

Master 1221

Chapter 1221 – 1221. Ways To Sleep

"There it is. Home. Finally." Walker looked at Genesis which had finally come in to view. Understandably. He, Su, and Midnight were pretty tired. They had pushed themselves to get back sooner since they were excited to share some of the news from the royal dragon court. But on top of that they had been doing a lot of training while on the way.

By the time they got to the gate, they were looking at the night sky. The sun had set and the night guards had taken their places. " Well look who it is. The last of the hero party returning already." Of all people, it was Garret, Walker's father.

"What are you doing here? Shouldn't you be done for the day?" Walker wasn't sure why his father was at the outer gate nor why his father was guarding a gate in the first place since he had applied and gotten a higher ranking position within the guards.

"Well, when someone's daughter has a fever you let them stay home. The man's a single father. Who else would she have to rely on? Plus, he owes me now. From what I understand he has made a few friends in the market and he might get me a good deal on those glittering zinnias that the forest elves grow." Walker knew that these were one of his mother's favorite flowers and could not fault his father for helping someone out and getting a favor of such reasoning.

"It's good to see you. Tomorrow we can send Remey with some medicine if he needs it." Su was glad to see a familiar face at the gate. It made the late return feel a little warmer.

"I swear, all of you look a little taller. Kids. Get home and clean yourselves up. I am sure you will have a lot to tell everyone tomorrow." Midnight was tempted to drag Garret home with them since she wanted everyone to be back at the mansion. However, she understood that he had a job to do and it was very important. She didn't spend much time with him but she had always felt protected when he was around. For all the things he said in joking fatherly ways, she could see that his eyes always followed and paid close attention to his family. It was why she had managed to see him catch Lisa when she slipped on the stairs once. He just had the familial dedication to be a good father.

The other guard at the gate started to tease Garrett for being a softie to his family, but that was just two people keeping the time going in the night air while they worked. Their voices eventually faded out and all that the three could hear were the sounds of Genesis sleeping. It was a wonder how such a busy place could calm down so much when the sunset. But it was not totally silent. There were guards that moved about patrolling while some cleaning crews moved about the streets. It was one factor that was

not forgotten, a clean city was a healthy city. There was a cleaning force that came together even before half the buildings had foundations.

"I think we are too late. It looks like everyone has already gone to sleep." Su was not that upset to have missed dinner with everyone. She knew that the odds of them falling asleep at the table were a little high. It was better to just sleep well and see everyone for breakfast.

A huff from Midnight got their attention. "Umm, I think everyone is definitely asleep. Especially Remey who is on the floor and Gil who looked like he might have been studying." Su didn't really believe what Walker was saying before she went in to the dining room. She found that Gil was asleep at the table with about fifteen books of varying ages around him and note scribble don a bunch of paper.

Then there was Remey who was still in her training gear asleep on the ground. Onyx was asleep by the fire place and had clearly been keeping watch over them. But the next surprise was that Alice was asleep on the armchair that they would sit on for tea. She appeared to have fallen asleep herself while reading one of the books she had borrowed from the library.

"You think we should wake them up?" Part of Su thought it rude but they were all in odd positions other than Onyx.

"If you get Remey, I will get Alice. Midnight, you are in charge of Gil." Walker knew that they all had bedrooms and that Alice could take the spare room. They had plenty of them and it was better for anyone to be in a warm bed than on a couch with their head using a book as a pillow.

Su didn't miss the heavy dents in the carpet from Remey's bracelets and saw how sluggish she was as she tried to push herself up. She barely woke up enough to give Su a hug before nearly crawling her way out of the room. Gil was mumbling about the elves and daggers which was even more confusing while he gave up on picking up his notes. Midnight was the only reason he made it to his bedroom without falling asleep walking.

Walker took a different approach and scooped Alice up in his arms. He might not have been the strongest in the world, but Alice was a petite young woman and he could use the strength he had built through his adventures. The spare room he left her in was one that she had used before so he knew that she would not be scared when she found herself in the morning. Just before he left he swore he saw her smiling for a split second. But he just told himself it was a trick of his tired mind.

