

Master 1191

Chapter 1191 – 1191. Problems With Dragons

There were not many words to be said for the remainder of the night. The battle that had been won by the three was more than enough to deter many of the monsters around. Anything that even tried to get close would smell the flames and the dragon scent making them turn around in fear.

What dwelled on everyone's minds was the fact that the rogue dragons were completely avoidable. It was still certain that a very very VERY small number of dragons may leave by themselves. It was obviously the case with the skeletal dragons and some darkness dragons. That was how Midnight had managed to come to be born. However, to be forced out as a hatchling and lose their minds to degrade in to a monster was worse. The dragons had gone too far in Walker and Su's opinion.

Midnight was even more affected by this. She could only think that she could have ended up that way if she had not been found by Walker and the party. There was a chance that those who had hunted her mother would not have found her and she would be left to become some insane monster without reason. The single possibility made her shiver. But it also made her blood boil.

Through her growth and training, she had seen many people accept that didn't seem to fit in to normal society. She had seen unique systems and those who had been abused. She had seen people rise up beyond their expectations and challenge ideals of their entire race. How could the dragons be so unaccepting? At the very least, she would make Genesis a place where all the dragons cast out from the other villages could come to make themselves at home. Who cared for purity when they could be happy and safe?

Since Walker was the closest with Midnight, he could feel her turbulent emotions and knew why she was feeling the way she was. It was the same for him and he wanted to make sure that she rested well enough to show the other dragons what genesis was about. "Just go to sleep early. You don't need to stay on watch tonight. I will handle it and plan out how I will speak tomorrow. We will make a change." This seemed to be all Midnight needed to finally give in to her exhaustion after the battle. Her mind had been through a lot.

When the sun broke the sky the tree cleaned up. Walker had stored the body of the rogue dragon in his storage but felt that it would be a rough material to use in anything. Since it had degraded, the scales were not the same as shed dragon scales. They were not tough enough for armor that could even rival what they already had. In the end, he felt that he would have to bring it to the guild and just let them use it for younger adventurers. But he also had the mind to make sure he respected the future the rogue dragon could have had by using every single part as well as it could be used. It would be an insult to any creature not to do so.

"We should be just a little ways down from the royal dragon court. I can see the next statues there. If it was brighter last night we might have seen them then." The moon had not been too bright in the sky last night making it harder for them to see. Since they had traveled in a dangerous area, Walker had not used the light orb until the rogue dragon had attacked and released it right after the battle had completed.

"Midnight, your scales look perfect and your wings are spotless. Stop looking around again and again." Su had made sure that they were all three ready for the walk up. She had caught Midnight obsessing over her scales for the fifth time and was ready to give her a scolding.

"Don't huff at her like that. She's right. Your scales are shined to perfection. There's not a single smudge on them. Do you really doubt my skills so much?" This seemed to do the trick and Midnight was focused back up again. She gave Walker a once over then Su as well. With a final head nod, from here they were ready to move up.

The three statues that they found ahead of them were a light elemental dragon, darkness elemental dragon, and finally a dragon that appeared to be a fire dragon. But the last pedestal after those three was empty. Behind it was a steep rock face. "Is this the most recent? Is there no dragon to take the place of this statue yet?" Su could only assume that this was the case for the statue. They had reached the most recent statue for the dragon race. They had not seen many because of the long lived species that dragons were.

"Hm, are we meant to fly up this rock face or climb it?" Su wasn't sure if she was up for climbing the rocks up to the top. It wasn't that she didn't think herself strong enough, it was the simple fact that he was not someone with the skills to climb rocks in such a way. Hiking the mountains was no issue, but climbing was another matter.

"No, we can just head up my way. Midnight, get close." Walker manipulated the earth below them and caused it to push them upwards on a pillar. He knew it was a decent amount of mana for a simple reward but it was to show off his control of elemental mana. It would look impressive and he would be able to walk on to the court with his head up. However, the plateau that he found was much different.

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Chapter 1192 – 1192. Royal Dragon Court

Massive pillars of elemental crystals rose on the sides of the plateau. They were carved and made with draconic shapes mirroring every single elemental mana. At the very back of the plateau was a large building made of mixed crystal and marble polished to shine in the rising sun. Many dragonkin were resting on the outskirts of the building doing various tasks. Most cleaned the area or prepared foods.

The moment that the three rose to the top, Walker saw them all freeze. They could feel the air of another dragon and were unsure how to react to the fact that they were not in fact dragons other than Midnight. Walker bit his tongue slightly knowing that he would need to act the part of a royal and that there should be a better reaction than just stopping their motions. However, he still wanted to be sure that the dragonkin would respect him and take his side for his ideals.

Using his grand elemental manipulation, Walker made all the elemental mana in the area chaotic. He made sure that the ground trembled and the wind whipped up. Even small sparks of flame and ice crystals blew around. He wanted to ensure that his power was known. Meanwhile, Midnight took steps ahead with Su.

Su had the lead as the guardian while Midnight was ever so slightly behind. She had her wings spread slightly out and her head held high. The slightly gold flame breath that caught in her maw was more than enough to show her strength. Su didn't have such powerful skills to show off just yet, but she was able to pull light to the twin shields in her hands and the earth spirit which had been resting helped her bring earth elemental mana around her in swirls of sand that Walker created.

