

Master 1141

Chapter 1141 – 1141. Adapting

The group was looking back at the now shining castle of the water elves. They had focused on the castle most of all through the last few days due to the cultural significance it had. The water elves seemed to improve with the looks of the castle as well. For the way they acted, there didn't seem to be any hatred effect in them. What really surprised Walker was the fact that they had started to speak about helping others more and more.

"Do you think they will be able to adapt to Genesis?" Alma had been stuck in her own mind too much. She was overwhelmed with all the possibilities she had in the future.

"Yes. The way they act, they will be an integral force when it comes to uniting the races. Just look how much they accepted the half demons. They were forced together but they are closer than any in Genesis right now. Although, they may look at the merfolk a little weird." Walker threw a shot at Leon who just shook his head in defense.

"Walker's right. They will come together very well. I think they even like the human healers that came. They started to show off the water healing skills that they have and started to record down different healing skills in some books to be brought back to the cathedral." Out of everyone, Gil had witnessed the most water. This gave him higher insights in to what the water elves had been capable of at the height. Now that he could see this he was able to show off that knowledge and share it when they returned to Genesis.

"They lost a lot of their knowledge over their years of abuse. But if they come and join the mage tower they should be able to absorb more of what was left behind. I even think they might take the lead over other mages and runesmiths." Walker knew well that losing something would give birth to an insatiable appetite to surpass what was lost. Now that the water elves had such a goal they could pursue it all with newfound strength.

"I do look forward to sharing these events with my elder and their Lord. I feel that the future is much more than we know. I will certainly fight for the chance to follow my elder to the royal court and show them the power I have seen." Neil glanced at Walker and Midnight. He knew well that they were the driving forces here. They may not be the most powerful beings in the world and many could break them. Yet, they were able to change the way that people thought and that was the power they had.

"I guess it's time to send you off. I will return to the city in a few days. I have sent some ahead to speak on my behalf with reports. Just get back safely and prepare for your next outing." Scylla was going to

remain in the area for a while. She knew that having someone strong like her would help cement the water elves' strength again. There was also the added benefit of making them more comfortable with the demi-humans which they had once conflicted with.

"We will keep an eye out. Now that there isn't poison everywhere and patrols I assume that there will be monsters trying to take over the open territory." Walker had mentioned this before but was trying to keep it fresh in everyone's minds. It was a fact that they would all deal with. It was also a reason why the water elves needed to get their mages back up to strength. They would need to be able to fight off returning monsters.

The group gave their last farewell as they left but Walker swore he saw a few mages dropping fish eggs in to the lake as he turned away. He was excited that the mages had managed to hide away some of the natural species so that they would be able to return the lakes to greatness. The water elves had been sneakier than he knew. But in a way that was respectable. They valued nature the same way that the first elves did.

"Do you really expect to see more monsters on the way?" Alma wasn't sure what they would see.

"I don't think we will see much when it comes to the small monsters. But I think we will see the larger territorial monsters. Do you think any mud deer will show up?" Gil was the one to ask this question to since Gil had seen them before.

"I would say it's guaranteed. They like to stay in areas like this and the only reason we see them around Genesis is that the river is so close. Now that they have their normal homes back they would run to it. They don't live near the swamps because of the decay and poisons. This is their ideal habitat. And with them, we will see some interesting monsters. I really wonder if any of the brook tigers will show up."

"Brook tigers are still around? I thought they were extinct?" Alma had heard of them but didn't expect them to be real.

"Of course they are real. They are illegal to hunt in our home kingdom. But I think they will have a comeback now. We pretty much figured out why they were so few. The fur they have is very good for materials in just about everything." Gil was happy to share this. He was a hunter, he knew what prey was better for what and how to hunt it. He also knew that he should not hunt under any circumstances.

"If I remember right, their fur is ideal for deterring other monsters right? Especially the water affinity monster." Neil knew little of this but had learned a little while in the water elf lakes. Walker could only smile before he recalled what he had learned.

Chapter 1142 – 1142. Tigers

The group was already walking the trails they had come through. Their conversation about the brook tigers had gotten a little more in depth. "I know that they were considered a menace at one point and anyone traveling around here with the tall grass and lakes would be at risk. That's why they were first considered a major monster to hunt." Walker was sure that most of the group knew this besides Niel and maybe Leon.

"If that's the case, wouldn't it be good for them to be exterminated? If they caused death in such numbers?" Leon felt this was similar to the kraken and their spawn.

"No, they were a very important hunter around here. They kept a lot of small nuisance monsters in check. You have seen those rats around the water, right? What about stone crabs, fang clawed crayfish, and mist dragonflies? All of those are monsters that reproduce fast and cause a ton of problems for merchants and adventurers. The brook tigers kept them under control until they started to hunt the merchants and adventurers because it was easier to surprise them." Walker looked at Gil who had more than impressed him. Gil had known much more than he knew.