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Chapter 1222 – 1222. A Quick Catch Up

"Wait, you have a skill that will only be fully complete when you learn a bunch of dagger skills from all of the elf elemental variants?"

"No, don't go getting distracted about what I said. You just told us that dragons are coming here and that some monsters from across the oceans were migrating here AND, that we will be raising rejected hatchling dragons. What is all that!?" Gil was not letting Walker, Su, of Midnight glaze over this.

"Yes, that's what Walker said. It will be very good for Genesis. They will see that the care and diversity a hatchling has here will more than cause even the worst hatchlings in their eyes will become the best dragons possible." Su was sure that this would be the case but she made sure to stress it to Gil and Remey were understandably beside themselves. The only two that had not made it to breakfast just yet were Alice and Onyx. Which was funny since Onyx was the one sleeping right by the fireplace.

"They are also coming to watch the tournaments and competitions around the city over the next few months. I told them about it and they seemed interested. Especially since they will be able to have the blacksmiths learn the true spirit crafting techniques. On top of that, I think that some of them genuinely find this place a mystery. They want to understand it ." Mordant was the one that came to Walker's mind as he spoke. He felt that the darkness elemental royal dragons was the one that had taken the most interest. The key to that seemed to be the fact that he had a spirit as a partner and Genesis was really pushing the races to reunite with the elemental spirits. One could only wonder how the races did not keep contact with all of them over the years.

"Oh, and the guardians will come too. I said we could use it as a way to train together. It seemed that they don't actually get to train in the ways they want of to get outside their villages. As long as their champions come here I think it will be fine. I really hope they will take some time to join competitions too." Since Su found that she had baited the guardians and even champions to a degree, she wanted them to come and see the truth in her words. Even more, she wanted to prove that she was powerful within her own right.

"And are we going to talk about how dangerous that will be? What if they get angry and don-"

"That won't be the problem. There is a keeper that vouches for me and Genesis. They are the oldest and have the most power in the royal dragon court. If one goes after me then there will be a lot of trouble for them. It wouldn't be too light to say that they would lose all of their villages if they attack me. Along with that, there is also the fact that they had not had a nature dragon in a long time. I received some history that I need to read but I know there is more to it. The last nature dragon brought them together and well, I kind of got them cooking together for a feast." Walker was a little embarrassed by this since it sounded like a lie.

"Of course you made them cook. Well, while you were off attracting the most powerful things around to us, we were training." Remey showed the training armor that she had the wandering blacksmith make. "It's not beautiful and it's not traditional, but it will make me stronger over time and I can work on the quality of my skill usage. If I punch my punch has to be perfect or else I won't be able to throw another. It's actually making me think about how I move a lot more." This had been an unexpected mental training that Remey was not ready for. However, she knew it would make her better in the long run so she readily accepted it.

"And I was trying to learn how to better use my dagger since I seem to have reached a limit to what I can do. I also never felt like it clicked properly when I used it. I might have also neglected my training with it so I needed to basically start over. I went to the merfolk, trained with them, then put a ton of pressure on myself with Alice, Onyx, and Remey's help. Next thing I know I felt things fall in to place. I had a skill that wasn't really complete and I have a bunch of books from the desert elves and the forestry elves to read about dagger arts. I need to hunt down the water elves that came here and ask them about it too. Then I will look in to the rock elves, flame elves, and see if we can figure out where the wind elves might be if they are still even on this continent." It was a very long list for Gil to figure out. However, it perfectly aligned with what Alma was going to be doing as well.

"I guess it is my turn." Onyx surprised everyone by slowly slithering over from his spot by the fire. He had woken up while hearing what they were talking about. "I need help investigating a ravine opened by an earthquake. There might be more of my kind in the caves that were exposed by it. There were also eggshells found and reports of strange shadows. It could be the first step in finding them." Onyx didn't beat around the bush and said exactly what he wanted and needed.

"Then we will go. Just plan it out. You have the full lead of this. I will make it work no matter what." Walker knew a lot was going to be happening in Genesis within the next few weeks since the adventurer's guild was going to release the party quest to find herbs for the alchemy guild. But that was a good thing. It would buy them time to investigate this ravine.