The three were more than just a presence now. They were a focus. The dragonkin found their mistakes and rushed to line up in front of the large marble and crystal building. Many different dragonkin with different affinities stood around them. Midnight growled slightly making sure they knew of her distaste for the slow greeting that every dragon should have. Yet, there were a few water affinity dragonkin that stood right by the entrance holding themselves taller than all the others. Walker stopped just before he walked in and glanced at them. He could not greet them, but a glance was enough. They knew this and they bowed their heads slightly in confirmation.

There was no solid door on the large marble and crystal building. The dragons needed to be able to move inside with ease therefore it had been made out of strings of gold. They hung down in extremely fine craftsmanship that Walker was sure had some sort of rune carvings, however small, on them.

Their eyes easily adjusted to the large indoor space that was still too small to consist of the entire building. They were sure that there was more to be seen deeper within, but that was not where they found their focus. Thrones were in a ring shape around the large hall that lay before them.

Each throne was made of a different element in some solid form. Fire was dancing within fire elemental crystals while there was also a throne of ice for water element. The light throne was a white crystal that Walker could only guess at. The darkness was similar but a black shifting crystal that seemed as if it had no place there. Dark polished iron made up the earth and the wind throne seemed to be made of shifting clouds.

Not every throne had someone sitting on it though. The only one that was empty was the one made of white crystals emitting light elemental mana. The crystals were certainly not light elemental mana crystals but something else. Walker looked at the eyes of the dragonkin from dragons staring down at him. He knew that being looked down on was an insult and stepped in to the air to stand equal to their raised statures.

The eternal orb started to shift in to the form of a throne. Walker had been thinking of this since they walked in and knew that it would be a major impact. The best part was that he was able to pull elemental mana from around him using the help of Fleur. She had hidden away within the eternal orb knowing Walker's intentions; it was like a game to her and seemed to be very entertaining to shape the throne that he would sit on.

There were many raised eyebrows to see that Walker had managed to pull every elemental mana and mix it together to make his own throne. They were also very interested in the fact that Walker had somehow changed his staff in to part of the throne. They sensed the natural mana and how it pulled at their own pure elemental manas.

"I see you have made it safely. Welcome to the court." Current was the only one to greet Walker. In response, Walker could not help to smile.

"We ran in to some interesting monsters on our journey. One of which we can speak about later. But I think it is better to catch up. I brought you something I think you will like." Walker knew that this was the way that Current wanted to establish the positive bonds he and Walker would have. It would cement him in to the royal dragon court more than Walker would be if he was just walking in blindly. It would also make the other royal dragons think twice about opposing what Walker might say and do.

"You offer him a greeting and a gift but ignore the strongest here? How foolish of you human." The blunt words came from the dark iron throne with a very large dragonkin upon it.

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Chapter 1193 – 1193. Dragon Rivalry

"Jealousy does not look good on you in the least. If you had taken the time to visit the small city they are building you might be able to get a gift. It seems that the earth dragons are losing some of their pride." Current was happy to shoot a shot at the earth dragons. It was a small rivalry that they had since the water elemental dragons were known to cause trouble for the hard headed earth dragon that preferred the dry earth over the sky or rivers.

"Children, I expect you to be pleasant to each other when I arrive. I come from my seclusion to hear such rough words. We are meeting another. Be respectful." The last of the dragons walked in. There were glistening horns of light elemental mana and scales that shined through the shadows from the darkness dragon. The female dragonkin figure showed a firm but brilliant smile while rising up on to her throne. She exuded an air of purity that was well beyond Current and the earth royal dragon. "Do not allow little Current and little Terron to cause you any trouble. While I, Rise, am here they will not cause you any trouble. Welcome to the court."

The other dragons seemed to shift slightly in their seats. Walker was sure this was because out of all of them, the light elemental mana was the purest of them. But it was not a harsh purity. The feeling was warm and healing. "I am glad to meet you as well. I am Walker. This is my champion Midnight and her Guardian Su. I can see that you do not have your guardian or champion around. Could you please point mine in the proper direction? I hope that they are able to properly meet all that came." Walker was exceptionally kind to Rise. she seemed to be the reason that most held themselves back at the moment from any further antics. The dragons may seem held back but they were at odds with each other when it came to their elemental mana, therefore, pushing them to have prideful rivalries. Walker should have expected this.

"Of course. They are on the side room being acquainted. I have to say, golden flame heart is very rare. Little Midnight will make quick acquaintances. And the look in her guardian's eyes is splendid. I dare say that she would smash anyone to pieces with those shields. Human or not, it is impressive." Su and Midnight both gave a slight nod before Walker gave them a look to let them leave. It was his turn to act strong while they made their own connections.

"So, you two got those pearls together? Didn't you Current? You are sneaky as always but I don't think that will be enough to prove a thing here." The fire dragon was smoking a little more and the air seemed to rise in temperature. He detested sneaky plans to build relationships outside of the dragon villages.

"Ignus, do you really believe so little of us? We are family now you know." Current looked ready to go in to battle in a second since he felt his gift was being tossed aside.