"Gil's right. The brook tigers were very adept in sneaking around and their fur was valuable. Both made them a threat. But when they were depleted in population people found that the mist dragonflies would cause this area to be impossible to traverse. It's the same with those poisonous moths near the swamps." The idea that they would potentially have to hide from the mist was worrying but it was still not warm enough for that kind of weather just yet.

"Then the fang clawed crayfish are just what they seem. They are large crayfish that have three mouths with sharp fangs. Their claws are their secondary and tertiary mouths. They hide in the water and then use their powerful tails to leap out and snap chunks from passing prey. Then they hide again. After they hope that their prey is defeated so that they can consume it later." These monsters had been chased away by Lusts' poison. They would also be the first to survive since they would be able to sense the purified waters.

"If they even try to come I will wrap them with my ivy." Alma had some wrapped around her arms just waiting. The idea that these monsters would return so fast had her on edge. She was much more comfortable in the forest and after their sneaking in to the water elf castle, she felt it better to be prepared.

"If such monsters are around I will know. I have a skill called water sense. It lets me sense the water nearby. It's so that merfolk can avoid large predators. I will focus and pick up small monsters in streams nearby or pools." Leon was using this skill while he had been in the lake and it was one thing that was attributed to his underwater battle senses.

"Hmm, a good skill to have. I just have draconic instinct. It's a racial skill every dragonkin gets. We can get a sense of where we might be struck. It is why many of my kind can avoid sneak attacks from unskilled assassin type warriors." Neil had a very good idea of Leon's skill and found it fair to share his own.

This stunned Walker since the skills sounded very valuable to have. "I use my ability to sense mana like that but I wonder if I can learn a skill like nature's sense or something. I have the ability to sense the natural mana in living creatures anyway, it could be easier than I know." Walker had yet another goal and skill to try to learn and integrate in to his style. He felt that he had so many that he had constantly neglected them because he had not properly trained them. Every time he learned something it would be pushed to the back of his mind since he was not altogether comfortable using it or it did not flow in to his style of battle.

"I think I should do the same thing. If the elves have an arcane marksman skill like hunter's sense or the archers pull skills I might want them. The archer's pull helps them line up shots without looking. I can kind of do it but not the way the skill works. Just by training." Gil wanted to start practicing too. He had felt the slight rivalry flare up when Walker said he wanted to learn a skill like that too.

"Then you can train it with the enforcers. They should have a few options for you to learn." Since Alma was not experienced with such a skill she didn't want to suggest the ones she knew. If Gil was guided a different way she would feel bad for misleading him.

"Does the queen have a skill like that? Or do you?" Leon put Alma on the spot while everyone looked at her. Even Midnight had her head turned to the side with interest since Midnight wanted to find the dragon version of sensory skills.

"I would say the skill I might be after is called root pulse. It lets me tap in to the nearby roots of plants to sense vibrations in the ground. But I won't be able to focus on that for some time. I have other goals to meet first." There was a strong determination that had grown in Alma's eyes since she had spoken to Gil about her quest.

Gil gave her a nod of encouragement and looked ahead for any enemies on the trail. He had to get stronger as well. If he didn't then he wouldn't be able to stand beside Alma and protect her if need be. He would not be left behind.

Chapter 1143 – 1143. Too Much

"Alice? Are you alright? Onyx?" Su had made her way to the cathedral to try and see how Onyx and Alice were doing. From what she had heard the pair was very busy lately due to some minor injuries around the city while building a mage quarters.

"We are here." Onyx allied to her and Su easily found them in a room full of light elemental crystals. It was not just an exaggeration. There were light elemental crystals on multiple shelves along the walls including some hanging from strings on the ceiling. The floor was littered with cracked crystal shards as well.

"Wow...what is all this." The egg was sitting on a pedestal in the middle of the room. It was clearly dragged from another room and had once held a book. Now it was holding a pillow with the heavenly serpent egg on it.

"We asked some of the carpenters to install shelves. Brother left me the crystals and we set them up. I have my identification plaque as well and had it updated so I could better use it. My share of the gold went to more crystals." Onyx had spent almost all of his gold in this way. It was only fair for him and Midnight to have access to some of the gold since they were intelligent to use it themselves.

"Well, I am glad you had your plaques condensed in to the new Genesis identification but, this is a lot." Su had also had the plaques, pins, and medals consolidated so he would only need one form of identification. The runesmiths had gotten together with a few extremely talented blacksmiths to create a small metal card with many runes on it. They were able to store the mana of an individual and cause information to be saved. This allowed any guard, staff member of a guild, or other citizens to show and use the identification. Su's showed her name, affiliations, and was even used to pay for things. It was a feat that would change how all races functioned.

"It was necessary for the growth of my friend. They will be able to live the way they need. I also would have used it for the crystals as well, I need them for food. We also will make more gold. It is not worth holding on to for all of time." While Onyx made good points, Su still felt that he had been a little too much. But Alice was singing softly to make the light elemental mana in the room even more pure, so she didn't press the issue.