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Chapter 1223 – 1223. Foreign Systems

"Walker's right. We would have left today if you had it planned. We would have gone with you no matter what." Su gave Onyx a soft pat on the head. She looked at Onyx as if he was her younger brother as well. And as far as he was concerned she was one of his older siblings.

The small conversation that Onyx and Midnight shared using their minds was silent but seeing Midnight puff up her chest and Onyx lower his head, he was clearly happy. She had most likely praised him since she would also be helping out hatchling dragons to find their own places soon. It was a brother and sister moment they shared in finding and helping their species in the world. There didn't need to be words, just looks between them.

"So, Alice was able to train with all of you a lot?" Walker had wanted to ask since he heard what Gil said, he didn't want to seem too prying though since they had just gotten back.

"You should have seen it. She changed her song and focused on the condensation of tons of tiny arrows. They fell without my control but it could have easily messed up those horned rabbit hoards we saw. It's a great way to deal damage to an area. It also is very hard to dodge. I don't know how much mana it used but it was crazy." Gil had a very high opinion of the fact that Alice was able to train and plan how to do such a thing. The party was at a much higher level than her yet she was able to use her critical thinking to use her skills to her advantage.

"The only downside is she can't move around while doing it. She basically becomes a sitting duck. I'm also pretty sure that's so she were to move she could hurt herself since she isn't immune to her own skills. That was a strange fact that I caught on to. But it's the same with me and my elemental fist. It hurts me too when I use the fire elemental knuckles." Remey's point made them all think. Their skills were double blade swords. They could be their end or their beginnings. It all came down to how they used them and the care they took.

"She may not receive many more skills for some time. From what she showed me, the songstress system is like the minstrel or other singer type systems. They have very limited skills. She just happens to have one that she can use to create a variety of situations. I need to learn from her more." Onyx also held

Alice in very high regard. He recognized the differences in systems and how using skills could change a situation even if the use was not what was originally intended or expected.

"Even if she doesn't receive any skills she is amazing. She can heal people beyond anyone her age. She can fight. She cares about everyone. I can't wait for her to come with us." Walker forgot to hold back and spoke a little too honestly in front of everyone. However, no one said a word. Gil was holding back a small laugh while looking at the door behind them.

Alice had walked it right at that moment to join them and was redder than a tomato. Su just calmly poured another cup of tea so that they could keep talking and catch up. They had plenty of plans to make. One such would be going to the Genesis building to call a meeting to speak about the dragons. It would be interesting to see what would be happening.

It was only another hour before they all made it to the Genesis building. From there Remey and Gil split off while Alic and Onyx headed toward the cathedral. Su, Midnight, and Walker had promised to fill everyone in on what happened since they were the ones with the most news to report. They also understood that everyone else had to prepare and plan things too.

"Sir hero! Is there anything I can help with?" Walker was surprised by the little voice that greeted him. When he looked down he found a girl barely up to his hip looking up to him while in a uniform matching the other clerks.

"Uhm, yes. I am going to call a meeting of the representatives to speak about the royal dragon court. Please let them know." He wasn't sure that this little girl would actually be able to do so. However, she watched as she grabbed a few papers and started folding them. She whispered in to them while doing so and dripped a little ink on them. It was very strange.

"Done and done." The little paper ink stained bird flew off after the girl dropped it. "I'm glad to meet you. I am the newest member here. I am a mystical origami system user. I can use folded paper birds like !"

"Oh, you are from elsewhere aren't you. Did you come from the north on the ships?" Su saw the difference in facial features and recalled that many ships from the north would bring people with such features and strange systems.

"I am. My mother brought us here from over the ocean! I found my system while playing with my brothers and they said I could work here sending messages and greeting people. It's a lot of fun. Everyone is so nice." She seemed more than happy and Walker wanted to ask her about the places she had been but that would be for later. He saw Scylla walking in behind him with a questioning look before she zeroed in on the little girl and understood. It appeared she had seen the skills this little girl used before. Walker would just have to ask Scylla while they waited for the others to arrive.

