

Master 1011

Chapter 1011 Time To Swim

Ciel had taken off and Walker did not waste a single moment. He went directly to Gil who was about to run after Alma. "Gil. We have one hour. Help the enforcers get ready and tell them that the dragons are diving soon." Walker knew that Alma was the only one that was able to open up a path in the razor whip weed.

"Understood. You make sure that we have healers ready. Those golems can't stay with the merchants." Gil was still rushing away but gave a wave. He was sure that the merchants were trying to get the golems to move all of the kraken spawn on to land for processing. It was clear that they fully intended to use them as an unsleeping work force to make their money faster. It made sense if they were not part of the force sent to exterminate the kraken spawn.

Before Walker was going to rush to tell everyone else one hour count down he knew he had to deal with this. One of the elite dwarven guards was stepping out of a golem they had control of. Walker made his way toward him which caught the guard's attention. "I know you just got out of the water. But I need you to make sure the golems are at the edge of the razor whip weed and ready to dive deeper in an hour. Can that be done?"

The guard knew better than to even say anything other than yes. He was clear on who would be in charge and who would not. Just because the merchants assumed the dwarven golems would help was not any reason to make it so. The golems had been sent for the respect reason of defeating the kraken and its spawn. Just because the dwarves were known for their trade prowess did not mean they would help any merchant beyond their orders.

"Hey! The golems are preparing for the dive to the merfolk city. If your guards can, then they can focus on the clean up effort. But anyone that wants to come deeper to fight this infestation will need to be ready in an hour." Walker found one of the head merchants ordering a few people around.

"But we need the help to repair the docs. We can't just let them go." The look of annoyance on the man's face made Walker get more serious.

"This is not about one singular port town. You saw the dragons in the sky, right? They know these monsters. They said that they will eat all the food in the oceans. Then they will come on land as they did here and eat everything else possible. After that, they will eat each other and die off. All that will be left is a dead rotting world. In one hour the joint force of Genesis is moving deeper in to the ocean." The

slight shiver that went down the man's spine came from the force Walker put on each word. It was no longer something that could be argued with. Instead, it was just how it would be.

The man changed his orders and the other merchant heads eventually started to meet with him and speak. At first, they tried to convince each other to bargain with the dwarves but when Walker looked at them and they felt his royal aura, they lost all their will to argue. Their guards began to work and they even offered what money they had to the remaining uninjured villages to help. It was much better seeing the head merchants start to put the work in themselves, something that would normally never happen.

"Alice?" Walker felt a pull on his sleeve and found Alice standing with Onyx on her shoulders. "Are you alright? You did very well, so did you Onyx. I think you two have some really good hidden combinations." There was a look and feeling of happiness from Onyx. He too felt that Alice was a very good combo partner for light. It was even better that she had the light elemental runes on her armor and clothing.

"How long?" Alice wanted to make sure she was ready. She was in charge of the battle healers that had come with her. She planned to leave some on the healers in the port chapel so that they could help those still very injured. But most would be coming with them in to the deep waters.

"Just an hour. But it is enough to get things ready. Here." He handed over a few healing and mana potions for her and Onyx. It was also for anyone injured that needed them but from the way, the attack had gone there as likely no new injuries.

"Walker, get over here!" Remey's voice rang through the air as she pulled a kraken spawn behind her.

"What's wrong? Why are you here?" Remey should be handing out potions at this point since she was the best one to do so. Yet, here she was with a kraken spawn behind her.

"These things are not the same as a normal kraken. One of the dragonkin said that they shouldn't have these little barbs on their tentacles. They are some evolved variants of the kraken. The mother might be what the dragons think, but her spawn are much worse." The pressure in the air seemed to increase. If the kraken spawn were really worse than before it could spell much more trouble.

"I will tell everyone. Pass on the notice that no one should get caught by their tentacles. It will be important for us to avoid them in the water." Walker had flashes of people being dragged away once

they were in the water. Once everyone knew it would only go to keep everyone safer and keep fewer injuries from occurring. But time was ticking down and he had more people to speak with.

Chapter 1012 Just In Time

The line of races standing at the edge of the water was more than impressive. There were multiple merchant guards that had seen the kraken spawn do horrible things and they had left their positions to make sure that it never happens again. The dwarven golems were on the front line and had already moved in to the water. Gil stood with Alma. He had made the decision to be by her side as much as possible when they entered the waters. She was still tired from using the massive amount of mana to create the razor whip weed barrier.

Su and Midnight were side by side with Alice behind them. The three were ready to enter the water and Onyx had made the decision to remain on Alices' shoulders. Their combination was too perfect and heading in to the water where the light elemental mana might be a little harder to use. Their teamwork would make things much smoother.

Remey had prepared some of her potions for others to be able to use. The explanations had been swift but she was sure that those around would be able to use them at their best. The idea was that if a large group of the kraken spawn attacked them the potions would be able to explode and stop them from overtaking the entire Genesis force. She also wasn't sure how well she would be able to fight under water but had realized that equipping the water affinity knuckles made it easier to move her fists faster underwater. This small test had given her a lot of insight in to the added benefits of the affinity knuckles on her gloves.