After Alice finished her song, she looked at Su and gave her a quick hug. She showed off the heavenly serpent egg which had been growing steadily. The shell was even more white and even had become somewhat glassy. It was soon going to change again and become clear so that more light could be absorbed by the serpent inside. Alice had been taking careful notes of every day's changes so that she could pass them to Walker for the tamers' guild records.

"You haven't been working too hard, have you? I saw that a lot of people were hurt when that stone slab fell. They tried to move it before the dwarven golems got there and that was foolish." Su had heard the story and been nearby to personally help and scold those that had done so. The mages that had caused this were not experienced enough to move such a heavy stone slab.

"Not tired at all." Alice even pretended to flex her biceps to show Su that she was fine. She was actually glad to have helped since she had been able to perform the first ever concert with the other healing musicians in the new cathedral. She had seen Su in the audience before but had avoided speaking with her since she was speaking to the boy that played the harp and violin now. It was interesting seeing the boy try to impress Su by adding more string instruments to his skills. Alice also felt it was romantic since music played for the soul in her eyes.

"If you aren't tired do you want to help me with something? I have an idea for a skill that the dragonkin told me about. They said that the light elemental dragonkin can make a shield of light that can protect people and heal them at the same time. I don't have much but I want to try it. If I can overlay it over my shields I can make a skill that heals those around me." Su had taken a lot of time to think about this and decided that Alice could be the best person to help.

Since Alice could both heal and shape light with her voice, she may be able to make a faux version of the skill. If so, then Su would try to get a feel for the way the mana flowed and how she would be able to learn such a skill. The idea was that she would use the twin shields to protect the party and heal them while they prepared to counter attack. It would be an ideal solution for an ambush from multiple monsters.

"I will watch over the egg. You have been here longer than I have so I will take some time." Onyx was sure that he would be able to train his own skills while the pair was going. He had also been very carefully training his dual elemental affinity with darkness and light. He wanted to perfectly meld them together and rise to be stronger even though his level was not rising so much lately.

Alice and Su gave Onyx a smile and Su mentally promised to speak with him more about his spending later. She also made a mental note to put some light elemental crystals aside in case he was hungry. She was, in practice, his older sister within the party after all.

Chapter 1144 – 1144. Light Shield

While singing a shorter version of her song of shields, Alice was able to show off her skill to condense light elemental mana in to a shape. The problem was that her shields did not have the ability to add healing as well. The idea that adding healing was going to be a separate skill for Su was out of the question. She did not have the skills, to begin with but she wanted to develop some since she had the affinity due to her connections with Midnight.

There was also the fact that she had the skills to breathe fire now. But she had spent all of her time avoiding it. Her body had to adapt to such things and she wanted to increase fire resistance first. On top of that, she wanted to be sure that she would be able to use such a skill. She had yet to meet a dragonkin that could breathe fire. This was a requirement she had for herself so that she would have specified advice. That or she had hopes to meet a dragon that would give her advice without any negative side effects.

"If we try and add healing will it be too hard for your song to come together?" Su didn't want to push Alice too much. She knew that using the song of shields was hard as it was and that Alice had cut it down so that it would be able to just make one shield and draw on significantly less mana.

Seeing that Alice took out her small journal and began to write made Su very interested. The song writing skills that Alice had were unique in the sense that Su had no idea how they would come together. There was also the fact that Alice constantly crossed out parts and changed words. The idea that the wrong word being used could completely change the way that Alice's song became real was hard to grasp. But on top of that, if Alice did use the wrong word and envisioned something different or created the opposite feeling, the song could become an attacking song or one that drew too much mana.

"Now, why do you take these things on by yourself? I have a very similar skill that you can see. Some healers when they get old like me need a skill that can help protect them if they are out and about. I learned this while I traveled to small villages as a young healer trying to get myself higher in life." The high priest had been drinking a cup of tea out in the garden. He had been recovering his mana in peace before Alice and Su had shown up and not even noticed him sitting on a bench toward the side wall.

"If you have a skill I would be very glad to see it and learn something new." This was a better surprise for Su since the high priest had a lot more experience in using his mana than she or Alice. They both could learn something and potentially end up with a new song for Alice and a new skill for Su.

"This is called healer's protection. It can be cast on myself but some can cast it on others. Stand still, please. It makes a shield around you that mitigates and heals slightly. But I can only use it for a short while nowadays." The high priest held out both of his hands toward Su and Alice to bunched up together. His hands glowed with a greenish white like.

Before the pair could fully feel the mana, they noticed a foggy mist enveloping them. They could still see clearly somehow but it was noticeable. Then also felt their bodies becoming lighter and that they had a little more energy. The flow of the mana around them was more similar to a soft misty breeze even though there was no water in the skill.

The high priest released the skill after a few moments, "That is all there is to it. For my skill, it just surrounds my target and heals them. I can't say it does much but for minor injuries, it is very valuable in battle. It would be impressive to see it consolidated in to one direction. It might completely block a al attack instead of just mitigating damage. That's for you to figure out though." The high priest returned to his tea with a mischievous expression. He was looking forward to Su and Alice trying such skills.

