

## Master 1081

### Chapter 1081 -Strongest Elf

"My queen. The council will come together to run over what has happened and what the heroes have done while we were incapacitated. A guard just came to deliver the news. The city is being fixed and checked now." The enforcer that reported left immediately while Alma was helping the queen up.

Alma had woken up and rushed to the small elven forest that they had made within the city. She had found the queen sitting on the bench she had passed out on in a daze. This was a major blow to her strength since she was forcefully disconnected from the forest for so long.

"If this is too much for you I can take over. I was able to go all the way to find the source of the sealing and I can stand strong here. You should return home and gather your power. There will be more trials ahead." Alma knew full well that there would be more demons on the way to cause them trouble. Even if Greed was alone that did not mean that all of the demons with ill will have been defeated.

"I will remain here. I have items set aside for such times. I have been alive much longer than you and learned to deal with my connection to the forest. I have gathered my mana in to many crystals to help myself when I leave the forest and they are sealed by that even I can not break unless I follow certain rules." The elf queen was bound to the elven forest. Yet, she had found ways around this if necessary.

One enforcer left the shadows of the trees around them and presented a crystal glowing with green light. The crystal had mana straight from the forest fused with the queen's own mana. She touched it and the color began to return to her cheeks. She even gave off a more powerful aura which made Alma feel as if she needed to bow to her.

"See? I have ways to become strong again. You will learn these things as you get older. I know that you can only manipulate a few plants now and they all cost you a lot of your energy and mana. But imagine being able to control an entire forest one day. You should be able to do such a thing with your system. I recommend you plant a mana crystal tree here. I have five seeds in the vaults of our city. I was going to wait for you to reach a higher maturity, but the times demand for you to grow one now."

The mana crystal tree was less of a tree and more of a living mana crystal. It was something many of the elves only dreamed about in fairytales. Little did most of them know, that they were real and very rare. If Alma could grow one then she would be growing a mana source that could store mana for her a hundred times over. She would, in theory, be able to rival the strength of some of the most powerful elves in existence if she was to properly grow it to maturity.

"You...are you sure you should give me-"

"Yes. You need to be the strongest of the elves to represent our people here. When the other elves come here, they will see you first and everyone else last. The water elves looked down on us for living in a forest. The rock elves looked down on us for being so open and easy to find. Even the snow elves looked at us with our tan skin as if we were freaks. Be the best elf around and show them the strength of the forest elf."

There were many reasons that the different elves had split from one singular race ending the high elf bloodlines. It was simply the discrepancy in their beliefs when it came to mana and the world. Some chose to follow different elemental manas and went to those locations to study them. Others became biased to the point that they rejected other elves. All came together to create different elf variants.

"I will do exactly that. You can trust in me." Alma heard her queen well. She was young and had not personally felt these things that the older elves had. But the stories were passed down for a reason and Alma would heed them.

"Then we shall go and meet with everyone else. I wish to hear your report alongside the heroes." The queen knew well that the city was going to gain a lot from this meeting. She just didn't know how much and what.

Walker felt a soft push on his arm. When he woke up he was looking at the black and white scales that covered Midnight. Onyx sat staring at him on her back. "You two are awake and safe. I was so worried." He didn't hesitate to hug them. They just stayed that way for an unknown amount of time before Midnight finally shrugged Walker off to look at him and sniff him completely. "I know, I went to the desert to find a tablet that could help me seal Greed. I wish you could have come. some really weird stuff happened.

Walker laughed a little while Onyx slithered toward him, "Brother, thank you. I was dreaming of you going through a dark staircase in to an odd room. I knew you were coming to save us. I trust you will always come to save us." Onyx was still the youngest of their party and when he shed a tear it made Walker worry that Onyx had suffered more than he knew.

"Ehm, I'm glad that you are all safe. I wish I was not interrupting, but I have come to hear the report." King Rorick knew well that this was a delicate moment. However, there were pressing matters to take care of and he had to break it up.

#### Chapter 1082 Soon To Be Fixed

"Yes, you are right. We should pull the chairs together." Walker stood and Midnight stayed by his side. She was worried that he would fall because he was obviously still worn out. However, she had felt the exhaustion that Su had even though she was pushing herself to stay awake now.

"Stay there. I will do it. I am one of the few that didn't have to do much work. I can handle moving a chair or two." King Rorick flexed his muscles as a joke to let Walker know he was fine. It was nice having the more laid back king there so that Walker could keep himself steady. Not many rulers would relax in such a way and rule freely like Rorick. "I would say that your little trip took a big toll. But your face says that there is more that came back with you than just some sunburn."

Since Walker had not seen his own face, he had not realized what he looked like. He did not notice the sunburn on his face and arms or even the fact that there was still sand in his hair somehow. Even more, he had not fully put his cloak and armor back on from the desert. His adrenalin had kept him warm and right now he was too tired to realize he was getting cold because the window was shattered still.