The dragonkin had paired up with enforcers. The dragonkin warriors were better off on the front line while the enforcers fired arrows accurately to weaken the enemies. The combination was a last minute change that would go much further and extend their battle prowess. There would be less stamina used by teaming up and things would be more fluid.

The wind around them seemed to shiver as a lightly larger kraken spawn fell to the beach. "I know I am a little late, but do you even need me?"

"General Scylla. We just saved the bay and port town. We are going to enter the water and proceed to the merfolk city. Then we will march to retake their main home city. The mother kraken is very large and the dragons will focus on it. Where are your troops?" Walker had nothing to say about the lateness of Scylla. He could tell there had been a battle. She was covered in small scratches and the clothing she had on was torn here and there.

"We exited the mouth of the river and went through the marshes. Those things had already infiltrated the river and were trying to get in to the lakes. The aquatic forces were barely able to push them back. Luckily we discovered that they are weaker in the fresh water. I was able to get my troops to reserve some of their mana. They are making their way down from the northern beaches. They will be here in ten minutes." Scylla was all business. She was radiating wind and ferociousness. She had been in battle and now she was ready to go in to the real deal.

"Remey, give Scylla the run down on the potions you made. We will have her forces scout ahead since they can breathe underwater and have better swimming ability." Remey went to meet the landing Scylla and explained what the small crate of potions were and how they worked.

"The reinforcements are good to see. I worried they would not arrive." Since Leon had not seen the demi-human forces he was worried they would not show up or that they had been defeated on their way here. He knew they were leaving from the river and the potential that they would not make it was there.

"Scylla is trustworthy and powerful. She was going to get here even if she needed to defeat every monster in this world." The trust that Walker had in Scylla came from her actions and how she held herself. She had been able to bring herself up from the bottom and become a powerful general that was greatly respected by her people. If she was anything less than an outstanding person Walker was sure that she would not have a position so high.

"The mages we have brought with us can use their spells to give you and everyone else underwater breathing and swimming buffs. They are prepared to use their skills to their absolute maximum. You and everyone else will have the buffs for three weeks. It may be overkill but it will ensure everyone's safety." The last thing that Leon wanted to happen was that the people that had come to help him and his people would be harmed. If they even had a small injury then he would have to take that on his shoulders and accept that he had not done enough to protect them.

"Thank you. That is what we need. There will be a lot of us that do not have the proper preparations to swim and battle in the water. Having the confidence to breathe and swim will make things calmer." There was a visible weight off of Walker's shoulders before he was brought back to focus by the roar of dragons.

The resounding shouts of other dragonkin and all of the genesis force soon became one. The merfolk mages started to cast their spells and the effects were gathering on everyone who could not breathe under the water.

'The spell water breathing has affected the user for three weeks

The spell swift swimming has affected the user for three weeks.'

The feelings of their spells activating made Walker relax and give a shout himself. They were moving forward and nothing would stand in in their way.

Chapter 1013 Scylla's Journey

"General Scylla. The two scouts have found that the entrance to the marshes is being blocked by the kraken spawn. There are more trying to enter and hunt the fish there." Scylla listened and was visibly angry. The fact that the kraken spawn had come so far in to the river and taken the marches was disgusting. There were too many species of monsters and animals that would suffer if they were to run rampant for too long.

"Prepare the rest of the aquatic force to push forward. We will clear the marches around here before we go to meet the rest of Genesis army." It was a hard decision to make but if the kraken continued down the river they could cause untold damage many people and homes. The river ran through the entire continent. Not just one kingdom would be affected.

"Understood. I will relay your information." The scout who had dolphin traits was very intelligent and had another partner with the same traits. They were very agile within the water and used some high pitched sounds to locate enemies. This quality put them well above other scouts for the aquatic division of the demi-human army.

Scylla took to the air and followed the path of the river to the marches. She knew they were taking longer to get there but danger was danger and they had a job to eliminate it. The water of the marshes grew and fell with the tides but that was good for them. Right now the water was lower and that would make taking down the kraken spawn easier. If the water was higher there would be more room for the fight to go on and more potential to get swarmed with multiple kraken spawn.

Her eyes zoomed in on the kraken spawn taking down a bird's nest and dragging it in to the water. This was how they had started to hunt here. The untold loss that came from these attacks was not something Scylla wanted to think on. The eggs could be the next generation of an ocean bird that was important in the cycle of life here.

Her return to where the aquatic division was waiting brought the multiple demi-human troops to her sights. There were many different traits represented. Some had shells that grew over their skin due to relations to rock crabs and green spiked lobsters. There were also some that could be confused for merfolk due to the traits they shared with certain other fish.

"We move forward now! Be ready for a battle. They are in the shallow waters. We have the advantage!" The shout caused the demi-humans to swim forward the lower tides were nothing that they feared. The rivers they trained in became low at times due to the season and they were ready to battle it out in such conditions.

There was not much time in between the first demi-human clashing with the first kraken spawn. The brutal attack was easily able to defeat the unaware kraken spawn. The green spiked lobster trait demi-human had tough defense and an even tougher claw on their had that cut through the kraken like it was nothing. But this caused the attention of the other kraken spawn to be drawn to them.