"If you are jealous then I can mend that. From what I understand, this is a meeting to understand one another and bring villages together. Isn't that why the two of you are related? And as the youngest member of this court, I think it best that I come showing what MY city of Genesis is capable of." Walker looked at the royal dragons who all focused on him. The shadows shifted for a moment before stabilizing and revealing a dark scaled dragonkin form.

"You call yourself royal. You made yourself a throne. Yet I did not say you were..." The darkness dragon began to speak but fell silent seeing the darkness dwelling circlet. "How interesting. I can sense those runes from here. They are old and new. Welcome." It was simple as that to win over the darkness elemental royal dragon. He seemed easily convinced after seeing such a quality item as a welcome from Walker. "I am Mordant. I will see that village of yours in the next few years if it lasts." This was not a threat, just a relation to how long dragons lived.

"I have one for every elemental mana here. They are not just simple circlets. As you all may know, the elemental spirits play a major role in some societies. By bringing the dwarves, elves, and humans together, we have managed to reach the true spirit crafting arts and also better rune studies. If you are able to find a spirit that can partner with you they can dwell within these bracelets and assist in purifying elemental mana." The silence in the room was louder than Walker felt it had been when he was peaking. The blood pounded in his ears even though he held himself calm.

"Purify my mana faster? You mean that the skies will know faster speeds and stranger winds? I can flow with the currents even better? I like you. You have my vote if you can hand that treasure to me. But your small village can not stay the way it is. You will need to change it to follow the proper rules of this court."

"Ventus, are you going to force your control on to them and try to take this away?" Current felt that the wind elemental royal dragon was making a move.

"No. None of you will have control over the people of Genesis. No one has control over them. They are all equal. Do not make me show you the power of the mana I wield." Walker knew well he shouldn't be on the same strength level as the royal dragons. But when Fleur reacted to Walker's serious words, the natural mana pulled the royal dragon's pure mana from them. This alone was enough for them all to glare at Walker and pressure to fall on him.

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Chapter 1194 – 1194. Standing Up

"Do not interfere with my mana. If we wished to crush you then-"

"You will not erase me and do not even believe you have a chance. You once had a dragon capable of manipulating natural mana and it has been quite a long time since then. Without one the dragons are weaker. You should have a true dragon champion among your champions but you do not. Look at me, human! Yet I have the skills to bond with a nature spurt, manipulate natural mana, bond with a true dragon champion and share the bloodline between my champion and guardian. If you dare look down on myself or my family I will ensure a new royal takes your place."

There was a cold violent mana within Walker's words. He glared at every single royal dragon. He had not raised his voice by much but Fleur had changed her slight aloof expression to one twisted in anger. She may have been young in this world but she understood enough. The one she had bonded with felt threatened. The one that had built a place just for her and let her experience more than just mana needed her to show her strength.

"This child is just like Ignus as a hatchling. Domineering and defensive of their family. Come and see me after you are acquainted with your fellow royals. I wish to hear about you and how you stand here today." The rumbling deep voice shook the entire building causing every single royal dragon to contract their mana. Even Fleur pulled back which made Walker know that it was no small matter to be spoken to from what seemed to be nowhere.

Walker knew that this was a big deal. Just looking at the royal dragon's forced calm faces made him understand. "The eldest keeper has not spoken in many years. I can not say if it is a blessing for them to place their gaze upon you." Rise spoke slowly and carefully knowing that this keeper was watching and listening from elsewhere.

"There can't be any comparison to my flames and his." Ignus seemed a little thrown off his comparison but knew better than to refute it outright. The keeper had known Ignus for the entropy of his life and even those before Ignus.

"I would like to see that circlet. I still find it interesting." Mordant willed shadows to reach up and grasp the box holding the circlet. He felt it was fine to let Walker's threats roll off since no one was actually planning to make a move. "My dragonkin have talent but they lack runes of this fusion. Ancient and new. I do have a dark spirit with me. I have met many and bonded with one over my seclusion."

The circlet appeared to fit perfectly as Mordant examined it. The spirit he spoke of rose from his shadows and prodded the circlet. After some examination, it melted in to it comfortably causing Fleur to move from Walker and check as well.

Every single royal focused on Fleur. Nature spirits were exceedingly rare no matter where someone went. "Appreciate you checking my seclusion partner. I can tell they are comfortable." Mordant spoke with warmth making Fleur nod in approval before she floated back to Walker.

"And does his gift work?" Terron spoke much more calmly than before. He had genuine curiosity now that the keeper had spoken. To him, that meant that the person in front of them had more than just a little credibility.

"Yes. The mana flow is exceptional. I would recommend any who opposed our new fellow royal shows some repentance. They may still get one of these and have the chance to see more in the years to come." Mordant took the chance to hold it above the others since he rarely had the chance to do so in the court.

"I hope that you can share on with me. I can promise to share with you some times about light elemental mana. I have a feeling you may need them." Rise reached out and light condensed in to a small book that moved in the air toward Walker.

"I had them specially made for each of you. How could I refuse to give them? Knowledge is incredibly valuable however, I hope you would allow me to welcome some of your dragonkin one day. They may find Genesis interesting."