Before anyone else could walk in he took a towel and some water out of his inventory. He started to wipe away his face and slick his hair to the side. "That looks a bit better. I doubt anyone will fault you though. It's better to look like you came from a battle than a party after something like this." While Walker didn't want to look bad, he did understand what Rorick meant. There was no way people would be able to fault him since he had just battled it out with greed.

"Alma?" Seeing that Alma was walking in with the queen made Walker very shocked. He thought that she would be unconscious for some time.

"You're alright. That's good. We dragged you to Scylla who said she would be using a mastery skill and we didn't know if everything would be alright." It was like a weight had just fallen from Alma's shoulders. She had yet to actually see that Walker was alright as well. "Su was awake when I left too. She went right to the cathedral and I think they needed her."

"I would have bet all the gold I have on that." He had a slight smirk. How would Su ever leave the cathedral alone? At this point, she was an unofficial member, let alone a healer. "Can I guess that Gil also managed to track you down?" By the look on Alma's face, Walker knew that Gil had found Alma faster than anyone else. "That's good. I'm sure you were worried about him...sorry about passing out

and not leaving water. That was my fault." Walker was planning to apologize to Su too when he saw her. He felt that it had been his biggest downfall while in the desert for such a short time.

"No, you were learning what we needed and it was worth the risk. We made it to Scylla safely. We can stand by you even when you can't stand yourself." There were quick looks from the queen and Rorick. They both knew that they were witnessing a very powerful future bind between the humans and elves. It was history in the making that meant more than any other.

"I am sorry for my tardiness. I was a little ill after waking up." King August walked in and saw the way the room now looked. He had been very fuzzy when he had woken up and guards had helped her to a private room. "I seem to remember a table being here..."

"You're right about that. It was a pretty nice one too but unfortunately, it is now firewood." King Rorick kicked a piece to the edge of the room before sitting back down again.

"No, we will have it rebuilt. I have seen tables and chairs broken then built back with metals. They show that even when broken things can rise up again." King August had seen work like this in pottery and found the meaning behind it deeper than one could say. The others nodded accepting this since it could symbolize their stable future.

"I apologize for being late. I needed to clean myself up." Scylla came in slower than usual. She had changed robes and was not very steady on her feet. But that wasn't an issue, king Rorick seemed to already know that Scylla would be weak which made Walker wonder if she had sent a guard to speak with him.

"We do not have the merfolk representative yet and the king of the deep is on the way. Let's sit and we should be prepared by the time he arrives." The elf queen pushed them to sit so that they could speak. The only ones that didn't do so were Onyx and Midnight who seemed the most awake out of all of them.

All eyes had focused on Walker, they were expecting him to have all the answers that they needed. "Thanks to the guidance of the forest elves we were able to look back in history to find that greed had once been sealed away. Due to this we went to that place and learned quite a bit. The location has a lot more that goes with it but for now, we will focus on this tablet which used to hold the natural sealing arts I used." Walker held back some information for safety. He was not going to be explaining the details behind the sealing arts carving.

Chapter 1083 Desert Recap

"I know you want a meeting, but do you know what needs to be fixed? There are shops that lost their fire and froze their goods, forges that are cold and need the attention before being fired again, and don't even get me started on the family vaults that somehow got...well, that solves that." The king of the deep caves looked at the throne of gems and gold only to realize that this was where the missing items were.

"I know there is a lot to fix. We all know that. But we need to get the story straight so we can put people at ease. Do you think they are comfortable being here right now? Do you think that they know that there was a demon here? Or do you think they may believe an army is marching here now?" King August was a lot more level headed than the king of the deep caves. However, it was dwarven nature to want to fix everything.

After some grumbling the king of the deep caves sat down and looked at the table, he was not happy that it was broken since he knew the craftsman that made it. "I will start, the information that sent Walker out of here was from me. I was holding off until we desired to research a mag tower more. That didn't seem to be the right decision though." Alma and Walker already knew that was going to be the first part of the conversation.

"The desert city was once an elf city. They discovered the ruins and built upon them. Unfortunately, that is all my people really know about their ways since Greed visited them at some point and caused their downfall. By the time we heard of it, we sent out sealing sage in hopes that someone had survived. He gave his life using an ancient metal tablet to seal away Greed. The surviving desert elves were lost to the winds since they didn't want to come to the forests. Some say the stone elves in the mountains took them in but we have no proof of such an event."

"I see why you would not share this. If the mage tower was the focus and that greed was sealed, it would not be important. Especially since messing with it without proper preparation would be dangerous." King Rorick knew now that Greed was an opponent he could not beat with his armies that focused on physical strength. They wouldn't have been able to beat him before the curse was discovered.

"From there I escaped. I have Fleur and the control of some natural mana which defended me from Greed's curse. Stealing away individual manas and lifeforce was easy for his curse. But all the manas combined in to natural mana? Well, that was not easy." Walker was sure that he was just very lucky to have escaped. "Su was strong enough due to her defensive capabilities to resist the curse and escape while Alma and Scylla were not in the city yet. I had guards that had been on patrol create a temporary camp and alert Scylla and Alma when they arrived."