"So you will try and add healing? Or will you try and make a damage mitigating light mist? I want to try and make a shield with any mana. If I use earth it should work better with my partner here but I think I should use other elemental mana." Su had the earth spirit playing around the garden and knew that it would be easy to grasp making some form of earth shield with its guidance. Yet, if she were to do that then she would lose the experience of learning a new skill with new mana. She needed to expand her portfolio of moves.

"Both. I need Both." Since Alice saw that the healing shield and the mist idea were both good and extremely useful in different situations, she wanted to write a song for both. If she managed to do so and have enough mana for it he envisioned a massive front of light mist that could protect a large group from al damage along with healing them. On top of that, she could change her song at the drop of a hat and send a condensed shield to someone in need. All would make her a much better supporter and healer, especially when she was out on an adventure with the party. She had not given up the idea of exploring the world for even a second.

Chapter 1145 – 1145. Competitions ?

"We lost what!?" Remey was understandably angry. They had lost an entire shipment of vials due to an issue coming from the direction of the mage tower. "How could the mages try and lift something so big by themselves? They were too young to be able to move such a thing with their . Now we have a bunch of broken vials that came from the cart crashing nearby." The cost was not major but it put the alchemy guild behind.

"We can just have an additional contest then. We have three vial makers compete for a year long contract and the other two will get an overflow contract as a bonus." Trish had been in this situation before. She had lost a close friend to old age and he had been responsible for the best vials in the forest elf city. After that, she had hosted a small competition to get a new vial maker.

"I like it. We should go bigger though. Look for the best quality vials as one competition. Then host a secondary with the youngest alchemists below level twenty so that they can gain a mentor or rare ingredients. I have a few herbs I am willing to share." The old master alchemist found this idea to be very exciting. He would love to see the alchemy guild full of eager alchemists who wanted to become the next master.

"Well, if you are giving up the ingredients for a rare potion they might bleed you dry. I might even offer a little help." Remey teased a bit but was drawing out how long they would need to plan for this. "We can do one mana potion and one health potion within a two hour period. They would need to be able to multitask which would add challenge and show creativity. Then we can have the herbalists jump in for an herb identification challenge. That should help them with their field assignments since there have been some arguments about who gets what." Remey wanted to crush another problem with this as well.

As much as the master herbalists wanted to just assign the fields to people they found that those assigned would attempt to sneak to different fields and learn more. This would be good if it was not going to disrupt the growing cycles. Now that they had this problem and had brought it to Remey there had to be a response. A competition to see who received first pick would be fun and able to be redone every year or so.

The alchemy guild was a buzz in no time. Remey had taken their idea and had it copied on to multiple flyers posted around the city. The adventurers' guild took an even more focused look in to it than anyone expected. "You really came here just because we will be having a competition?" Remey wasn't sure why Clara would drop everything for this.

"Of course I did. You will have an excess of potions. I want the guild to get a major portion of them to use as a way to encourage new adventurers to join. I also want you to utilize some of our young adventures to go out and gather some of the herbs. I believe I can add to your competition and make the young adventures use this as a tier rank up." Clara knew well that there were many new adventurers that didn't really belong in the lowest tiers of the adventurers' guild. She had been working out a way to expedite the testing processes. Now that this was something she had caught wind of she could use it.

"I plan to have them go out and take on tasks that fit their levels within the guild. It is a good way to create a long period of tests and also to bring in the herbs you need. Your flier did say that the

competition would happen in three months. If I mark that properly, then I can send out the adventurers' in a month." It was all perfectly planned out.

"In that case, we should let the demi-humans host a battle competition. They have brought a lot of workers from their city to build their stadium. It would be a good way to let them adjust as well." Remey wanted to just say yes and forget about this possibility. She knew that Walker would be against it for the fact that many people would get very rowdy with all of this happening. But if the demi-humans were left out then they would throw a tantrum. Competition and rivalry were major in their culture.

"I can bring that up when all the representatives return to the city. We can plan it now and have everything lined up in a week. Then begin the main planning." Clara was sneaky and was already using her system to send notifications to her staff. She was also planning a list of people to involve. "The crafting guild is also just beginning to function. I know a certain blacksmith that would have a field day with a competition." Clara also knew how exciting this would be for crafters. The wandering blacksmith would draw many dwarves to show off skills against each other.

"Why do I have the feeling you already planned this before you came. Just go ahead and do it without me if that's the case. I need to keep the specifics in the works for the alchemy guild. We won't have a crop ready in time if I sit here all day." Remey was a little annoyed but she had to admit that she was getting excited. When the others returned she would have the chance to shock Walker just as he walked in to the city. It was a welcome change of pace and a good way to push the negative feelings from Greed's attack away.