A few moments was all that it took for the demi-human troops to enter the more open marches. The low water forced some of them to stand but this was not a problem. They were used to the mud and had developed ways to walk on it without getting stuck. A lot of the way they moved came from their instincts.

The swarming of the kraken spawn was broken by their fighting but there seemed to be no end. Scylla left the air and allowed her leviathan partners to leave her. They swam through the waters taking on slightly larger forms but not their true massive size. Their teeth and sharper scales shredded the smaller kraken spawn until one encountered a larger spawn.

"I will deal with the big one. Clear the marshes in pairs and then get to the ocean entrance. We will double our speed from there." Her order was met with shouts from those above the water. They moved swiftly making short work of the soft skinned kraken spawn.

The larger spawn shot out tentacles to wrap Scylla. She managed to narrowly dodge the grab but was grazed by the barbs on the tentacles causing her to become much angrier. Fires seemed to burst within her eyes and she pulled one of her fans from under her flowing robes. The kraken spawn continued to whip its tentacles faster and faster but the low water stifled its speed.

Scylla dodged and felt her clothing being cut along with the surface of her skin. She felt her adrenaline rise and smiled while she moved in to the target of her anger. The single slash of her fan caused multiple tentacles to fall in to the water and become a distraction for the smaller kraken spawn.

A single water jet sprayed at her but it was nothing to her. She turned her fan and deflected it before slashing down again. The larger kraken had no chance of survival as she grabbed its larger head and carried it out of the water. She could see the kraken swarming and leaving small cuts on her soldiers. She proceeded to rush forward and allowed her leviathan partners to help where it was needed. She had realized that if things were this bad here then the meeting point at the port town would be even worse.

Her speed reached a maximum as she noticed commotion ahead. The river and march were near the port and she easily made it there with her speed. It only took a moment for her to spot Walker and drop the larger kraken body to the sand. She smiled as she came within view to meet Walker.

Chapter 1014 Crossing The Barrier

Scylla disappeared to the other side of the razor whip weed by flying over. She was meeting her troops on the other side so the rest of the joint forces could exit safely and begin their journey through the waters. They had also been given a copy of the map so that they could better scout out dangers.

Walker moved near where Alice, Su, and Midnight were to move in to the water. As they marched in to the water there was a slight fear that they wouldn't be able to breathe even though the skills were cast upon them. But Walker felt that even though the weight of the water began to press down on him he was lighter. The ability to breathe did not change at all.

There was surprise etched on many of the human and enforcers' faces. The enforcers had been living in the forests so they were not used to the underwater. Some may have gone so far to visit these kinds of places in their lives but most were too young to know the times when there had been water elves that relied on the lakes and ponds for their homes.

"Brother, we are ready to move forward." Onyx was in his larger size and Alice was holding on to him with a rope tied around his neck. It had been some time since Onyx could move faster than Alice. It gave the pair a better ability to dodge attacks and also to move to those that needed healing.

"Alma will move the razor whip weed when we get to it. Stay close and be ready." Since he was sure there would be some issues, Walker kept his head on a swivel. He saw that Su was sticking to the bottom with the weight of her armor and shields. But she was not sinking in to the mud and sand as he would have expected. The water also seemed to be afraid to touch her.

When he looked at Midnight he saw the same kind of reaction. This brought him to the conclusion that dragons like Midnight were resistant to water and that Su had the same kind of resistance now. The water did not perfectly adhere to the body of a dragon and in sharing blood with Midnight Su had gained the same phenomenon. It was another thing that Walker would need to write down and store in the library for future generations.

The dragonkin warriors were swimming very well in the water. They were the same water elemental affinity as the dragons they served. That made them swifter and also more comfortable in the water overall. However, from their movements, Walker was able to start to learn the proper way to swim and move. He began to move his arms and legs the same way they were and found it to come naturally. Not only was it due to the fact that he was under the effects of a buff but also because he was able to process the movements in comparison to the way he moved all the time.

Midnight was the next to begin to catch in to the way people were trying to swim. Unlike the heavier golems that required runes to rise and fall on their armoring, Midnight was able to shift her body. She quickly felt the differences in the water as it shifted with waves and used that to push her forward.

The water was very murky due to the battle and still, floated with defeated kraken spawn. Yet, they found that it was already clearing and that sight was only becoming better and better as they moved toward a wall of green. The razor whip weed was dancing in the waves but slowly began to stiffen. Walker saw Alma manipulating it out of the corner of his eye. She was visibly pale and Gil was right at her side.

The path she opened was perfect for five dwarven golems to enter at once. They slowly marched through while others swam above them. There were audible splashing sounds as the water dragons plunged in to the waters. "Merfolk representative Leon shall lead the way. Remain close together and do not impede progress. We will exterminate this grievous plague." Current spoke through the water and ordered the forces forward. He had made the commitment to leave the skies and travel around the rest of the forces. As the royal dragon leading this effort he was not going to shirk his duty to return successful. Even though Walker was also there, this was the water. Current had the experience and the knowledge to lead much more than Walker did and there wasn't any argument over that.