Scylla stood slowly, "I used all of my strength to rush them to the desert where I could not continue. They left me behind in a shelter made of stone to rest with some potions. I waited for their return."

Since Alma was ready she spoke next, "We made our way to the city ruins on the map and broke in to the sand covered buildings. The tower was easy to get to but we found that Greed had been forcefully broken out. We freed the soul of the sealing sage and took the tablet." She looked at Walker for support.

"Another event occurred that we will speak on in a moment. From there we escaped the entire towers' worth of monsters. When we stopped I tried to learn the in the tablet and discovered what it was. That forced me unconscious but while I was in such a state I learned a natural sealing skill that I could only use once. I am not a compatible system user for the carvings on that tablet." Walker held back information which everyone caught on to however, they did not pry.

"By the time Su and Alm made it to me they were down and out. Walker had the water and I was the only one able to get there. I used my mastery skill for the second time and it put me in the state you see here." Scylla was visibly skinnier and pale still. She still stood strong though. "I managed to get them back but was forced to stay in place and recover."

"And that brings us to the battle, the sealing, and now us sitting here. Greed is sealed for a long time unless someone that has better natural mana control can free him. But that still will take a lot to do. One day maybe I will free him from the greed title..." Walker still felt that greed needed to pay for what he had done even though it was part of the title he was trapped with.

"So what was the other event that occurred?" the forest elf queen was staying focused and trying to discover what else could have come to pass in their excursion.

"This might be hard to understand because we don't either. But the ruins that had been there before the desert elves were made by a race that left. They left their knowledge for others and that was how the desert elves gained strength. That tower is currently here. I have no idea how the runes worked, how they left a al consciousness in the tower, or how it can be studied. All I know is that I can call upon it and it will return to its natural state here." Walker showed the book and was met with many skeptical looks.

Chapter 1084 Explaining The Tower

"I know that it may sound-"

"I knew they had been given help! How could they have mastered survival in the desert so well? They shared water runes with the water elves that the water elves had not even developed yet. It was the talk of the elven cities when I was younger and that was already many years after the desert elves had disappeared. But we never went to their city to try and understand it since it was a dangerous place." The forest elf queen blurted out in frustration.

Everyone was looking at her uncharacteristic outburst. She had never acted in such a way but it was clear that so many years of wondering had their toll. She had always read journals from the past queen about the event and even read other accounts but was never given an answer. What was even worse was the fact that the water elves had grown in power and been able to move in to the lakes with the runes that they had been given. It was a constant reminder about how the desert elves had been considered the most powerful out of all the elves.

"We have an exploration division. I can send eighty of my researchers and guards at a moment's notice. We need that knowledge. They can deal with the city and the monsters. You said it was under the sand right? We have run in to some sandstone caves before and know the dangers." The new information was very interesting to the king of the deep caves. He knew that with the spirit forging techniques they would need higher quality runes.

"I will send my people with you as well. We have our own runesmiths that can partner with yours. I will not let the other elves show up here and act as if they are better than everyone in this city. The water elves have not spoken to any of you, correct? The reason why is simple, they believe themselves the purest of the elves and the closest to the high elves. The only reason they related themselves to the desert elves was the fact that they wanted their runes." The forest elf queen did not hide her desires.

"That does seem to be a better way to go about it. I have sent merchants to befriend the water elves and they were sent back immediately. They had water nymphs greet them instead of actually speaking to them. They even came back believing that the water elves would have drowned them just to keep them at a distance." Walker did not know that king August had ever done such a thing.

"You think that's bad? Try sending a golem and never seeing it again because it's been frozen in a block of ice then shattered." There was even more sourness from the king of the deep caves who knew well that the king of the middle had sent golems there to build relations.

"They once flooded our fields on the opposite side of my kingdom because they didn't like the sediment run off from them. It caused us a rough year and we were unable to wage a proper war with them. They just forced my aquatic forces out of the water." Scylla scowled as king Rorick said this. It was clear that every kingdom had issues in some ways with the water elves.

"Wait, didn't the merfolk say that they had been taught some water from the water elves years ago before they had left the ocean?" Walker recalled this from a conversation he had with Leon.

"Of course they did. They were going to make the merfolk their primary army until they realized that the merfolk lost half of their stats outside the water making them weaker than the elves by a massive gap." This was even more than Walker hadn't known.

"Forget the water elves for now. We can go there and speak with them at another time. I know it may be hard, but we could use them in the alliance, and changing their attitude could give them a better life than they think. Let's deal with the tower first." Since this seemed to be more important, Alma changed the topic and gestured to Walker.

"I know that we have space set aside. Now we don't need materials so much as we need mages and runesmiths to learn. I doubt that I can gather too much since I am not a specified system user. But I should be able to guide those that aren't familiar with everything. I just know that there is not much mana in the tower left. That was why the message from the consciousness left by whatever race passed the tower on so fast. We need to replenish it." This was the core problem with the tower other than the knowledge required to begin to understand all the runes and in it.