"He does not lie. One of my elders sent a group of dragonkin to his village. They returned with brilliant new insights derived from multiple sources. One also assisted their city in exterminating a rather annoying demon. That's a tale for another day. I would like to investigate these circlets as well." Current had lost patience and found the perfect time to interject in the conversation.

The box got Current was caught by a tendril of water controlled by Current. "This does seem rather good. My blacksmiths could learn a thing or two."

"Well, a crafting guild has been formed in Genesis. Skills and knowledge are shared freely. It's the same with the alchemy guild, adventurers guild, tamers guild, and some academies attached to them. A very good place for every race to come together and grow." Walker was sure to make this clear while he looked at the royals yet to take these circlets.

"Fine. I shall properly test this fire dwelling circlet. If it does not store my mana and melts I will not send a soul to see your small village." Ignus held his head high and stepped down from his throne. He preferred to be right in front of Walker when this circlet would melt under his heat.

While the circlet was placed on and the fire elemental mana increased, Walker smirked. "What do you think? My champion used her flames to help forge it. Can it resist your flames?"

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Chapter 1195 – 1195. Support

A flash of understanding went through Ignus's eyes. He had heard of dragons using their flames in the forging process. He knew that the quality would skyrocket. But using the golden flames from a true dragon champion with a golden flame heart was unheard of. He was trying to melt something forged within golden flames? He couldn't even comprehend how that would be possible.

However, he did not back off. It was not in a fire dragon's nature to back off until he had used everything he had. Naturally, this meant increasing the natural fire mana around him and forcing it toward the circlet. What stunned Walker was the fact that Ignus had such amazing control over the fire elemental mana that none of the heat was felt around him. There was the feeling of moving mana but it

did not influence the surroundings. Only someone who had trained constantly would have this level of control.

"All talk. That circlet must be made specially for the fire element. Forget the addition of golden flames. I will show that my earth elemental mana can bend it to pieces." Terron was next. He moved to grab the circlet while Walker smiled even more.

"If you think you can bend something made by the best blacksmith in Genesis and hailed by the dwarves even though he is human, then so be it. It's not like my champion used her earth elemental breath to help strengthen that either. And forget the unique forging method using earth elemental spirits, Oh wait, that's the true spirit forging technique I am offering to teach all of you when you accept Genesis and an alliance with us." Terron seemed annoyed to hear that Walker was making such demands, but Walker could see Current's face twist in to a smile. He was impressed that Walker so easily threw around arrogance and his plans.

Yet again, Walker witnessed amazing control of elemental mana. Terron caused the earth beneath their feet to crumble and meld around him. The pristine marble floors cracked as it moored by the newly placed circlet didn't even crack. It seemed to bend with the earth elemental mana and stay firmly around Terron's arm. Meanwhile, Ignus had silently moved back to his throne without a word. He did look at Mordant with a look of longing. It seemed he was jealous that Mordant had a spirit as a p[artner already to help purify mana.

Seeing that everyone was more than convinced he held out the remaining boxes which were snapped up by the remaining royal dragons. "Now, what was this about coming to your village and sharing knowledge? My dragonkin tend to live on the highest mountain closest to the light of the sun. It is a very far journey for them. I can only spare a few to protect my crafters. They specially make healing items. You know how light elemental mana is." This was a slight test by Rise. She knew that mist would forget the battle potential of light elemental mana and had managed to prove the other royals wrong in this respect.

"I happen to know an exceptional songstress and abyssal serpent who seem to do just fin in using it for combat. But if your dragonkin are unable to make the journey, maybe I can send some representatives. They should be able to climb your mountains without trouble. The dwarves may even tunnel up from underground given a few years." Walker knew that it was some form of test because he could not expect a royal to be so misguided with their own elemental mana.

"Terron, I swear if you don't fix that floor I will melt you." Ignus started arguing with Terron at that moment distracting Rise, but Walker could tell he had claimed a small victory.

"This alliance you want. Or have? Why should we bother with it? I can just come and claim the crafting knowledge that you have. What other benefits would there be?" Ventus spoke up, drawing all attention back to Walker.

"Knowledge between the races. A chance to change things from the constant boredom I'm sure you face through long lived lives in seclusion. The fact that your dragonkin live shorter lives and could become more powerful. The fact that we are currently removing corruption from the demon race to free their oppressed people. The fact that we have looked in to the past and mixed it with the present to make a better future. The fact that there are multiple title holders already committed to Genesis. And to add on, a ruler uniting the elves yet again. It is a city that will change the world. This continent is just the start of uniting everything."

His words were not exaggerated or blown out of proportion. Walker spoke calmly and listed off some of the things that came to mind first. He could not seem to think of anything that could not be achieved by Genesis. The potential he believed it had was dwarfed by the potential it truly had. There were really no words that could actually share what Genesis really was and would be.

"In the name of pure water, Current supports the birth of a new royal dragon and their village of natural mana. May Genesis rise to stand among us under the high history. May natural mana return to the court and the elemental mana fuse yet again." Current didn't break eye contact with Walker. He had seen and spoken with those sent to Genesis. He had made an informed decision and already accepted that the world was changing. He would go with the flow of water and be part of it.

"In the name of pure light, Rise will support..."

"In the name of pure darkness, Mordant will support..."

"In the name of pure air, Ventus will support..."