On the other hand, Scylla showed herself again but this time she had her forces with her. There were multiple demi-human soldiers that Walker had never seen before. Some he almost mistook for merfolk until he noticed they were too human looking. "Scylla, we are following Leon to the merfolk city." Walker was not sure how his voice carried so well through the water but knew it must be a spell from the merfolk mages affecting them. They were able to breathe and swim underwater so why would it not affect their speech?

Since the water was clearer, the entire group could see the kraken spawn in the distance that were being defeated by Scylla's force and the merfolk. Leon was right at the front with the blue spear. Every angle swing caused currents that would slash through multiple kraken.

"He is really impressive. I didn't know that water could be used like that." Walker mumbled to himself while he watched the actions. He had not asked what Leons' system was but he could tell it had to be some form of spearman and water combination. Walker could only look forward to hearing it later on after they reached the temporary merfolk city.

Chapter 1015 Temporary City?

The open ocean seemed to stretch forever in a murky haze of blue. They had sunk down to the sandy bottom where the odd rock or two were. But the ocean floor appeared to be completely lacking in life. "This has to be this way because of the kraken spawns. There are [piles of broken shells and pieces of fish bone everywhere." Alma and Gil had moved to be near Walker. She was taking the help from Gil to swim along as she rested.

"I agree. This is terrible. I don't want to think about what was lost before we knew about these things. Even the demons would have been eaten up by these evil kraken." The slight shake of Walker's head brought his attention to how some of the razor whip weed was wrapped around Alma's hands. "Are you going to keep using it to attack from here?" The idea didn't seem bad but Walker wasn't sure how it would work.

"Yes. I have used my blue ivy as whips before. Since this basically acts like a whip in the tide it should work even better." The thought was easily proved as Alma flicked her wrist and the razor whip weed stiffened and shot out forward. The thin stalk easily cut through the water and the leaves would definitely cut up a foe.

"Huh, that's even better than I thought. I might need to ask you to show me how to control plants one day. But for now, I need to keep up with everything else." It was easy for Walker to get hyper focused on a new skill or something he wanted to learn. But this was not the time and he was doing his best to keep on task. "I'm going to catch up to Leon and see what we are looking at for time. The kraken spawn seem to be few and far between here." This worry that there were so few of them made Walker believe that there would be more elsewhere. Most likely somewhere where there was more food.

The blue wave patterned spear that Leon was wiping clean seemed to glimmer with blue energy. Walker could feel the water elemental mana heavily coated upon it. "I came to check up. How are we progress wise? Do you expect there to be more of the spawn ahead?"

"Yes. There will be more. We are in a dead space right now between the bay and the reef. Once we get to the reef we will have to battle it out to defend the temporary city. From there we will have more forces with us." Leon was half praying to the world that they found everyone alive and no kraken spawn. But he knew that he was better off praying for there to be as few injuries as possible. It was more realistic. "We should be seeing the coral in a moment or two."

Just as Leon spoke Walker could make out the changing shapes in the ocean floor. There were no longer wavy flats of sand. Instead, large rocks started to be mixed in. Most were just cleared of anything but others had small colorful growths on them. Others even had some seaweeds and other plant life left. "Stay away from the pink seaweed. They have stingers on them." The merfolk spread out and began to educate everyone on what was dangerous here. It was a wise decision for those that were vulnerable to such things.

' Pink stinger anemone

This is a very dangerous plant that houses a small stinger in every single tendril it grows. The tendrils only affect certain fish and monsters. They have a very potent poison that paralyzes their prey and it is recommended not to make contact with them under any case. They are extremely hard to harvest but can be used for an underwater poison. The poison dies off as soon as it leaves saltwater.'

Walker's all around appraisal of the danger made him realize that the colors might be more of a warning than a pleasantry. This was easily a plant that could take him down permanently. Not to mention the fact that if it was used as a poison for battle it could take down enemy after enemy with ease. Yet, the risk was too great to harvest it. There was no justification that it would make anyone safer.

"Walker. Look here." Su had found a way to use both of the twin shields to flap hard enough to push her up in to the higher water. This acted like her own fins in a way and helped her move forward. What she managed to see by doing this was a large coral and shell wall that curved in to a cracked and broken dome.

"Halt! You are entering the limits of the merfolk city second trident. You may not progress without Sir Leon. Your father has been waiting." The guard was covered in blue and pink shelled as armor. He had stopped the entire progression with a stern voice not knowing if this was help or not for them.

"Rest easy. This is the Genesis force. They are our allies from other kingdoms. Take me, and the other leaders here to my father." The party swam themselves behind Leon. Current floated down from the higher up waters with Ciel by his side, they were both in their dragonkin forms to allow themselves entrance in to the city. Scylla soon showed herself as well. These were the people that would be going with Leon. The dwarves chose to hold back since their forces were mostly golems and they were not here to build relations. They were here to protect and exterminate.

"Leon, we are still behind you." Walker pushed for Leon to bring them in. The large cracked shell dome allowed them to swim up and in to a barely built city of coral and rock. The big picture did not appear to look like a place anyone should be living at all.