"Then we call it to a vote. Place the tower and begin research. It's the perfect time for us to do so. We can make the city stronger while we build it and the people that are coming here will see that our struggle has made us a more powerful and safer home." Out of all the people to speak it was Alma. She knew that they needed to focus on rebuilding, but that couldn't be all they could do. They needed a big move to show that this attack was nothing to them. That Genesis was just beginning.

Walker looked around the room to see that everyone had a hand up but him. They also believed in what Alma had said and were ready to put it in to practice. "I guess I have to vote with you then." He couldn't help but smirk. They were right afterall, Genesis was just getting started.

#### Chapter 1085 -Out For A Walk

Without any hesitation whatsoever, Walker was made to lead everyone out of the Genesis building. The guards were not happy about seeing all of the leaders and representatives leaving during such a time. However, it seemed to work in their favor.

There were many people starting to get up and moving again. They saw their leaders and waved, knowing that those leading the city were still standing and even walking with them was more than any



expected. It lifted the moods of many people who had fear in their hearts. Those with the courage to come up to them were not pushed away by the guards. Instead, the guards let them come right up to Walker. The leaders of their city couldn't be out if the worst was coming to the city.

Midnight was already partnering with Onyx to draw the children's attention since their parents were so busy trying to make sense of things and couldn't chase after them well enough just yet. "Well, are all of you going to come and see what helped me fight off Greed?" Walker decided that it was better to go all out and shout this than to just stay silent.

It only took a few minutes for people to start to get more energetic. They told others as they passed and many merchants and families were standing behind the leaders. "I think you might have gotten the attention of every builder, family, merchants and you name it in Genesis in the last ten minutes." Scylla couldn't say she wasn't impressed. She could feel the energy around her and felt that the excitement was enough to give her another spurt of energy as well.

"Well, everyone is stressed out and we might as well show off. I can't say I really know how this will all work either, but it's worth it. We can give everyone something to talk about and amaze them while they fix the damages. I think we should all take a break tomorrow though." Walker knew well that this wouldn't actually happen. Too many people would want to study and work on things. Yet he could only hope that someone would heed his words to some small degree.

"This is what we put aside for mages to train and potentially build a tower. We didn't have much knowledge of anything so there has not been an order for supplies. We also don't have anyone to take over the space as a master mage or archmage system user. It's a very rare system and heavy responsibility which would limit the study of their own skills." King August had often had trouble keeping mages within the human armies. They would prefer to study their way away from the responsibilities that came with the duties of being in an army.

"Walker was sure that the space set aside was much larger than he realized. It was at the edge of the city and the walls had not been built in this space yet. Most likely because they were not sure how much more space would be needed. However, that worked out perfectly. Mages and runesmiths would need a lot more space in a training field to test things. There would also need to be defensive structures set up when testing and training skills.

"Stay here, I will walk out there and see how this goes." Part of Walker was worried that the tower would react and somehow dump monsters here the same way it had in the desert. But he knew that the odds were slim. He also couldn't help but wonder what the tower truly looked like without the desert

elves' modifications. The desert elves had added a dense sandstone and their own runes. But the black stones of the main structure hadn't seemed to be damaged in any way.

"I wonder where Su is. I feel like she is going to like seeing this just like I will." Alma and Su had both watched with Walker as the tower had blown their minds. She thought it was only right that Su was there too.

"Of course I came. Everyone in the cathedral practically ran out when Gil came in like the city was on fire." Su had deep circles under her eyes matching Alma's. Gil was looking at both of them with a worried and questioning expression.

"Well, If I came running here too then I would be pretty angry if it was for nothing." Remey gave Su and Alma a once over since she knew they were still not up to healthy status. Neither could resist her showing a mana potion in to their hands.

"You are acting more like a mom every single day, I swear." This comment earned Gil a solid punch to his arm which everyone just pretended didn't happen.

"My queen, is it true that the city was part of us being saved?" Trish was right by the forest elf queen's side. She had the respect to report to her queen immediately along with the years of respect between them not to fear asking a question.

"You shall see in just a moment. I have to admit I may be a little skeptical. However, those desert elves were sneaky and held on to more than I, or my teacher knew." She was referring to the previous forest elf queen before her. It was rare that she spoke about them but she had known the queen as a teacher and not as the long resting queen.

"Alright, so all I have to do is say this out loud," Walker mumbled to himself as he prepared to see what was going to happen. The tower folding in on itself was still clear in his mind even though it was very hard to understand. He was sure he was about to witness something just as amazing as last time.

## Chapter 1086 Unfolding Tower

There was the same influx of mana that had happened when the tower had folded itself in to a book. Walker was still not sure if it had been real until this second. The book opened up and unfolded over and over making runes appear in the air. The runes were shaped the same way that the tower was building itself. However, it had changed in appearance.