"Then welcome to genesis. I will see you around later." The four moved off toward the meeting room. Scylla didn't say much until they had made it there.

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Chapter 1224 – 1224.Scylla And Midnight

"How was it to see the race that Midnight came from? Was their home large? Did they challenge her at all?" It appeared that Scylla had grand images of dragons battling for pride and respect. It kind of made sense since there were many of these ideas that came from the novels and stories written through the years. It was very easy to blur the lines between reality and fiction.

"It was a lot of stubbornness and us showing off what we have to offer to the dragon race. I actually feel like it was easier than expected. But everything will be a test until they see us as a completely equal." Walker couldn't lie and say that the dragons would see him as an equal right away. To them, he was still a hatchling in some senses. They were impressed and saw his potential though. Especially, they saw Midnight's potential as a future true dragon champion with the ability to manipulate natural mana. Walker wished he knew more of what the other guardians had thought of Su but believed that she had used what they had to offer to their benefit. She was smart and he knew it.

"They will be visiting though. When they come they may have some dragonkin that battle in the colosseum that you have taken over." Scylla had already taken the control from others when it came to the coliseum. It was only right since she knew how to make it work the best out of everyone on the representative council. Since Su had tempted the champions and guardians, she knew that she would be able to bring them there to see a myriad of skills and races.

"When? I will pit myself against them all in the colosseum and show them what Genesis is!" Scylla still had pride for the demi-humans and was still a general under her kind. However, she had begun to put

roots down in Genesis and took great pride in guiding the new city to its peak. She wanted this place to stand above all others with her and her entire race's aid. It was no longer a small thing to her. It was everything.

"I know that you might take them down but please don't get angry if a champion or a guardian gives you a challenge. They didn't show off their strength but I could sense them from the other room." Walker knew well the strength of the champions who had many years under their belts. It would be impossible for most to stand even let alone above them.

"Midnight knows my power. She will back me up and give me the intelligence reports on the enemy if I need them." Midnight was right by Scylla's side. The attitude of defeating dragons and showing her strength was a match for Midnight. The two were getting fired up more so than they needed to be.

"I come out of working on the caves and basements to find you all full of energy. If you have it to burn you should be working with me. Now tell me. Will those dragons come and forge with us? I want to see more of those draconic runes. My blacksmiths keep asking and if I am bothered again I might just kick them out." The king of the deep caves had made himself a permanent residence within Genesis. He was slowly guiding an underground trade route of caves from the dwarven city to Genesis and he would take a few years to complete the monumental legacy he would leave behind one day. It was a dream of any dwarven miner.

"Oh, they will come. One of the royal dragons was very impressed with the circlets that the wandering blacksmith made. He even had a darkness spirit friend that went right in to it when we gave it to him. If no other comes I will be very surprised." Mordant had been constantly on Walker's mind. He was a mystery but also someone Walker could feel would become a close ally.

"No earth dragons? I thought that they would want to come and explore the metals we have around here since they eat them. Maybe I can befriend a few to help with mining. It could work out." The king of the deep caves fell in to deep thought while the ideas flowed. He became completely distracted.

"Markus?" Walker wasn't sure why Markus Raven had returned to the city and why King August was not there.

"My lord King August had left. He wants to be near the queen as she becomes more dependent on others' care. The baby is apparently growing at a faster rate than expected because of the high nutrition and exceptional care. The alchemy guild has sent many things as gifts to help the child develop and the queen remain in perfect health." This made a lot of sense and Walker, nor anyone else, would ever be

angry that the king had left to go be a good father to his soon to be born child. Hearing that the baby was growing faster than expected made all of them proud that there were medicines and potions available to keep people healthy and happy.

"Ah, I didn't think I would be this behind. I had a few matters involving the mage tower to clear up. A lot of people have come and I even received a letter from the flame elves. They may come from the lava lands to visit soon. Not that that actually means soon. The last letter they sent was fifty years ago." Alma looked a little off because she had been working hard but they all noticed the slight excitement in her voice. She seemed to look at Gil more and more often showing just how much she liked that he received an amazing skill that put the elves in the front of his mind.