Chapter 1016 Aaron

It was clear that the temporary city had been thrown together for the basic survival of the merfolk people. There were roughly assembled stone homes that had been made by clearing the rocky ground so that it was just soft sand. The coral and shells used were also poorly assembled to make shelters for those injured or those that wanted to be able to hide from another possible invasion of kraken spawn.

"Our mages were able to grow the coral around us in a dome. The last attack was enough to break the dome but when we left we repelled them. The same swarm of kraken attacked the bay. They go wherever there is more food." Leon knew that The group was viewing this as a place in need of help.

"How many forces did you lose to the kraken?" Scylla was already running the strategies they could suggest in the meeting. If the merfolk had lost a great number then they would not be able to combat the amount of kraken spawn that would decimate an entire people.

"The number was too high when they ambushed us. We had seen a few around here and there but it was nothing to the patrols. But when the mother attacked along with hundreds of her spawn...we have to vacuate. There are still some of our people hiding in the coral bunkers under the sand." No one had expected this. For weeks there had been merfolk people trapped and waiting for help.

"We will do something about that. This is not the city I know you want to show to the world. We will reclaim your home city." There was a dark look in Walker's eyes as he realized just how dire the situation was. If this had been the last of the merfolk then he would welcome them to Genesis after they had defeated the kraken menace. But hearing that there were more people trapped made him angry and driven.

"This is a pest that does not deserve life. They are the same disgusting things as when I first saw them. But now they have grown to be more horrid." The disgust dripping from Current's voice made everyone

feel dirty. His feelings were somewhat projected around him while he thought of the kraken that would threaten his people and all other people in the world.

Leon was met by another guard who motioned for more to form around him. Walker took a stance next to Current while Midnight and Su matched the positioning of Ciel. Scylla followed behind with Alma and Gil shoulder to shoulder. The rest of the group trailed behind. Alice wasn't sure why she was being brought with but she did not stop Onyx from swimming along. Remey gave her a reassuring nod. It was enough to make Alice realize that right this second she was the same as the party. She was a party member for this journey.

The roughly assembled building they were brought in to was obviously made by guiding coral to grow rapidly around stone. There were many merfolk mages standing around watching those that entered. They were the guards of the merfolk king and they represented the power over the environment that the merfolk lived in.

"Hmm, I see you have returned. You look to have brought many with you. What did you learn."

Current nearly started to growl when he was not addressed first. For a dragon, this was very disrespectful.

"Please pardon us for the moment. I embarked on my first journey and we must follow tradition. It is the way of our people." Current was not so foolish as to ignore tradition. The dragons held their own with very high regard and to trample on another's traditions would be an affront to their own kind.

The larger merfolk stood and looked at Leon carefully. Compared to the other merfolk the king had a deeper blue scaling that appeared much sharper. His teeth were even more pointed along with the claws and fin he had. Overall the description of battle king fit fairly well.

"Father. I have joined through the dangers of the surface. I arrived and forged relations with the Genesis alliance. Every single race associated with the Genesis alliance came to assist us. Some traveled the rovers exterminating the kraken. Others walked through the swamp lands to get here. Others even flew through the brilliant sky to plunge in to the oceans to tear away the vermin plaguing our people. I have seen this and I have felt this. The waves they make will bring our people higher than we ever have before. You have my blood as backing to their strength. I return to you as more than I was."

The king drew a three pronged trident and slashed down in a vicious leap at Leon. He did not flinch as it neared his throat. Instead, he held the gaze of his father and even glared at him. "You stand tall now. When you were a child you could not even meet my eyes. Welcome these guests now." The look on the king's face did not change. But the looks of every mage and guard around showed smiles. They had seen Leon grow up and had finally heard his father give him recognition. Speaking in the court was the final step to be seen as a potential successor.

"Welcome to the temporary city of the merfolk; New Trident. The great king of the Merfolk Aaron sits upon his throne in welcome. In our time of need, you have arrived and will receive the respect you deserve." Leon moved and stood beside King Aarons' throne.

"I have seen you. Welcome. On this day, may it be written in our history. We shall take your hands and rise higher. Please find a seat and we shall speak eye to eye." The guards rushed in with chairs for everyone and a larger group of soldiers came in with a table to place right in the hall. King Aaron waited for someone to speak.

Chapter 1017 Short Meeting

"For the assistance, we are giving your people I expect to be thanked properly." Current was the first to break the silence. He was still off about the lack of greeting and introduction. For Leon to speak with his father and act the way he did may have been their tradition then that was that. But afterward, they had been given seats to sit and no one recognized any of them. Let alone Current and Walker who were royals.

"I have already made documentation that the pink pearls we have will be sent along with you as soon as the kraken is defeated. I represent every merfolk in the ocean. It would be wrong for me to compensate for the losses the new alliance may incur." Aaron was quick to say this. He may have been living under the water his entire life but that didn't mean he didn't know just how powerful dragons were.

"I need a rouge pearl. It is necessary for the upcoming event of my elemental counterparts. My fellow royal will require an indigo pearl. Is that clear?" Walker was not sure why these two pearls were so important. He had not heard of them before but could tell that they had some very important value.