Instead of the sandstone yellow and greys that had been over the walls, there was a black and green stonework building with many runes covering it. The seems were so perfectly fitted that Walker couldn't tell how the stones were put together, yet he could tell that it had been handcrafted and not done with . He just had a feeling.

The rune designs were radically different than what he had seen before. Not only were they different from the runes that he had seen before he had been to the ruined desert city, but they were more advanced than what the desert elves had carved over them.

The mana in the area started to get much denser as the tower rose to the full height over Genesis. Many people watching could feel their breathing become easier and their mana regeneration become faster. It was a major benefit to having a mage tower and one that would attract people that studied and mana.

The cathedral had the most notable changes out of any building. The crystal that created the healing aura in the cathedral was shining brightly. So much so that the healers left behind were in shock. The aura expanded over the cathedral branching to almost half of the city. This was an unprecedented occurrence that had never happened unless there was a skill being used in relation.

What was truly beneficial was the fact that this healing aura extended over the alchemy guild herb fields. The herbs reacted instantly and seemed to be more stable, some fast growing herbs even became fuller. Some of the seeds that had been set up to spout were beginning to germinate at a much faster rate than expected causing some of the herbalists to move in a rush. One even ran out of the guild to find Trish and Remey since this was very good news.

By the time it had finished unfurling from the book, there was enough attention on it to warrant the guards to drop their current tasks and set up a perimeter, they had to ensure that everything was safe. Meanwhile, Walker was standing within the tower in awe. The stairs that went up and down from the first floor were in a spiral shape. But what was drawing his attention was the core of the tower in front of him.

"Use this knowledge wisely and pass it on to the next generations to come. My people wish to see more rise to greater heights." The voice was nearly a whisper before it was gone. Walker wasn't sure if he had actually heard it but the runes that covered the walls became dim and the core of the tower also dimmed.

When everything seemed to be out of mana, Walker heard a thunk from the stones near the core. A stone that didn't look out of place had popped up from the ground revealing a large dusty tome. It was made from what Walker could tell was a very tough leather material and the pages held many words from many languages. He couldn't understand much since there were runes on it as well but he knew that it had to do with the tower and that he would not allow anyone inside until he had more information.

Leaving the tower was easy. The doorways which had been connected to large stone passageways were not open on all four sides of Walker. The tower now had four openings that needed to be closed at some point. Unfortunately, Walker found that right outside it was a mess of people trying to get a better look and the guards holding them back for safety reasons. Getting to the group of other leaders took him a moment.

"Those desert elves had this the entire time they were building over that city. I always wondered why they would choose the desert other than the earth affinity." The forest elf queen was very set on what she thought she knew now. It was very different in comparison to the stoic attitude she normally had. But it seemed to be making everyone else more accepting of her.

"I haven't explored any of the upper floors and would like to have this area sealed until I do so with the right people. If we make a mistake then we will be forced to lose this. Or, people could get hurt. We will also need to find a new core. I think the mana in it ran out, but I need to read this before I know if it can be recharged with mana." The large tome of multiple languages perplexed everyone. Even the runes were more advanced than the ones on the tower which could be clearly seen from the outside.

"If you want to study this place first I have no issue. I can already feel the changes and my system prompted me about an allied city gaining certain benefits. I can't see a downside for now." King August was very pleased. He couldn't seem to stop smiling while thinking about the possibilities of Genesis with the mages tower.

"I never thought I would be saying it in my life and if my father knew of this, he might slap me. But! I will be investing some researchers in to from this point on." King Rorick made this choice which was a shock since the demi-humans did not focus on in the least. It made everyone feel that this was a very defining moment for the city.

Chapter 1087 Only 100 Years?

"Well, I will set up a research group with some of the runesmiths and the elves. Just because you don't want everyone inside yet doesn't mean we can't see and research those runes outside the tower. I also know that the stone used is a mix of obsidian, mythrill, and orichalcum. There are blue and green streaks from the metals. The real question is how they formed the lava in to perfect blocks like that before it

cooled in to pitch black obsidian. I can tell from here that there are no bubbles or impurities. The process had to have been perfect." The king of the deep caves was trapped in thought along with a few of his dwarven craftsmen that had rushed to the scene.

"But the major repairs and building projects in the city come first, right?" Walker knew that making this point was all he could do. He didn't take his eyes off of the dwarf king until he received a grunt and nod.

"I know that you went to the desert to save us and I appreciate that more than anything. "Gil patted Walker on the back, "But only you can go to the desert to save a city and bring back a bonus tower that literally makes mana regeneration better for an entire city." Gil had a point. If anyone else had gone they would have been plagued by the monsters around and most likely been lost to the desert. That was if they had even gotten the journal from the queen. The odds of being able to know where to go without it were slim to none.