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Chapter 1225 – 1225. More Spirits?

"It looks like everyone is pretty much here. Just need-" Walker saw Leon walking in as he spoke. "Then we are ready to go!" There was something about everyone being together that made Walker a little happier. The room just felt more alive with all the representatives there.

"So, how were the dragons? I passed by Gil on the way and he didn't tell me a thing. And after I helped him and everything." Leon shook his head teasingly. He was very interested to hear anything new as a distraction from the affairs of the merfolk.

"Well, they are coming to visit. Some of them at least. Su seems to have convinced some in a similar standing with her. I have some connections now as well and they are sending some of their blacksmiths and runesmiths here. Not sure if the other royals will come. Potentially one of the royals will come by within a few years." Walker didn't want to say that they would come right away since dragons could take their time.

"They will certainly join in the battles at the coliseum. I want to test them the same they test us!" Scylla was mirrored by Midnight who was equally excited for the opportunity. The pair didn't seem to need any more encouragement to keep up their antics.

"It is a very possible chance for them to arrive during competitions. I know from what I have heard that things had become more spread out the schedule. The adventurer's guild is sending out their quests soon?" Su brought the topic back to tie things in. It fit well with the way the conversation was going.

"Then we should be prepared. Even if what we know is minimal, the dragons are powerful and will get a respectful welcome." Markus Raven had taken things in stride. He was calm and organized, taking notes to pass on to King August. He was much more than the head of the treasury now.

"There's no telling when they will arrive. We will treat them the same way as anyone else that has equal standing here on the council. I made it very clear that everyone here is equal." Su nodded along with Walker since she had been very clear as well. "They also know this as my village so they will come to me first. It is odd, I know, but no matter what I said they called it a village and not a city. I think it just has to do with tradition. They have dragon villages, branch villages." This was still not something that Walker fully understood but he just went with it because it was easier that way.

"So this has to do with you being seen as a royal dragon, correct?" Alma wanted to be sure that it was all due to the standing that Walker had and that things would mostly revolve around that.

"After he affirmed this with a nod, he decided it was best to explain that they may have more dragons coming to live with them. "So, there are rogue dragons. They were once part of their society but they were cast out as hatchlings. Those that survive lose their minds to hate and are no longer of the dragon race. They are a very large problem for nearly every dragon village and we proposed a solution." Walker saw the disbelief in all of their eyes. He knew that every single one of them did not expect this of the dragons which were so highly regarded by all the other races.

"We will give them a home here. They will come and join Genesis. They will grow up here. Learn to be equals, and become more powerful than they were expected and destined to be. They will be the same as Midnight with families and more. They will not be here as a tamed monster. They will be dragons still but they will learn and grow differently. They will be proof that standing equal and learning from all races is more beneficial." Su picked up where Walker had ended and Midnight looked as if she wanted to continue. She cursed herself for not shifting in to her dragonkin form and practicing language more.

"We have already managed to get the royals working together with us and I believe that they will be able to work together even more. They had past events with nature dragons that seem to have had similar effects on their society. But it has been some time so they will take even more time to adjust and open up. But there are some that I believe will support it. What matters most, is the fact that there will

be less rogue dragons causing danger and more hatchlings that have a chance to grow the way they desire. This is not a way to make Genesis more powerful. That will be up to the hatchlings. In the end, they will choose to stay or go." Walker made the last part very clear. He did not doubt that everyone would respect this but he had to be sure he said it clearly.

"Midnight will take the lead on teaching them. She is the first to be growing here in Genesis and one of the founders as well. It will mean much more to any dragon hatchling to have her as a role model. I just hope that they are able to find their places." Su had a lot of hope. The fact that there were hatchlings kicked from the nest hurts her deep down. Knowing that she could even play the smallest role in helping them made a world of difference to her.

"Well, I agree. I think they will fit in pretty well. Just imagine a dragon miner coming up with diamonds and rare ores." The king of the deep caves found this to be an exciting turn of events. He was all in on the idea immediately.