Chapter 1146 – 1146. Unknown

To say that the group moved through the brooks and streams smoothly over the last few days was an understatement. They had not even come across a monster. Midnight had been actively training her roars and Neil was judging them to compare to the power of the royal dragons. Walker had been matching them when he had the chance and the mana to spare between training with water elemental mana.

Between the two, Midnight and Walker were evenly matched when it came to roaring like dragons. This wasn't a surprise for Midnight since she was a dragon. Yet, for Walker, it was a great surprise. He had been able to replicate the roar and even felt that his body had easily adapted to it. When he mentioned it to Neil he spoke on the matter slightly.

"Elder told me that you are very closely bonded with Champion Midnight. It would be understandable that through that connection your body would change. I am not well educated on this and can not speak as to how it will change...But I believe that you will be able to rival fellow royals in the future with ease."

It felt that Neil might know a little more than he let on but Walker believed that Adair would only hold back for good reason.

Since he was going through a growth spurt for his age, Walker had carefully analyzed his own body. He did not specifically share blood with Midnight making him a dragon like being as Su had. But he did share mana and a bond of the soul. The same was true of Onyx. That had been able to share their life spans and extend Walkers' beyond normal humans'. That was already known.

However, when Walker examined the density of the muscles formed through his adventures and the skin on his body, he swore it was tougher. He also had the feeling that he was getting taller than someone for his age should be. It was just a thought but it did make him wonder if he was not just human any longer. Although, whenever he would think about this he would find his head starting to hurt. The unknown was too much to wrap a mind around. He was traversing a path no one had taken before and in doing so he would discover something new. This was the reason he started a new journal for his day to day happenings. He might just find a pattern.

"You keep worrying about these things and you will end up stuck in place and become a tree. And don't tell me you think I am joking. It has happened to elves that connect to the forest too deeply and give up their bodies to become something else. It's a mystery that we elves never solved and just let happen. It's not bad because it's their choice. But it is thought to be similar to being a sage." Alma casually dropped this on them making everyone wonder if there were other ways to ascend or change than what they knew. But it was quickly avoided since the world was still a mystery to all and having some positive mysteries were a good thing.

"I just wonder what will happen when you get to the royal dragon court. You said you would be going just you, Su, and Midnight, right? That will be a small but intense trip. Are you sure you don't want me to come?" There was worry in Gil's vice. He knew that dragons were dangerous even though these were not wild dragons like the skeletal dragons that ignored and cast themselves from the dragon society.

"If he made that decision then it must be for good reason. I've learned that Walker thinks well with his mind. As long as someone snaps him back to reality." Leon had caught on to Walker's tendency to daydream. He had even begun to make the joke that Walker would invent a daydreaming skill at some point.

"I really only want to bring them because that is who should go. The dragonkin go because they are brought with the elders and royals. But the court is really for just dragons. If I bring other races it might be seen as trampling on their honor and culture. I need to slowly convince them that Genesis and the

values we have are worth investing in." Midnight huffed slightly wanting to bring everyone with her. She wanted to see the wonder of the other dragons with her family.

"Lord Walker is wise indeed. If I were to see another race invade the royal court I would place my life down and defeat them. I would then have to give my own life if I survive as repentance for causing a disturbance. The royal dragon court is the most respected place for my race and the lords." Neil spoke as if he spoke of the very center of the world.

"Well...just make sure you are ready. I will wait for you to get back and share some stories. But I swear if you somehow start a war with dragons or make them our enemies I will shoot you out of the sky myself." Walker narrowly dodged a punch from Gil who was doing his best Remey impression. The group became much more animated while looking in the distance.

The same ranch for avian monsters was ahead of them and so were those that they could pay for a ride home along with a ride for the water elves that would come to Genesis. They would be home much sooner than they expected and the dragonkin would be on their way back to their village. They all had a lot to tell those back home in Genesis. But they had no idea what was waiting for them as well.

Chapter 1147 – 1147. Thrilling

There was just enough time to convince the two owners of the ranch to send over five mountain eagles to help bring the water elves to Genesis. They had taken some convincing because they were not sure that the group was telling the truth. They had long known that the water elf territory was off limits and now being told that it was opening and would be rebuilding was an insane idea.

Yet, After Walker had explained the story clearly along with the fact that he would be telling Elise to come back to them a visit, they agreed. There were also some of the first people to know of this change in territory people could travel so they were looking forward to the business it would bring. They planned to also send one of their ranch hands to negotiate some material transportation for the water elves to build back up. The water elves may have lost some things but they still had the wealth that they had accrued through many years. Lust hadn't so much as care for it since she was just raising an army to follow her every command.

Midnight had been more caring of the journey while they were in the air on the mountain eagles. She wanted to try and jump down and fly herself. The only thing that stopped her was Walker who had a firm grip on her feelings. He could tell that she was even more motivated than usual after the talk of the royal dragon court.