"In the name of pure fire, Ignus will allow the keeper to decide."

"In the name of pure earth, Terron will allow the keeper to rule upon this."

Only two seemed to resist Walker but they allowed the keeper to name the final decision. Walker could only look behind at the large door that led toward the origin of the voice he had heard prior.

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Chapter 1196 – 1196. No Resistance

"Ha! A human as a guardian? How weak can this royal be? They are a human too, right? How could they resist flames from my lord?" Midnight and Su didn't even see the point in remembering the names of these dragonkin or champions. They had laughed the moment they walked in.

"You see that? she doesn't even have a dragonkin form? That's pathetic. Just a hatchling pretending to be something they are not." The dragonkin with a large ax sneered at Midnight. They were the guardian to a napping dragon champion who seemed to cause the ground to rumble slightly with every breath. Said dragon was the only one not looking down on them but it seemed to make Midnight a little angrier since it was no attention at all.

"Look, it appears that she is going to try and breathe fire. A little thing like you is much too young for elemental breathing-" The wind dragon champion was instantly silenced upon seeing the golden flames. They knew well the meaning behind them. They also felt the other elemental mana stirring within the room proving that Midnight had more than just fire elemental mana at her fingertips.

"Midnight does not need your approval or even your acknowledgment. We both will become more than any of you hope to be. If you dare to approach her or myself, I will ensure your pain is stronger than your mind can take." The only familiar face was that of the champion beneath Current. Su wanted to say that she could clearly remember his name but at the moment she was too distracted in her act of intimidation. The force that she gave off was not some small deterrence that the others expected of a human.

The next growl that Midnight let out was one that was followed by small golden sparks. She was not going to let anyone stare down Su. The reaction of those around here was not anything as arrogant as before. "Golden flame heart. How have you been born with such a feature? You were not even brought from a village...or were you stolen by humans?"

"You would say that my family was kidnapped?" The earth elemental spirit reacted to Su's anger and her words seemed steeped with earth elemental mana. This woke up the sleeping earth dragon champion.

'So you are the ones from that new village. My lord didn't believe that a human would actually be involved. He normally does not drag my old bones from my nest, but this was different. He was right." The earth dragon champion was obviously the eldest. It seemed that he had not been through the same experiences as the other. "You seem confused but me. I am a rare case. I have a very special skill of the earth dragons called shedding. It came from some experiment with earth elemental mana and purity some years ago. With it, I was able to shed my skills and skin to be born again in a way. I pledged to my Lord making me the only champion of two earth elemental royal dragon Lords. You may ask me for advice when you need it."

"Midnight and I will look forward to your guidance when we need it. It's nice to see that someone has some sense. I thought that dragons would be more respectable like you. Unfortunately, I find that to be false as of yet." The older earth dragon champion just laughed.

"You shouldn't allow them to get to you. They are young still. You two may be a little ahead of your positions but you will grow in to them the same as everyone here will or has. Now, we all know these two. Do not lie that your lord did not research them and their home. Let's get to it. We have our own way of speaking." The words seemed to stop any intention of arrogance and throwing weight astound. As the oldest member, the earth dragon champion seemed to take the lead in power and wisdom. If Walker could see this he would believe this to greatly surpass the royal on the throne.

"We may not have the same amount of weight to throw around as our lord's do. But our lord's rarely act. You have the support of the water villages. That is admirable. It also means you will get the support of air, and potentially light. That leaves Darkness to their whims and then fire and my lord who will resist. Why should we convince our lords?" The earth elemental dragon champion had woken up and come out hitting. But Su was not perturbed.

"Because our city of Genesis and its bonding of different races can not only make the dragons better, it can fix a fundamental problem of the dragon that eats away at their great image. We can offer a home to the dragons kicked out by the, so called pride, of the dragons. A rogue dragon can have the potential to never exist in this case. Every race is welcome in Genesis as an equal. Seeing the reactions here it appears that your dragonkin warriors already know of the risk that comes with rogue dragons hunting dragonkin out of rage. Would you like to lose your dragonkin guardian to one? We had to fight one on our trip up here."

In that single speech, Su had not only managed to end any push back from the dragonkin, but also made a massive impact on the dragon champions. When Midnight stood up and hid behind Su they weren't sure what further was happening. But they felt the fluctuations of mana and saw Su covering Midnight behind the twin shields. When Midnight stepped out in dragonkin form they were shocked. "Alos, we might be a little further ahead than you believe, for the young as you would say." Midnight and Su knew they had won.

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Chapter 1197 – 1197. Statements

"I should have guessed you two would leave it up to the keeper. You are both always too stubborn." Current seemed to have expected this result from Ignus and Terron. He was sending glare after glare their way.

"It is never inappropriate to leave something up to the wisest among us. I just look to him for the informed choice." Ignus was acting high and mighty while Terron was pretending not to have heard Current at all.

"Leave them be. The keeper always chooses the proper decision. I for one look forward to the return of natural mana. It has been some time since we have done anything as a race. Now, what else does this Genesis stand for?" Rise had taken an interest in this. She liked things to be pure and the idea that Genesis was already fighting against corruption when it came to the demon race was enough to catch her.