"A rouge pearl is created from the vent oysters. They rest on the hot volcanic vents under the water and mix fire and water elemental mana to create a rouge pearl. The indigo pearl is a very pure water elemental pearl that comes from a drifting oyster. They drift in the tides without settling or floating on the surface. This lets them create pearls that are purely water affinity." Scylla saw that some did not understand this and shared her knowledge. She had seen them used in many different weapons to make many different effects. She also knew how valuable they are.

"We have the indigo pearls from our yearly hunting in the vaults of our main city of Trident. The rouge pearls are with me. We only found three this year as of yet. I would not part with it if it was anyone else in need." This was said just to make sure that Current felt he was on a higher pedestal than any other being there. Aaron knew how dragons felt and that playing to their pride always made things better.

"Good. That is accepted. Now tell us where your main city is. It's been some years since I bothered to venture in to the oceans." Current had seen the maps but wanted to hear the marching plans of the merfolk. If they were not up to his standards then he would be changing things.

"We will leave here with the forces we have. My scouts can sneak in to the coral bunkers and get a plan in. It will only be safe for one to do though. They will notify them that they are to open the bunker so we can attack from inside and outside. I would like to focus on the market side of the city. It can be rebuilt but the homes on the opposite end carry priceless heirlooms." This was a method of taking the people in to account. But it also was affected by the location of the coral bunker hidden under the city.

"The mother kraken had been using the area near the city as a nest. It was unknown to us for longer than it should have been. But when we discovered it we were too late. Now we have intelligence that there is another clutch of eggs in the nest she set up. That is why she had been taking down large ships, monsters, and even whales. The food she gathers will feed the next clutch of spawn."

"We will focus on the eggs and the kraken spawn. While Current and his elders will take on the mother. Once we deal with that, we will join Them fighting the mother. But under no circumstances will anyone interfere until the rest of the forces can join. If we go in to it unorganized we will harm more than help." Walker used a very stern voice. He saw Current nod. This was exactly what the dragons wanted.

"My aquatic troops will scout. They have the ability and I believe they will be able to work well with your scouts, if not better than with my own troops."

"I will have my enforcers paired with golems. They will be the shields that draw the kraken spawn in while my enforcers attack them. The finishing attacks will be from Scylla's troops." Scylla and Alma continued the conversation showing Aaron just how prepared they were.

"Then I will not say more. My forces are prepared to leave this campsite and move on." There was nothing more than king Aaron wanted to speak on. He was all business and from this point on he would be taking charge of the battle ahead. "Be warned, nothing is patrolling the coral reef we will swim. If an

electrified eel attacks you will be left to handle it yourself." No one doubted this to be the truth. Right now to king Aaron, the safety of his people was much more important.

The break had only been an hour long so Walker was worried that everyone would not be prepared. However, when they started to leave it appeared that Alma had regained a lot of her energy. "The pearls are for the royal court as gifts. I owe that fire dragon a gift from some previous relations. His daughter is a steam dragon and the rouge pearl is perfect for her to consume and strengthen her scales. You will be giving the indigo pearl to me. It shows your close relationship with me and my elders. It also shows that I back you as a young royal." Current spoke quickly before taking the lead out to the second temporary city.

Chapter 1018 Beauty Of Night

Not many of the forces that had come together under the Genesis name showed an ounce of tiredness. The only ones that appeared to be in need of a longer rest were the merchant guards. But they doubled down and took mana potions or health potions to continue on. They were all very motivated when they saw every single merfolk taking up weapons or rocks if need be to go and fight for their city.

No one wanted to see children fighting but they were not going to stay in this temporary and hard to defend city. Even the king of the merfolk had called it just a camp. That went far to say that the people were not going to let their city fall forever. "It's getting harder to see." Su had decent night vision but the addition of the water was challenging. She had made her way right in front of Walker while the merfolk began to lead the way in formations that Current had directed the in to.

"I was just starting to wonder how they were able to see in such dim lighting. It might be some merfolk sight that allows them to see in the dark better." This was the only solution that Walke came up with. If the merfolk were used to this kind of change every single day then it was obvious they would develop better night vision.

"I wouldn't be so sure about that. I can feel the corals and other things getting more energetic. You should be able to feel it too if you focus on the natural mana." Alma was still backed by Gil since he was worried she would push herself too hard. She did not shy away from the shoulder to lean on while Gil pulled her long in the swim. However, it was easier for them to walk along the bottom where possible. But the coral was in the way of an easy and straight path.

Since Alma had told him to focus on it, Walker reached his senses out to the natural mana around the coral. He was not surprised that she had been right and that it was increasing slightly by the minute. The darker the water seemed to get the more it seemed that the natural mana rose. But even more than that, the corals and underwater plants seemed to be unfurling completely.

"This is why I want to come back here and search for potion ingredients. Look at all the plants that show themselves at night. They even glow!" Remey saw the first of the corals starting to put off a soft glow. Many of them were showing this effect in multiple colors.