As they flew, Walker thought of the gifts he was bringing. He had the indigo pearl which he would be giving to Current since he had a relationship with him as another royal dragon. Now that brought the question of what else he should bring. He knew that if Adair came he was not supposed to give her a gift of the same quality since she was not a royal and only an elder. But he also knew that bringing things might be something that interests the other royals. He made a mental note to ask the wandering blacksmith to make a few elemental weapons. If possible he would ask for different elemental weapons or armors. They would be able to show that Walker cared about every elemental royal dragon and that he wanted to start a connection with them.

However, Walker knew that this would be nothing in the grand scheme of things. He would need to show off his dominance over natural mana compared to the other dragons. He knew he would be weaker than them. That was not something he could avoid. But he would need to be able to show off the power he had so that they knew who he was and that he would not just bend to anything pushed on him.

"Walker! We are descending!" Alma managed to shout over the wind as they started to head toward the ground.

"Midnight, let loose!" Walker had held her back the entire time. He trusted that she would be able to glide down without issue since she had more than mastered that. The training she needed was in the fact that she could not flap her wings with enough strength to consistently take off and fly. But watching the excitement spark in Midnight's eyes as she unfurled her wings and the air took her was something Walker wanted to feel.

Without even thinking, Walker looked within himself for his mana, which was completely full. He had been resting after their easy journey and the flight in the mountain eagles had not taxed his mana at all. He jumped off the back of the mountain eagle to its surprise and used his wind ripple skill. The sight of Walker stepping through the air next to Midnight was more than enough to shock her. "Come on! Can't you keep up?!" He nearly laughed himself silly while taking in deep breaths and large steps down through the air.

Any idea that he may fear the heights was gone. He was full of exhilaration and joy. Midnight felt the same. He could feel their connection becoming stronger while the others looked at him as if he had gone inside. But Neil knew. He was a dragonkin. He had always had the feeling that he was meant to fly and wanted to explore the sky. That's why every breed of dragon and dragonkin lived in the mountains. It was where they were at home.

This sight did not go unnoticed. Many of those out and about in the city doing their work saw Walker and Midnight moving through the air toward the ground. It didn't help that they chose the open square in front of the Genesis building as their landing space. This forced the mountain eagles to land there as well and the harpies nearby to rush away since they knew the mountain eagles were temperamental with other avian monsters. But nothing happened due to how strictly the mountain eagles were trained for their deliveries. That didn't mean they wouldn't try anything on their way out of the city though because they knew their job was done.

"Perfect timing! I was just heading inside. Come with me you can report on the matters. The only member missing is Scylla." Clara happened to be just about to walk in to the Genesis building. She had Barry behind her and between them, no one could argue with the sudden change of direction.

Walker couldn't help but think that it was strange how busy the city seemed while he was pulled away. But he was still catching his breath and sharing mischievous glances with Midnight. They were high on their little gliding trip and could not fully contain themselves. They didn't even notice the fliers that Gil, Neil, Alma, and Leon had pulled off the walls as they entered.

Chapter 1148 – 1148. Invite Dragons!

"Walker, do you think they are dragging us in because they want to hear what happened or because they want to discuss the competitions. Or wait, it says, the Genesis royal...?" Gil handed the flier to Walker and he nearly tripped on his own feet. Clara and Barry heard what Gil had said and held themselves back while Walker read this as they moved forward to the meeting room.

"What is this? Where's Remey? She had a competition for alchemists and herbalists. The adventurer's guild has one for herb gathers on all tiers. Then the crafters' guild is doing one. What is this?" Walker felt that he was missing so much while they were away. They had literally freed the water elves with an insane sneak attack that could have gone horribly wrong while the city was starting competitions? This was too much to fathom after the thrill of the sky.

"Ah, you have returned to us. Scyla sent a messenger to tell us what you had said. We have received word before King Rorick left for his home. It is good to know things went well. But we would appreciate the proper details." King August seemed less surprised that Walker's group had returned than Walker thought. They had just shown up but Walker had the sneaking suspicion that some had seen them gliding down to the ground and rushed to report this to the representatives.

"Another demon. Lust. But we managed to get rid of the poisons and the control. They will be arriving in a day or so to come here and speak with us about joining. Alma will be acting as the representative. Even if they arrive and bring the topic up they made it clear that they would be nominating her." Walker

did not beat around the bush he was honest with what the water elves had in mind and Alma had already strengthened her mind to accept it.

This was something that they expected. Yet, as Walker went in to detail with what they had found, the faces of everyone there became darker. "Even the worst monsters in the deepest caves are not so terrible. To force an entire city to bend and put those who resist in dungeons like rats...You are lucky that I did not send every golem in control there to squash that demon!" The king of the deep caves found it despicable. He had long lived in close quarters by choice and knew the struggles. To force so many elves in to a dungeon was bad enough without the poisoning.

"Now, there are good things to it. Alma is living up to her future and has brought them this way to genesis. As Walker said, the water elves seem to be radically different than we know of. They accepted the demons who had been tortured in the same way as them. That means Genesis will grow and offer homes to the demons as we free them." The first elf queen saw more positive linings and was trying to distract from the pain that everyone saw in the past. She knew that having a positive mindset for the future with the water elves was the best practice in this situation.

