PREPARING FOR THE FINAL BATTLE
WE SHOULD BE FAR ENOUGH FROM THE VILLAGE TO AVOID DAMAGING IT...
COCYTUS...
THAT SPELL WAS SUPPOSED TO KEEP ME FROM FEELING FEAR...

IT IS YOUR TIME TO SHINE,

AS LORD AINZ IS WATCHING.

WELL THEN,
BUT FIRST...

"ICE PILLAR"
While it's rude towards warriors with the resolve, those ice pillars mark where you will die.

Know that you will die as soon as you pass them.

He's surprisingly nice to give us a chance to run away.
YOU WANT US TO RETURN AFTER COMING ALL THE WAY OUT HERE?!

WH-

YOU GUYS SHOULD STAY-

NO, YOU SHOULD RETURN TO THE VILLAGE.

WE ALSO WANT TO FIGHT!

THEN-

RETIRED IS NOT COWARDLY,

YOU WILL LIVE ON.

BUT WE'RE-

YOUNGSTERS SHOULD LEAVE.

WHAT SORT OF CHIEF COULD AVOID THIS FIGHT AND CONTINUE RULING OVER YOU?

HOWEVER SOME OF US CANNOT LEAVE.
THIS IS A JOB FOR YOUR ELDERS!

...SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, COCYTUS.
CHARGE!
I'll need to thin out your ranks.

"Frost Aura"

So if I don't hold back, I might even get the retreating lizardmen...
HMM...

THAT SHOULD DO.
THE SWAMP ELEMENTS WERE WEAKENED BY THE COLD.
POSSESS RESISTANCES AGAINST PROJECTILE WEAPONS.

ALL OF US GUARDIANS
That armor was one of the four treasures and capable of deflecting frost. Pain, yet he easily cut through it!
HE DIDN'T EVEN BUDGE!

IT'S NOT A BAD SWORD, BUT...

I SEE.

TSC!

Uh...

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Uh...
"OVER MAGIC: MASS CURE WOUNDS"

HMM... I HAVEN'T SEEN THAT MAGIC BEFORE.
ANNoying...
You're in the way.
HE REDUCED ME TO THIS STATE WITH A SINGLE ATTACK?
SO YOU STILL WANT TO FIGHT?

THEN I WILL RETURN THIS.

DON'T FORGET ABOUT ME!
"PIERCING ICICLE"
WAIT, YOU'RE STILL WOUNDED!

TSK...
I'll buy you time.

So heal Zarylish.

Haagh!

"Over magic, mass cure wounds."
I realize myself.

That it's reckless...
...I had asked Lord Ainz,

but

you are the last ones...
How are your wounds?

I still feel some dull throbbing, but I can swing my sword a few more times...

I've actually run out of mana.

That should be enough.

Hmph.

You're also overdoing it, brother.

If I had to choose between running and fighting, I would pick the latter.
IT’S OBVIOUS THERE’S NO CHANCE OF VICTORY.

BUT

IF WE’RE DOOMED TO FAIL!

EVERYONE TRUSTED ME

THEN I’LL AT LEAST

AND WE CHALLENGED HIM...
CONTINUE ATTACKING!

A BRILLIANT ROAR.
I DON'T MIND.
I WOULDN'T INTERCEPT YOUR FAREWELL.

TELL ME YOUR NAMES.

SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, COCYTUS.

ZARYUSHI SHASHA.

SHASURYU SHASHA

...I WILL BE SURE TO REMEMBER YOU WARRIORS.
Normally I would wield a weapon in each hand.

Forgive me for using just this blade.

Indeed.

That's unfortunate.

Let's go!
"Earth Bind!"

...Magic cast by a lower level opponent cannot overcome my defense.

Why aren't they attacking together?

So he lied about being out of mana...
"ICY BURST!"

WHAT POINTLESS ACTIONS...
SHOULD I BEHEAD THEM?

OR PERHAPS CUT OFF THEIR ARMS?

I WILL SLAY THEM IN ONE STROKE.

UNREFINED.
IS THIS THE BEST HE CAN DO?
HAAGH!

I SEE...

THE SPELL AND THAT ATTACK WERE JUST DIVERSIONS.

HOWEVER...
SURPRISE ATTACKS

SHOULD BE QUIET.
BLOOD!?

IS THAT

THAT ATTACK WAS LIGHT

SO, THAT I WOULD HOLD IT!
HIS INTENTION ALL ALONG WAS TO
SLIP IT IN AND STAB ME!

BRILLIANT.
BUT I SHOULD APOLOGIZE,"

I HAVE A SKILL THAT ALLOWS ME TO BECOME IMPERVIOUS TO ATTACKS FROM WEAK MAGIC WEAPONS.
YOU FOUGHT WELL.

THANK YOU.
GOOD.
I UNDERSTAND.

YOU WILL NOW HAVE TO GIVE THEM THE CARROT.

...I'M SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THIS,
BUT THIS FIGHT WAS THE STICK TO THE LIZARDMEN.

AS I SAID IN THE THRONE ROOM,
THE LIZARDMEN WILL BE GOVERNED BY COCYTUS.

LISTEN WELL, GUARDIANS.
COCYTUS,

YOU ARE TO MAKE THE LIZARDMEN LOYAL TO NAZARIK.

I WILL RELY ON YOU THEN.

SHOULD YOU NEED THE WINGS OF ASCENSION OR ANY ITEM FOR REINCARNATING OTHER RACES, TELL ME.

I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO OFFER THE GIFTED ONES SPECIAL EDUCATION, BUT I'LL LEAVE THAT TO YOU.

YES.

THEY CALLED THEMSELVES ZARYUSHI AND SHASURYU.

THE ONES THAT LASTED THE LONGEST?

HOW DO YOU INTEND ON DISPOSING OF THOSE LIZARDMEN?

PERHAPS WE CAN TRY MAKING THEM INTO UNDEAD.

RIGHT... WE SHOULD RECOVER THEM...
I believe that would be a waste.