Su looked at Walker and was very slow to reply. She seemed to have been caught up in her thoughts more so than usual due to her exhaustion. "I think that this will be the best thing for the city right now. We need more people to come and now we have something that will bring the most powerful mages. That means we might just see new and better healing." Just because it was a mage tower didn't mean that healing skills wouldn't be experimented with there.

"You're right! We will have the cathedral doing more healing research so that we can fix people up better. I bet my potions will be more effective too. I wonder if we can make a high tier affinity potion with lower tier ingredients or maybe even a perfect potion!" This was the single thought Remey had. She wanted to start testing immediately however, she still had plenty of people to test and classes to start. She had already singled some of those that had come to make deals with the alchemy guild out as instructors. The bonus that came with teaching classes was a fair discount on the herbs sold by the guild.

"Before that happens I think we should make sure that everyone is ready to start operations." Trish made sure to hold Remey back a little. Unfortunately, all of them could tell that Trish was the same amount of excitement as Remey, she could just hold it back a little better.

"This could affect the production of many things. If we can extend this to the fields..." King Rorick had realized that this would more than feed an army. "What would the effect be if this was fully functional? You said that the core was not full of mana? What is the core made out of?" All of these questions were more unknowns that Walker couldn't answer outright.

"Wait, I actually think that I can answer that last one..." Walker had been partially ignoring everyone so that he could give some form of information to the other leaders. He wanted there to be something that they could take away and think about or potentially research for him. "It says that the core is from a crystal golem. Specifically, a hundred year old crystal golem core."

"What!?!!" The shout was loud enough to make everyone's ears ring. The king of the deep cave had been instructing a few of his nearby guards to keep the interested dwarves from trying to sneak in to the tower. He had known that any dwarf with a desire to craft would try and discover some secrets before the others to take the glory.

"I take it that you have an idea about what that may be?" The forest elf queen had heard of a crystal golem but knew that they would normally have to form over a much longer period than a hundred years. From what she knew they would need to form over hundreds of years but were extremely weak and breakable. This would make them a small nuisance but nothing worth writing home about. Their materials were just good as additions for other things.

"A hundred year old crystal golem is a perfect materials for anything mana has to go through. If you want to inlay a rune with crystal you want pieces of a hundred year old crystal golem. At the hundred year mark, the golem forms a core and starts to absorb mana. That makes it much better to filter any and all manas without issue. If you miss it and it is out of the growth phase then you miss the purity that it has. Getting it just right can't be anything but luck or amazing skill. You can't create one. It also means that the mana it can hold grows over time. It's perfect for something like that!" The king of the deep caves pointed to the tower while he waited for all of them to understand just how rare it was. Since he had mined in the caves he knew the magnitude of something like this. Even the dwarven guards were shocked in to complete silence hearing this.

#### Chapter 1088 Finding Homes

The next hour was a mess of all the potentials if the tower could be fixed and improved. However, Walker had a very hard time focusing. While the mana that the tower attracted helped him replenish what he had lost, he was still tired from the fight against Greed. There were many things he had done but he had not pushed himself to learn a new that he still didn't fully understand. The mysteries of natural mana were nothing that Walker could interpret in just a few moments. If the sealing arts carving had not put the information in to his mind then he would not have had a hope of sealing Greed.

One interesting thing that the king of the deep caves had said before they had all left was the fact that the core of the tower shouldn't be devoid of mana forever. That the crystal it was made of should be able to absorb mana again if it can get the proper amount of mana. This prompted another conversation about the sources and designs of runes. There was too much information from the forest elves and the dwarves to keep straight but their theory put a disrupted rune as the issue.

The tome that Walker had taken back to the mansion with him was still a mess of words he did not understand. This was partly amazing because Walker had a skill that translated some ancient languages. But these words were mixed with runes and would require more knowledge to understand. Not to mention the diagrams required a lot of elemental mana knowledge.

There were some runes that seemed to be designed to be specifically used with personal mana. Most people would not channel their mana in to a rune unless it was a rune made to keep a door locked or such other reasons. The mana runes that Walker could make out were made to help teach someone to change the way their mana flows. It could be very useful for learning to make all items with runes. When the wandering blacksmith glanced at the book Walker didn't even stop him from starting to look through. He knew that the wandering blacksmith had a lot more knowledge on the topic of runes than he did.

Midnight and Onyx didn't let the party go anywhere for the rest of the day. Remey, Gil, and Su would have rushed off their own ways. Unfortunately, Midnight and Onyx had been shocked by the fact that they were affected by Greeds' curse and did not want to risk the party being separated and alone again. No one could argue since everyone felt that being with their family was very important. The tower could wait for another time.

One thing that the tower brought that Walker had not expected were monsters. They seemed attracted to the higher mana in the area meaning that the guards needed to work harder. The good part was that most of the monsters were not dangerous because they remained at a distance from humans. But when the goblins, harpies, and grey haired spiders took notice there was an interesting change.