"My people will help the water elves as much as possible. I will send a notice ahead. They gave us a lot once upon a time and we will return it in bulk." Leon spoke as if it was all already decided. But this did straighten things up a little since Genesis would not have to expend as much manpower toward the water elf lakes.

"That being said, can we change topics?" Clara was waiting patiently to bring things to the competitions.

"I know what you are going to say and I have no problem with the competitions. They should be in progress when I return from the dragon royal court. But I don't want things getting out of hand. We need more guards. More signs for rules and regulations. Then we also need the merchants to be regulated strictly." Walker was not going to let things get out of control. He could see things going awry if there was not a lot of control when it came to these events.

"We already have that planned. The elder adventurers will step in and act as guards at a specific location where people will come to watch. There will be many recruits as well that will get their feet wet with these events. Speaking of the dragons though..." Barry was acting a lot in Genesis which threw them off since he should be back in Diamond already. "You should invite them to see the races come together. We can set up a special balcony seating for them to watch. We already learned a lot about how to show respect to them if they visit." Barry was very careful. He had asked the two other dragonkin for advice to learn their culture. It was something that the dragonkin would be specifically mentioning to Adair to

report back to Current. That showed a very positive interest in the dragons and how they could fit in to Genesis.

Since it seemed that everyone was using their intellect to make the right decisions here, Walker was more apt to approve of everything. "Then we can also invite the dragonkin to participate in their own small tournament. I think inviting one dragonkin warrior from each village would be respectable for them to show off how they live and battle. It could be educational." Walker said this and saw Neil's eyes grow wide. It was a wonderful idea in his opinion.

"I will personally report that ahead of your visit to the royal court. It would be an honor for dragonkin to show off our strength to the world and grow the respect of those we serve." There was excitement spilling from Neil through his words.

Chapter 1149 – 1149. Worries

Once they had spoken about the plans that had already been made, Walker was more than impressed by what had been done. There had even been a plan formatted so that alchemy, battles, and crafting would be able to use the coliseum. It revolved around the dwarves taking the lead with their golems to change the venue through the week of competitions. It would be a lot of work but truly show off the strength and efficiency that the city could function after.

The merchants were in an uproar. They were bulking up already and sending out new orders to get everything they needed ready as fast as possible. It would sound bad since they seemed to be rushed and ill tempered, yet, it was becoming positive. Many people found jobs and quests where there had not been some before. It was turning out to be a major benefit for the people coming to live.

This was also something that spurred everyone to build more efficiently. Crafters were making large moves to create the parts and pieces they needed. This spawned even more orders for merchants along with quests for adventurers. It was also a major recruitment for the guard. They needed the new recruits and would be able to have the new members prepared to get experience when the events came around. It was just enough time to train them.

The conversations had gone for some time and Walker had been sure to set up a few things for the water elves when they arrived. However, Alma and the forest elf queen took the lead letting him and the others take their leave. It was one thing that Walker found himself thankfully for. Unfortunately, Neil and the other two dragonkin had decided to leave Genesis immediately. They too had to report back and had stayed a little longer than they expected.

Neil had left off saying that he would be reporting everything to Adair and Current. This was good since Walker was looking forward to seeing them again. He felt that the dragons so far had held to their traditions but would relax if given the chance. If they managed to embrace the ideals and values of Genesis then they just might be able to bond with every race. The only thing that Walker worried about was that the dragons may attempt to get involved with the demons.

The possibility that this would occur was very small. Yet, if it did, then no one would be able to control the events that would occur. It was clear that this demon lord was powerful enough to do things that others could not. The sin title holders were not as powerful though. But that did not mean they were not dangerous. If Lust had managed to control a single dragon then that was more than a walking army by itself. So far they had been lucky not to face a sin title holder outright and always had some advantage in some way.

These thoughts rushed through Walker's mind as he had fallen asleep. Some were worries he had and others were hopes. By the time he woke up, he had managed to dream of many things both good and bad. It appeared that Midnight had shared his feelings and dreams. They were both going to the royal dragon court and would need to show strength that they were not sure of yet.

"You both seem like you should go back to bed. That is what happens when you go out and throw yourself in to yet another battle. You are both staying here and resting until I say we are ready to leave." The attitude Su had when she met the pair for breakfast was strong. She would not travel with them if they were distracted and tired. It would bring unnecessary risk and show of weakness.

"I will be fine. There are some things we need to get done today anyways. I need to speak to the wandering blacksmith for gifts for the other royal dragons. I have the rouge pearl for Current but I want to bring something with each elemental affinity for the others. I was thinking of a true spirit forged bracelet." Walker had this idea while he was falling asleep and ran with it.