"Should we focus on Genesis first? Or should we focus on this?" Walker waved a hand and the body of the rogue dragon fell to the ground before them. The looks of stunned horror and disgust upon the dragon's faces was all too real. "Do you not like seeing those that are cast out from your villages? Can you not accept that this is a form of dragon too? An avoidable monster that could have found a home elsewhere and built up the pride of the dragon name even with their downfalls in purity? You don't realize it but I can tell this dragon had earth and water affinity. It was mixed but was that really a reason to kick it from the nest as a hatchling? You did nothing to breed hatred and create a monster."

Looking at them, Walker knew the royal dragons were both angry and hurt by the words he threw at them. But he was not going to let up. He had yet to make his point. "This is an avoidable corruption and

evil that every village commits. There are some like the parents of my champion that leave the villages. Skeletal dragons, some darkness dragons, and even some death related dragons abandoned their villages for their own reasons. They maintain their sanity though, don't they? But these rogue dragons are tossed out without any guidance and lose themselves to rage and madness. They are victims that should not exist. So I will offer a solution that I assure you my champion and guardian are already discussing." There was a pause as all of them watched Walker return the rogue dragon body to his storage.

"Send them to genesis. They will have homes and a chance to grow. They can become part of the races who see all as equal. They will still bring esteem to the dragon name and will not foster hatred. They can be more than just a monster." In the last few words, Walker made the move toward the back hall where the door to the keeper was. He held a hand out to his eternal orb which changed shape and returned to his hand as a staff. He was not going to humor any arguments and knew it better for the royals to speak to themselves about this instead of arguing with him. He was done with them for now.

"I told you that he would fit right in. He doesn't even have a single fear to throw something in our faces. It's a lot like a flame making dragon we all watched grow up." Current was older than Ignus and found it more and more fun to make that known since it irritated Ignus.

"I see it as a good way to solve that growing problem. We have had to deal with many rogue dragons around our mountain-"

"We know that is because you kick out too many. Yes, you need pure light elemental mana for the best healing and the best condensation of light. But you are too strict with it. Your rogue dragons spill in to other mountains and other dragon's territory causing too many problems. I rarely kick from my villages and that human finally said something worth listening to." Terron was as he said, one dragon that kicked hatchlings from his villages the least. The earth dragons did not have the same belief in purity due to the fact that they saw how the earth metal veins melded together. They were more accepting of mixed dragons within their villages.

"Oh. if only he could hear you now. That human that we so readily just accepted, other than you two, has a good point. I have the issue that Rise does and feel that a change in the wind stream would do us good. If you remember, our founder had similar ideals. We may have strayed too far in past years..." Ventus recalled the history and offered it up as a reason to support Walker's change. She also did not want to be in the position of ignorance, she too caused this problem and would not pretend a solution was not possible.

"That is fine. I can send the welps to this Genesis. But if any of you think I will welcome a human in to our court without the keeper's blessing then you are blind. It should not even be up to us in the first place." Ignus looked out and saw that Rise was slightly cowering. She was the most pure but caused the majority of this problem.

"Hmm, we will change. Just like the shadows through the day. I like this change. I feel like I have watched the world tick by for too long. Let's take ahold of the future for once instead of watching it on high." Mordant clinched the subject so that they could begin discussing the change properly. Genesis would have a few new residents come the next few weeks.

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Chapter 1198 – 1198. The Keeper

"Ha! Child, I have not seen those little ones sweat like that in some time. They even made little Rise cower from the glares of others. I think you will fit right in. Not that your human blood will be welcomed just yet. In some time though you will become more dragon like. Your blinds will allow that without the proper birth. I can see it clearly with these old eyes." The voice that came out of the darkness was one that Walker knew as the Keeper. It shook his soul but seemed calm nonetheless.

" Oh, you cannot see me just yet. Allow me to fix that." The large room turned out to be circular as the light seemed to glow up from the ground. A very large egg shaped crystal illuminated the room. What stood out the most was the large skeletal remains of a dragon. "Do not be so surprised. It is only natural for me to be in such a state. I gave up my body to take on the form you see now. My soul may live within these bones but my mind is everywhere upon this peak."

The bones were larger than any other dragon than Walker had ever seen. He was sure that they must have made a very powerful dragon once upon a time. "Ha! I am just messing with your child." The bones rustled and light fell away revealing the translucent skin that wrapped them. "I am a water and light affinity dragon. I broke the purity to become a keeper of the egg. The very history of dragons and their people. I am an illusion dragon, little one, I am one of a kind."

"I- Uh...I"

"Just wait, you can hear and learn first before you wonder what is what. Keepers are those old enough to be entrusted with the task of guarding the court. I have lived much longer than any dragon in existence and it is all due to my bond with The dragon's egg here. When we refer to a dragons egg it means an egg but when we refer to The dragon's egg, it is our history written in crystal. This is only possible when an illusion dragon creates it. I am literally the living history. If I perish we must hope that another can take hold of this egg within a few years or we will lose our lessons." The dragon took on a blue hue showing off the wrinkled old features of a dragon who has seen many years beyond their natural race's age. "Do you understand little one?"

The mischievous nature of this illusion dragon appeared to come from the fact that it was often alone. But even more, it lightened the mood showing that it had wisdom to relax and calm those around it before speaking of important subjects. "I understand. It is a history one would not wish to lose."