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Chapter 1226 – 1226. The Last Problem

Not a single one of the representatives was against welcoming the rejected hatchlings in t Genesi. They all felt it was part of their jobs as leaders to find those in need homes. It was a singular value that they had seen within the party when they came to their homes and one that they strived to have in their own lives. There was a very good reason that they had found new homes within Genesis themselves.

"We will gladly help them make relationships with the elemental spirits. We have had a decent growth in spirit mages since the younger elves have been brought here by their parents to see more of the world. I can even say that the number of elemental spirits being found and awoken is steadily increasing. Genesis might need more spirit mages sooner." Alma was not worried about more elemental spirits. What she was worried about was the mischief they may cause.

"That means that there will be better farmland, right? We just need to be harder on the farmers learning from the demi-human experts." No one was able to argue with Scylla. They all knew that when it came to producing food, the demi-humans had long beaten every other race. They had so many mouths to feed that it had been their only choice for their people.

"I have seen you and that earth spirit work together. How would it be possible to work with them in the mines? How about diverting underwater rivers and streams?" The king of the deep caves had many ideas about how to make the process of creating an underground tunnel to the dwarven kingdom faster. He wanted to ensure that it was a safe and steady process.

"I don't see why that wouldn't be possible. If we work with my spirit mages and the blacksmiths to create proper tools, then there would be a high probability that you can use better skills with the earth elemental spirits." The idea seemed to make everyone a little interested in applications other than mining.

"Well, that is all and good. But what about the building of homes for the merfolk and the water elves? We have been short on materials and can not wait for more from a path that has yet to be made?" Leon had seen that the dragons had been put on hold for now since the remainder of what Walker had to say might be small or just minor details. He pushed the conversation to another issue.

"I have already contacted the merchant groups gathering. I believe they can supply them within the month. I also believe that a merchant association is forming between the largest ten merchant groups. I am very excited." Markus shared this news with a smile. He had numbers that he passed to everyone about the groups. They would account for a significant increase in sales and people coming in to Genesis.

"That should be very good for regulations. I also think that the guards will have an easier time if something goes wrong." Walker's thoughts were the same as everyone else's. They all knew the tough regulations that were needed to keep a market operating safely and fairly. Many people would fake items or do unsavory things.

"If it is the way the alchemy guild is regulating potions then I will support it. My home has already begun to see a difference in the small number of potions sold there. The alchemy guild has sent very high quality potions with special seals on them to ensure safety. It is a very good practice." Remey aside, Scylla was giving her honest opinion of the alchemy guild and their work so far. It had not gone unnoticed.

"It's good that they are doing well. All of the guilds seem to be settling in well. The crafting guild in particular has been a little rambunctious lately. They have a lot of members that joined who will be showing off their best items in their sponsored competition." Alma was very interested in this because a

lot of the elves had met craftsmen that claimed to make the best bows. It was a deadly serious topic for them.

Part of Walker wanted to start getting more information about the competitions but he knew he was getting ahead of himself. The adventurer's guild was barely about to start things off and a lot of time would need to pass before things truly began. He glanced at Su for a moment to make sure she was ready to jump in if needed. "I also need to let everyone know that my party will be leaving again for a some time. We will miss most of the start of the adventurer's guild competitions to gather herbs. We have an important family matter to investigate."

Most knew that it was Onyx and his research that they were studying. However, since Onyx was in charge, Walker was holding back to be respectful. It was his way to let everyone know that it was something they needed to do themselves to help him and not everyone in the world going after abyssal serpents.

"No problem. We did not expect you to participate. We will see you in other events and the adventurer guild's event is for the lower tier adventurers. From what I understand your party should be promoted but to be fair it does not apply so much anymore. Your tier has superseded the highest at this point even though you are not the same strength level." Markus said what everyone knew. That was why Clara had not pried in to another test for the party.

"Thank you. And for the final topic, we need to speak about another problem the dragons have. They are called wyverns and were once related to dragons. They are coming this way." Walker silenced the whole room yet again.