"The royal dragon's value elemental purity right? If that's the case a dwelling item would be ideal. They could work to bond with an elemental spirit and increase their understanding of their elements that way. The spirit would also grow with them through the years since they have a very long lifetime." Su saw the benefits immediately and felt that Walker was on to something good.

"We also have most of the elemental spirits around us to help. Plus, there are plenty running about the city that we can ask for assistance. I bet they will help if Fleur comes out." Walker knew that Fleur was awake and not resting after he had slept for so long himself. She seemed restless which meant that she was most likely bored or regaining her natural mana and wanted to see the hustle and bustle of the city's preparations.

"Well, since you are doing that I will be at the cathedral. Alice and I have training that needs to be done. I hope to have another new skill soon." There was excitement on Su's face. She had been working hard and believed she was close to getting the skill she wanted. It made Walker feel that he had missed something interesting but he let Su hold on to the secret. It would be more fun for her to show it off when she had understood whatever the skill was.

"I will need to stop by there and check on Onyx. I bet he has been working too hard." Su's face dropped and she decided to let Walker in on what Onyx had recently purchased.

Chapter 1150 – 1150. Food At Home

Su had left before Walker. She had been more driven to train than he had noticed. It was her focused attitude which proved that Midnight and Walker would need to step up as well. "If we don't make an effort she will be stronger than us when we go to the royal dragon's court." Midnight seemed to huff in displeasure when Walker said this. She refused to be weaker than anyone.

"I know, I know, you will fly soon. But make sure that you work on the other elemental breath attacks. I think you will be able to use them to help make the bracelets I have in mind for the gifts. It will be good to show them off. Also, where is your skeletal armor? Shouldn't you be training it while we walk to the crafting guild? The wandering blacksmith wasn't at his shop so he has to be there."

There was a lot that Midnight was trying to train and having Walker make her focus on three things was good. She would get distracted and try to learn new things or only focus on one. If she forgot others she would end up being only good at one thing. That would mean she could be countered with no other way to defend herself.

The wandering blacksmith had already made a splash by making the highest quality tools. The dwarves had become his favorite customers since he had made some hammers. Walker didn't even need to walk in to his blacksmith shop to see that he wasn't there. A group of dwarves had been walking away and warned Walker that the shop was closed that day and why they had come.

This wasn't a bad thing to discover though. Walker was able to wander the city and listen to the rumors. Since the streets got busier every single day, he was able to absorb a lot of knowledge. "I didn't expect to hear that there were wandering wizards showing up to check out the mage tower. If they really are that amazing then I will end up meeting a few sooner than later." One child had been asking his parents about a wizard that he had seen.

Mages were considered common in comparison to wizards. That was because the wizards were known for storing their spells in rune scrolls. That also made them the best producers of high quality scrolls with powerful spells within them. But where they really separated themselves was when they sealed high level skills within scrolls. This would be created by them making them a very tough opponent. The only downside was that wizards suffered from a very long casting time.

Walker could cast his skill very fast even compared to mages. But a wizard would easily take ten times the length of casting. This was because of the skills that the wizards had required them to infuse their mana with sufficient elemental mana. It was mostly due to the fact that they were meant to seal away their spells within scrolls. But once they had the scrolls created they could use them in an instant. They were very dangerous enemies to have but were widely known as good and just people. It was considered a shame that they were so rare.

This didn't seem to impress Midnight. She had been more interested in the monsters that were carried in on a cart toward the adventurer's guild. They were multiple steel haired bears from the mountains. Apparently, there had been an outbreak as they woke up from their hibernation. This was perfect for a higher tier adventurer with his party that had been paid to guard a small village for that exact reason. As a bonus reward they had taken the beads with them to sell in Genesis to fund a new home. Midnight thought that they looked like a decent snack to have since she thought they might help her strengthen her scales a little.

"No, we are not trying to convince them to sell us those bears. We have enough food to eat for weeks stored up. Plus you would never finish all of them since I doubt that onyx could eat those too." Walker felt like a parent in the moments before they walked through the crafting guild's door. They had just set up the new face of the building.

It was not unexpected that the building was made with many elegant crafting techniques. They had started adding the wooden and metal carvings on the front to show off the immense skills house within the guild. But it had expanded to paintings, pottery, and even some rune drawings. Now the crafting guild could be said to be a work of art that would attract many people throughout the future years.

"What brings you here today?" There was a set of fresh looking staff members at the front door. It was impressive that everything was so clean inside. But Walker noticed that there were a few people walking on and out with cleaning tools. The guild must be trying to keep a clean appearance for those that came to discuss work. It was fair since the production would be in different parts of the building.

"I just came looking for a friend. Don't mind me." Walker gave a wave to Rodney who was rushing through one of the doors behind the counter. The wave back made the new staff members understand.

When they noticed Midnight they became slightly embarrassed for not recognizing Walker. "Good luck here. It should be a great first job to have." Walker passed on his regards. He was sure that these staff members would help shape the future of the crafting guild and hearing some kind words would go a long way. Especially since they would most likely be starting a very long career here today.