"Surprised I take it? The nights here are much more beautiful than the days. Once the ocean is dark you see the true beauty of what grows here. That's why my people strive to protect such things. Look at what those things have done." Leon had been swimming beside them as their guide since his father had taken over the lead. Some parts of the coral had been torn to pieces and obviously eaten. But worse off, the fish that emerged were few and far between.

The lack of fish was a huge negative for the environment. Many predators would be unable to feed which would cause them to die off as well. It was a flow that had been interrupted. "A lot of the fish and the corals absorb light elemental mana just as plants do. Then at night, they release it to keep growing and breeding. Many of the fish are attracted by that and feed on each other and plants. It all comes together to make this natural beauty that we take pride in. Our entire city looked like this."

The idea that an entire city would take on this spectacular glow of colors and life made Walker want to see it in such glory. "Brother, I have decided that I like the oceans. I can eat even when it is night." This was much better for Onyx than the moonlight. He was able to easily swim in the cool waters and maintain his body heat due to the high amount of light elemental mana within it. Walker didn't miss the sight of Alice giggling when she heard Onyx speak in their minds. She was the one attracting the most light elemental mana and Onyx was snacking like a glutton. It was adorable, to say the least.

"I wouldn't mind learning to control some of these plants. But that might be better for the water elves. I think it will be good for us to reach out and reconnect with them. They have moved to the lakes but who says they can not return to the oceans." Since Alma had the information about other elf cities she knew that in the past there were water elves in the oceans who had left for the lakes once upon a time.

"I would not mind hearing more stories of water elves. I have been told my entire life that a lot of our underwater came from them and grew in to our own forms of ." Leon even supported it with his own history causing Walker to make a much more important mental note than he would have. Having more relations with people would be better for Genesis and the world as a whole. "Look, that's a light fin tuna. They have the best meat for any meal. And their fins gather light and water elemental mana so they make armor best for swimming in." Leon pointed out the large fish that caught their attention.

"That is something to protect. This is all worth protecting. Having your beautiful home under attack is not acceptable. Don't worry. We will shield it from harm." Midnight and Su stood together. Walker swore there was a slight growl in Su's voice.

Chapter 1019 Tamers' Arrival

Swimming through the coral reef was not hard for anyone. The only ones that needed to move with extra caution were the dwarven golems which had been ordered to avoid damaging the coral. This was easier said than done since they would sink to the bottom of the ocean no matter what. But they were able to use runes on their armors to be able to jump and float temporarily at the cost of the stored mana they had within their cores.

The enforcers were seemed to be the most in love with the coral as it glowed. Some were even moved far enough to pet the few fish that came to them to explore. The elves had a long history of being close to nature. Therefore, the fish and corals did not harm them or shy away from them. It was a testament to the dedication the elven people had to the world.

"I know this is peaceful and beautiful, but it doesn't make sense. Where are the kraken spawn? They should be all over this area..." Walker could tell this was a problem. The kraken spawn had swarmed the bay and now were just missing? Nothing made sense about this unless there was a large food source around.

"The food that the mother is gathering. It has to be a lot right? I would bet that all of the kraken spawn are there trying to steal a piece from their mother and unborn brothers and sisters." Gil hit the nail on the head. He knew that the mother had been spotted fighting for food and that it most likely was continuing now. If the food was brought back to her nest then there would be a lot of it that couldn't be protected from the kraken spawn. Thus, the kraken spawn had gathered there to eat it and grow while the mother continued to hunt. There was no way a kraken spawn that survive on instinct would give up a free meal.

"Brother, I believe we will need to fight much harder. Do you think we could use Remey's potions to hurt the spawn before they know we are there?" Onyx had been silently deliberating with Alice. Both of them had been awe when it came to Remey's potions and their large range of damage. They may not have been powerful enough to completely defeat many kraken spawn but it was enough for them to be much weaker. It had made the fight for the bay easier and since the mother would be under siege anyways, showing themselves with a bang would not be an issue.

"That's a good idea. Remey, come with me. We will catch up with Current to organize it." Walker knew that the potions Remey had made were not infinite. But using all of them on this kind of attack would

pay off in the long run. Even if a quarter of the kraken spawn were damaged then that was a quarter that would be sitting ducks just waiting for the joint Genesis forces to defeat.

"Gil is coming too. I want him to help with this. Su can protect Alma. Just look at her, she is already recovered a lot and doesn't need your help." Alma was taking the help she was given but this was more than fair. Remey had long noticed that it was nothing more than Gil and Alma wanting to be closer. It wasn't to be mean but since Remey had an idea she was not going to allow Gil to keep avoiding the real work there was to do.

Current was in his dragon form much higher up in the deep waters. Walker, Gil, and Remey easily got there next to him and were watched by Ciel nearby. "We have a plan to sneak up and weaken all of the kraken spawn. Since they are not around here we assume they have been attracted to the large amount of food the mother is gathering at the nest for the eggs. The mother is unintentionally helping with the extermination effort."

"Then what will you do? Will you use those exploding potions from before?" Current had already connected the dots and was looking ahead to the attack more than anyone.