"Exactly right. Now, it was formed from a shard of the sky which fell many years ago. We have some rumors and mysteries in which we refer to that occurrence but they are for another time. Right now it seems you have convinced the children out there to give your small village a chance to raise the dragons they deem worthless. If you manage that then you would be seen as a great dragon who turned weakness in to power. It is the very same as the first world dragon who was viewed as trash because he lacked purity in one elemental mana. I hope you rise to that challenge."

Walker's head was swimming. He was learning so much and was being spoken to as if he were a child who was just learning the basics. But even more, he was watching the crystal egg display images of battles and elemental dragons showing their prowess. Some even used multiple elemental manas.

"I can see you wandering. Some dragons are tossed out while others are kept. It is simple. Those that are kept serve a purpose. Take the steam dragon that united the battling villages of Ignus and Current. Their elders were in a bitter feud when a fire and water dragon fought for weeks. They were young yet never ceased. By the time they stopped the two had found a rivalry that blossomed in to more. Now they were going to leave their village and become nothing to the dragon name. Instead, they were used as a way to stop the fighting and deal with other issues. It is a very rare occurrence."

"So it just comes down to whether the society needs them. I want to change that. The dragon society should find a place to need them every time instead of casting them-"

"I know where you come from, and that is why I will be supporting you. I lack the weight to throw around like I did when I was a water dragon. I gave up that purity for this. I have a unique role that influences every royal. Just as you will. You know that a natural dragon is not something nailed down to one place. You can travel between the villages without issue. I ask you one thing, unite them again. I

hate that they argue and I can see what the dragons once were. Yes, we are more pure now, but we do less. We are not as powerful as we were when we used to fight against...ah, too early for that. I can tell you of those times when you are stronger. If you manage to free the demons maybe you will be given the right to meet those dragons once fought against." Walker wasn't sure what to say but he felt a harsh breeze push him back and out the door. Before he knew it he was back in the center of the hall with the other royal dragons. He had more questions than answers.

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Chapter 1199 – 1199. Will Become

"It looks like you met the keeper in all his glory." Current spoke first. Walker was clearly a little confused and was not up to starting another conversation immediately.

"From this day on, This little one is recognized as the new nature dragon of the royal dragon court. Genesis shall be inducted into the flow of villages. Welcome your new brother and youngest sibling. The future shall show its merit." The voice of the keeper rang out and the room was silent. But Walker was still getting out of his own head with everything that he wanted to ask.

"And that is why I leave it up to the keeper. I assure you that he was able to make an informed decision well beyond what I would have. That is why he has access to the history." Ignus made his case again but Walker was not looking at him. Instead, he was focused on Terron. The words about Terron being the most accepting stuck with him.

"I hope that the first to visit Genesis would be the earth dragons and their dragonkin. I feel they will find a bond that they already have there." Walker spoke honestly. He knew that Terron was stubborn but would need to accept him because of the keeper. It also made sense that if Terron was already so accepting that after Walker got to know him, then there would be a strong bond.

"Is that right? You want me, the one that nearly denied you a seat to journey off my mountain first? Is this a challenge?" The ground rumbled and the space that Terron had damaged before shook slightly. It was the earth elemental mana already stirred up reacting to him.

"Not a challenge, but you can watch some and have your dragonkin participate. Genesis is attracting new talent and challenging many sections of its people. Alchemy, battle, , and a few others. In the coming months, there will be many competitions. You are all welcome to come and watch. I expect you will all have your favorites though."

"Alchemy? You have enough knowledge to hold alchemy competitions...you did say something about an alchemy guild. I can bear witness to such a thing. My dragonkin are very interested in that as a healing medium with their light alchemy techniques." Rise felt that she could bring her dragonkin to show off and teach while they also learned to true spirit forge.

"I will have one of my party members who founded the alchemy guild prepare for you. They are a unique system holder who is also a title holder. She is very passionate and will not be afraid to beat down anyone that harms her herbs or family. That is a small warning." Walker smirked knowing that dragon or not, Remey would punch them if they messed anything up. But he also wanted to make sure Rise knew she was on thin ice with him since he found out about the rogue dragons coming from her villages were in high numbers compared to the others.

"Not many people would throw a punch at a dragon. How interesting. I spoke with Current and he said that she developed some form of affinity potion? Is this true? If it is then I will also come for this alchemy competition. I may dabble in alchemy when I have free time." Ventus cut off Rise before Rise could respond. She smirked seeing that she had gotten one over on the light elemental dragon for once.

"Then I will prepare for you as well. If any other takers decided to come, you can witness the colosseum that the demi-humans will be so proud of. Or explore the mage tower which came from ancient ruins in the desert. There are many ancient runes being discovered and used. It could advance your rune knowledge greatly." Walker felt as if he was dangling bait in front of a fish to attract them. It felt a little dirty but very fun.

"So that is how the runes have come to be. Imagine the incorporation of more draconic runes. I will gladly help you understand those runes. My dragonkin are very in tune with ancient ruins. My village can be considered on." Mordant spoke up and gladly volunteered. He wanted these runes more than anything because he already noticed how good they were compared to what his village already had.

