class Demon King ID:0536

Surround the neutrals, go at it with a big army, and alchemize a megaphone, it is.
Thank you very much for your kind advice, senpai-sama.

I give my thanks to the Demon Kings who gave me their advice, and logout from 『Laplace』.
Going by the map, the closest Domain is more than 10 km away. There's plenty of room for the condition of 《Reign》, a radius of 2 x 3000 m, or in other words, a diameter of 6000 m.
According to the explanation, it'll be fine as long as there are no hostile entities within that circle with a diameter of 6000 m when performing 《Reign》, right?
To go at it with a big army as mentioned by Sati is probably for the sake of expelling any hostile forces.

The surrounding of the neutrals mentioned by Nina...is because the neutrals aren't recognized as hostile entities or something like that?

The alchemizing of a 【Megaphone】 as mentioned by Seven is...?

I select 【Item Creation】 on my smartphone, and look for 【Megaphone】.

『Megaphone: CP Cost: 5. Allows to send your voice in the far distance by charging it with mana. Its effective range covers 3000 meters』

Its effective range is 3000 m. The range to be set up under the conditions of 《Reign》 is also 3000 m.

I don't think this is a coincidence. 【Megaphone】 is probably an item necessary for 《Reign》.

The effect of 【Megaphone】 is just to send your voice into the far distance. How's that going to help with 《Reign》?

For recommendation?

The explanation of 《Reign》 mentions 『If there exist people submitting to you in the range of its effect, it becomes possible to welcome them as new subordinates』.

I can recommend to the people that they will become my subordinates by submitting to me with 【Megaphone】. I think that's the theory here.

Well, even if I keep guessing, it won't lead anywhere.

I begin preparing to shift towards enacting «Reign» as soon as «Pseudo-Peace» comes to an end.