"Yes, we will connect all the potions together in a long line of rope. Gil will attach some of his fire elemental arrows and with the help of the enforcers, they will overcharge them with fire elemental mana. Not only will my potions explode, but the arrows will explode and cause a much larger explosion. It will damage the kraken, stun those that are not damaged, and cause the mother to fall in to a craze. Even better, it will kill off some of the eggs that we need to destroy." The energy Remey had was enough to sell Current completely.,

"Then begin the preparations while we swim. I expect it to be perfect by the time we near the area. The scouts and enforcers will be in charge of it after you create it." Current easily moved forward with this plan. It was perfect for what they needed at the moment.

"Walker. The reinforcements I called on from the tamers' guild have caught up. I gave them a crystal that allows them to easily track us. They only sent twenty tamers but they had sixty monsters between them. All of them are prepared to battle." This was more than any of them expected. For the tamers' guild to spare so many tamers at once was astounding. "Once I had left them with the word that it was for Genesis and the protection of one kingdom aligned with them, the spared no moment in joining. You seem to have left a very good impression with their guild master." It was impressive in Scylla's eyes. But the multitude of aquatic monsters behind them now was even more impressive.

Walker first got the potions out along with rope. He watched as Remey began to string them together. Midnight took the role of pulling her along in the water while she worked. It was the perfect teamwork since Remey didn't have much weight and Midnight had learned to swim the same way as the other dragons. However, Gil was the one stuck handing her potions from the crate while also adding in the fire elemental arrows he had created.

The process was simple. The necks of the potion vials were tied in groups with the rope and every cluster had a wither spike arrow with fire elemental mana crystal within the arrow head. But this was not all, there was a lot of space in between these clusters so that when they exploded the wave would not affect the other explosions but instead create a continuous net of explosions. The idea was presented by one of the dwarven elite guards that had once watched some large mining projects in the deep caves using unstable mana crystals.

The use of unstable mana crystals was not rare. For many of the races, the unstable mana crystals were damaged mana crystals that had started to release their mana at too fast of a rate, then later forcefully refilled to their maximum capacity. These were normally disposed of by mages or brought to a safe place and fully broken.

Since the matter of creating the explosives was taken care of, Walker went to meet with those that came with the tamer's guild. "Sir. I am the one in charge today. My fellow tamers have banded together under the orders of the guild master. We normally wander the tides to look for ways to improve ourselves. We gathered those near enough and come to meet you. We hope that this shows the support the tamers' guild wishes to offer to Genesis city and the new base we will have there." The man that swam to Walker looked familiar. It was clear he had been one of the tamers in the demi-human city when they had visited.

"Of course, we will welcome the guild. I have some friends that I would like to have visit. If there is a guild branch there then they can't say no." The joke relaxed the man as he was prepared for a battle and had already encountered a few of the kraken spawn on the trip to catch up. "You have a variety of tamers and monsters with you. The plan will be simple. The scouts and enforcers will attack the swarm of kraken spawn. The dragons will attack the mother. From there we exterminate every single one. When we near the nest be ready for battle at any moment."

"Understood. I will relay to my high ranking tamers. Please rest assured. We are always prepared for a battle. The ocean is a second home to us. We spend more time in the water than we do on land. I can only bond with my partners in the water." Just as Walker was going to ask what partners, he noticed a translucent shrimp in front of his face.

"I tamed four ghostly prawns. They look rather weak but they are known as the assassin shrimp by those who have seen them in the wild. They are hard to spot, sneak up on larger prey, then use a very powerful water attack to finish their prey. I learned my lesson long ago not to tickle them on the tail." The laughter held a more serious tone since Walker had never heard of a ghostly prawn. But the power it had made him know that the unknown was truly more dangerous than one could ever think.

"Besides this, we have some rock crab, electrified eels, a single vibrant ray, and even a few black oyster tamers. We will fill whatever roles we can." The variety made them perfect for covering other soldiers' backs and filling multiple roles just as the man said.

"Then I will allow you to work as you need. Just remember who to report to and if you need to speak to any dragon be as respectful and honest as possible. Facts only." The warning was just that. A warning for those who were not used to dragons the way Walker was. The tamers only really know of the dragon that worked with the guild master of the tamers' guild. If they treated Current and Ciel the same let alone the elders, they would end up nothing but fish food.

The speed of everyone's swimming had become much better over the last hour of preparations and following of king Aaron. They had adapted somewhat since they had been in the water and the current seemed to be going with them. The sudden stop was a surprise to everyone that was in the back. Yet the party who was in the front was able to see why.

There were towers of colorful coral reflecting some of the glowing light. They seemed to break the darkness of the night underwater. But there was a lot of damage made painfully clear. There seemed to be a shell wall that had been made to defend against the monsters that crawled along the ocean floor which was shattered in many places from the kraken spawn attacking with the mother.

Some towers were already broken and what Walker could make out so were a lot of the buildings. What was even worse was the kraken spawn that could be seen trying to destroy more and hunt for food. Yet, this was still nothing compared to what they were looking at right near the city.

What seemed to have been a cave at one point had been dug out in to a large ring of sand. But again, that was not what had everyone stopped. The remains of many monsters and large round clear eggs were what had everyone stopped and wide eyed.