"Then please join the effort. Many are working very hard to do just that. Now, we might as well get back to more important topics. The rogue dragon problem that all of you cause and can not solve due to your pride. Or should I say, the downfall of the dragon name? That sounds about right since that is what's happening when you allow offspring to fall from grace and become monsters without a mind." Walker had found that using the good and splitting it with the bad was more than enough to keep the royal

dragons on their feet. He made it unexpected and put them on the spot. Something that no other often did but themselves to each other.

"You are too late on that matter! It was decided while you met the keeper. The welps will be sent to you and you will prove the arrogant words you spoke. We will also send the unwanted dragonkin who have no place in our villages." Ignus spoke as if it was all beyond Walker's control, however, it was exactly as the keeper and Walker had thought it would be.

"Then that is exactly as it shall be. I will welcome them personally and ensure that they have more than enough space to live beyond what any of you believe them to be able to achieve. And when they break the mold of what you believe them to be, I will show them what they almost became to compare to what they will become." There was arrogance in Walker's words now. He knew that these hatchlings and dragonkin would go well beyond what was expected.

Chapter 1200 – 1200. Wyverns

"Well, before you and Ignus begin a battle of arrogant flames, let us move on to other matters." Current saw that Ignus's anger had been triggered by Walker's words. He didn't want them to fight right there in the court since it had happened before. But Terron did appear very amused every time that Walker pushed against Ignus. "The villages have been small and expanding for some time. We need to go to new peaks but we can not do so with those wyverns moving in from across the waters. Ideas?"

"Ugh, they are disgusting. They have a drop of dragon blood and believe themselves to be more than a dragon. Mindless monsters of murder and violence. They try and fly in to the air flow and disrupt it constantly." Ventus had personally dealt with a few wyverns that went after her territory in the air. They had interrupted her seclusion which is considered the greatest insult to a dragon.

"These wyverns, you said they are coming from across the oceans? Why not investigate the source and then move ahead with a plan? I'm sure that some wind elemental or light elemental dragons are ideal for scouting out the causes." Walker had reformed the eternal orb throne form and sat upon it with a smug grin. He knew that he had thrown around some weight and that the keeper was backing him. Now he would be better able to put the other royals in check when it came to Genesis. But that didn't mean he would be able to best understand and help with their real problems. He was just a small part of this meeting. The royal dragon court met for a multitude of reasons.

"That is a matter in action as we speak. The wyverns apparently came from a dragon that went exploring many years ago. Instead of returning here they put down roots in the foreign mountains and bred with lesser beings creating wyverns and leaving themselves to rot in those mountains." That was all Terron seemed to know but it disgusted him. To think that a dragon would give birth to an entire species of monster that tried to take over territory without need was horrific.

"If they were the parent to an entire species of monster then they did not do too well as that parent if their offspring were not taught well enough to speak and understand others like the dragons they came from. It sounds similar to the rogue dragon issue but much worse since they do not have a direct cause." This was Walker just thinking out loud but it was all too true.

"They are indeed their own monsters now. We have seen the monsters gain their races recently. The goblins and grey haired spiders. They were interesting. For a moment I believed that the wyverns may have such a potential. But that was foolish of me before I went to meet one that came in to my territory." Mordant shook his head. His black scales glistened through the shadows as he mourned the dragonkin lost to the wyvern when it invaded. The memory of many dragonkin fighting a monster that wasn't even intimidated by the dragons that looked upon it. Instead, the wyvern had fought with all its anger against them to attempt to steal away the land.

"It may be a good idea to prepare the villages with something that can defend them from the air. The cities have catapults and other such weapons on the walls. We may even have some that we can make that use the runes from the mage tower. The forest elves are very good at creating elemental arrows." Walker knew that the potential for aerial attack would be something the dragonkin worried about. Having better defense might put them at ease.

"We have such defenses at my village and the branch villages. But we do not have the elemental arrows from forest elves. If they are powerful we would be interested. I have not brought the young dragons to the dwarves for a trade in some time. They need their armors tuned. I can arrange some trades if the arrows are up to my quality. Ballista arrows that is." Terron seemed to be putting aside his stubbornness so that he could focus on his people. It was something that Walker would not overlook.

"I can promise they will be better than you expect. My party member, Gil, is an arcane marksman. He will personally oversee the creation of the ballista arrows for you. We will set up a range of elemental varieties for you to choose from. Being able to defend your village by any means is exactly what I would expect of a proper royal dragon." The slight compliment was missed by the others. Terron would use this against them as a show of how he had developed a respect with the new connection. Even if he did not readily agree to the changes that Walker wanted to make. But there were many years to work on those.

"Isn't the arcane marksman system specific to elves? You have an elf in your party as well?" Ignus lived near the fire elves and knew them to be wary of any other races. Even the dragons and elves did not interact, not that it was a surprise.

"No, he is human. But he is very close with the elves and is currently standing next to the queen of the elves. And I mean the queen of the elves. The one that will unite the elves again. So far the forest elves and the water elves have already reunited. The rock elves and fire elves will come in time." It was just big announcement after announcement. The dragons were not sure how Walker and those he knew were able to influence the world so much so fast. They felt that they had begun to miss too much in their seclusion.