The goblins had been wary of the humans coming in to the city. They knew that it was not normal for monsters to be around. Most of them had gone back to the forest but there were a decent few that had remained in Genesis. Kroll had mentioned to the forest elf queen that he was considering moving to Genesis completely since it would be the best place for them to grow as a race. This was highly supported since it would be a place for the goblins to grow without the elves' shadow overwhelming them at all times.

The harpies were even more encouraged to remain and grow since they had already started to set up their homes. Walker had seen some of the taller buildings with openings around the roofs. They had been made specifically for the harpies to live in and had been filled quickly. They had even started to learn how to deliver mail already since they found the job entertaining. The harpies turned out to be more playful than expected.

This was a very good thing since the people who were apprehensive of the monster races saw them playing and racing through the air to get the mail to others faster. It was a game that seemed to be turning in to more than just a game. There were already whispers of a flying competition one day.

The place for the grey haired spiders was even more interesting. They had somehow managed to get in a very large business relationship with the dwarves and clothing makers. Lisa in particular had made a few friends that were already providing spider silk as a material. The clothing she made to showcase the spider silk specifically had been made in a delicate and lacy style. This caused many people to stop and look at the windows of her shop. Furthermore, it enhanced the reputation of the grey haired spiders which had been known as pests throughout the forest and rocky outskirts of the forest. But less and less seemed to be attacking merchants as more arrived in Genesis.

All of this seemed to be drawing more attention to the city. Even the other monsters that would have been more violent in attacking the city like the horned rabbits were less aggressive than usual. Not that they had a chance to become an intelligent race due to their tendencies. But it was an interesting fact.

It was what drew some more tamers to come and help build up the tamer's guild branch. There were quite a few sent by their guild master to fix any dented relations that the aquatic tamers started. One member that was a rare system user walked in to the city with the approval to take over a small shop near the tamers' guild as part of their position.

#### Chapter 1089 Egg Hunter

"I'm glad you made it here. The orders I received from the guild master have you in the shop next door. I know you are allowed more freedom since having an egg hunter system." The man that Elise was speaking to had walked in to the city with a hand pulled cart with odd shaped boxes on it. Many of them had runes carved in to them with other metals or materials sticking out.

"I would never ignore this chance. The guild master rarely calls on me since he knows I am out looking for more eggs to bring to the guild. But look at this city, I can set up a shop here and provide many people with their future partners. I know that there will also be a lot of young people trying to figure out their systems here too." The man was tall and skinny. He wore a lot of leather armor but had thick gloves on. The glasses he wore seemed to be made out of very thick glass that could handle a few solid hits.

"I will leave you to it, I know that a few people may come by to check things out. I will tell them to meet you." Elise had seen the drama the day before with the tower and was already recovered from Greed's curse. The tamers that had come in the last few days had managed to help with the construction of the tamer's guild branch more so than expected. They were well ahead of schedule before Greed's curse.



Many had also come with specific orders from the guild master. It was clearly a result of the poor choices that the aquatic tamers made. From what Elise understood, there had been some that were completely expelled from the guild altogether. That was a very rare occurrence that only those that mistreated their tamed monsters would often have happen to them. What was even worse was that the merfolk had made it clear that the tamer's guild was not allowed to build a new tamer's branch in their city for three years as a penalty for the aquatic tamer's actions.

Just as Elise was walking out the door she heard a familiar voice, "Good morning Elise! How's being the boss around here? It looks like you have been working hard." Walker had decided that he would take the day to enjoy the city and make sure that everyone is doing well. Midnight and Onyx had come with him for his walk. Even Fleur was already out of the spirit mark and was aimlessly floating around the three.

"Of course we are. The guild master gave us some pretty strict plans to keep us busy. But we were lucky that we were so ahead. I thought you would come by to see things later. You did come at a great time to meet a new addition though." Elise guided them back inside the store that was set up. The man that had just started to set up was surprised that Elise walked back in. "This is Walker, Midnight, and Onyx. They are three of the main founders and some of my best friends in Genesis. I have to get running but I hope you can make friends with Ash, he's the best egg hunter the guild has."

With that, Elise was back out the door. "Of course, I know who you three are. The hero that visited the guild. His younger sister who is the first monster we know of that has a hero title and also from the rumors I heard a very prominent dragon who most likely will become a head figure of the dragon race. And, an abyssal serpent. I have only ever found one abyssal serpent egg in my lifetime and it was unable to hatch, it is an honor to meet you." Ash was very excited to see a dragon let alone an abyssal serpent.

"It's nice to meet you as well. We were just out for a walk. I think I can safely say I have heard of an egg hunter before. But don't you prefer to roam around?" Walker knew that an egg hunter would look for dangerous and rare monster nests to capture an egg for the tamers. Having a shop would make that tough.

"I have been roaming for the last ten years, I can use a break and go out every now and then. Plus, I have about sixty eggs that I can display here. I had to make a stop and give the harpy eggs I found though. The parents were lost to another monster in the area so I found the nests and gathered the eggs. I would say they will grow to be some very good mail carriers." Ash was up to date on the harpy queen's efforts to make the harpies a recognized race. He would never hold one of their eggs as a sale item again.

"I did hear that someone did that this morning. It's a good story to tell around the city." It was a feel good story that made everyone's day brighter. "I know you just got in to the city and plan to set up shop, but can you give me a tour?" The curiosity was too great. Walker wanted to see the variety of monster eggs that he had never seen. He was not going to get one for a companion but wanted to expand his knowledge.

"I was hoping that you would ask. I happened upon some very interesting things in my last journey through the mountains. It was almost as interesting as my journey to the edge of the lakes. If you help me set up the shelves I will show off the prized eggs I found." This deal seemed fair and Walker had the time to kill. Midnight and Onyx seemed to want to watch too, Walker could feel their curiosity.

#### Chapter 1090 Lots Of Eggs

"You see, the art of carrying and keeping the eggs in a state that won't let them hatch is very specific. Take that lava falcon for example. It will stay in a dormant state as long as it is not in a heated state. If it was ever put in to a hot enough flame it would hatch almost instantly. But, that ice silkworm is the opposite. It can't get in to the normal warm spring air let alone hot air. It has to be kept cold but not too cold. If it was in a frozen environment it would hatch and look for nearby white frost roses to eat." Ash had been telling the stories related to the eggs he had gathered while also explaining how he was able to keep them from hatching.

"So it was a lot like Onyx. His egg was dormant because he was unable to get the right amount of light elemental mana. Once we had kept him in the light for a while then he was able to hatch. Now he had realized his darkness elemental mana and light elemental mana affinities." Onyx was happy to see that other monsters related to him. It may not specifically be about abyssal serpents but it was able to give him insight about how he may be able to find other abyssal serpents or their eggs.

"Brother, I feel that we should search for some places that have close to the right environments to hatch more abyssal serpents. If it is right on the edge then we may find them." This was a hopeful realization for Onyx that made him want to research areas that could meet his theory.

"That is often what I look for. I found the ice silkworm near the foot of a mountain near a plains environment. The lava falcon was very similar but near the foot of a volcano where lava used to flow but had been diverted due to a rainstorm. Now, these are mostly based on the kinds of elemental mana and the heat or cold. But this egg here is different." Ash was truly enjoying showing off to someone that wasn't looking for something specific.

He often had to bring certain monsters or monster types for a tamer due to their systems. It limited what they were looking for and also made the job of an egg hunter harder. This wasn't a bad thing but there was a lot less freedom than what Ash wanted. At this moment, Ash was able to share the eggs he had fun finding and could see the genuine interest that the three had by seeing and hearing these things. Although, he wasn't sure why Fleur seemed so interested in some of the eggs that had singular elemental affinities. But it didn't deter him.

"This egg is a cloudy dove. It was very hard to get and I only have it because there is a chance that a cloudy dove egg will be rejected by its parents. You see, this grey spot on the egg was why the parents rejected it. A cloudy dove is a rare monster that will only stop flying because of its mating season and egg laying. When the egg is pure white then it matches the parent's pure fluffy white feathers. Why it is not then they may be darker like storm clouds which the cloudy doves dislike. Therefore, the egg is rejected."

Walker was curious since he had never heard of a cloudy dove before and used his all around appraisal skill on the egg.

'Imperfect cloudy dove egg

The cloudy doves are known for their perfect fluffy white feathers. They will often stay flying in the air for the majority of their lives and have almost no natural predators. This is because they produce a scent that keeps animals and monsters calm. They used to be hunted for this scent so that people could walk unharmed by monsters. Unfortunately, they were hunted too much and are now known for their scarcity. This cloudy dove egg had an additional water elemental affinity which caused it to lose the pure white feathers and is now going to be reminiscent of a raincloud.'

"So, the fact that it has an additional affinity changes it. It seems cruel that it would be rejected by its parents. Yet, because you found it will have a better life. It will also be much more rare than a cloudy dove is." Walker also knew that it had to have a more challenging hatching method.

"It also needs to be hatched during a windy rainstorm. Cloudy doves only hatch during very windy days without any raid or too much sun." Ash answered the question before it was asked.

"No, I do have a few prized eggs that I do not display. This one is an ancient egg that I am working on identifying. I would like to show you but it is a mystery I want to solve so I will show it off another time." The box that Ash put aside had a strange mana around it that seemed similar to the rot in the swamp lands. Fleur avoided it and gave it a glare.

"That leaves these two. I found this one in a crater. I thought it was a strange ore but it ended up being an egg. I have figured it to be a serpent type monster. While this here is something I found in the bed of a river. The dry season lowered the water levels and I saw a strange stone. This is either a stone finned catfish or a mud skin alligator, both of which are incredibly hard to find." Both eggs were strange and had different features. Walker couldn't hold himself back from using his all around appraisal on them to check what they were. Ash seemed to have his open form of appraisal but it didn't seem to say outright what the egg might be hiding.