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Chapter 1227 – 1227. Demi-human Worries

"What do you mean wyverns??" This was not an unfamiliar term to Scylla. It was one that caused her to lose all the jow from the potential battles she could have against powerful dragons and dragonkin. It was something that made the entire room become colder.

"There have been a few that crossed the ocean and tried to take territory from a darkness dragon. They ignored them at first but it caused them a lot of problems. What was worse was the fact that they are not intelligent and just fight and take territory. That is what really made the dragons unhappy. They were apparently once closely related to dragons but one left to explore another continent and never returned. Instead, wyverns somehow came to be." Walker did not hide much other than who the dragon really was. He knew that Mordant would be investigating this as well and Walker left that up to him.

"Then we will be going on high alert. I want guards watching the skies at all times. If there are wyverns around then they will be spotted and destroyed immediately." The energy that Scylla had was enough for everyone to change their demeanors. She was ready for a real battle. No, she was ready for a war.

"Can you fill in the blanks here? I have no information about wyverns other than tales told by minstrels. Why are you so enraged by them?" Markus Revan had a lot of courage to look Scylla in the eye and ask. It was extremely impressive how Walker had been able to see him change and grow in such a short time.

"We lost eighteen fields, seventy farmers, and forty powerful warriors to one. It landed in the fields and took up a few farm animals. The farmers were surprised and would normally chase out monsters no matter what they were. Before a general managed to get there, havoc had become the only way for this wyvern to exist. Those that survived described it as mindless fury that burned up the lands, cut down people, and tried to make the world unlivable. Those people do not go in to the fields any longer." Scylla had not been the general that made it to the wyvern, but she had seen those that survived. She had never seen fear like that before.

On top of the lasting scars, the land that had been burned by the wyvern had still not properly recovered. It took so many generations just to get it to grow the toughest crops they had. The delicate fruits and vegetables that used to come from those fields were lost along with those that defended them. The demi-human society made a habit of having stationed aerial weapons from that moment on in the fields.

"Then it will be best if the archers and demi-humans collaborate to prepare proper defenses. We have some set up but not enough to protect from a dragon like monster. It would also do us good to recruit more mages in to the guards. We need to diversify." There was no hesitation as Alma began to jump in to these ideas. She had wanted to expand the guards to a more diverse group earlier but had held back from the optimal time. With so many people coming in to Genesis, it was the perfect time and perfect reason.

"I can't argue with that. The wyverns are a problem that seems uncommon but one that will get worse as they come this way to look for new territory. I don't know why they would come here and leave their homes. That is a problem we can't understand until we look at those coming across the ocean. But they mostly head to the northern cities across the desert." They all knew the geography that Walker spoke of. The divide between the cities was large but not impossible to traverse.

"Then we head across. I think we can plan an expedition with some of the strongest and brightest. Some of the healers have already left to cross with their personal guards. That is where the grand cathedral is. They are sure to hear information but do not know to gather it. We can just send more people while we recruit." The king of the deep caves knew this wasn't an issue that needed rushing. They could take their time to properly prepare.

"Wait, does that mean that Genesis will be looking to create relationships with those across the oceans? That is not something that has happened many times in the history of this continent. Most only travel to explore or change their fates. There has never been a need for relationships and treaties." Since this was the case, Leon wasn't sure what was about to be suggested and wanted it all to be clear.

"Genesis is growing. I agree. Yet, ask yourself, what will happen when we unite as a continent? The demon lands are really the only place that we have not brought peace to. The other lands were already at peace and just needed to find a way to see each other as equals. The dragons are in the process and so will the demons soon. What next? Do we pretend the world is only so small?" This was something Walker knew would one day come to be. He knew that everyone would look across the ocean someday. If they started now then they would be able to peacefully find equal standing with other races, other societies, and other potentials.

"Then we will show them our might!" Scyll recovered from her seriousness and embraced the trip. She had not considered traveling in such a way.

"While my people are not known to travel across the deep oceans. It has been done. Let me have copies of maps brought over for the next meeting." Leon stood and left at that. The meeting had ended.

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Chapter 1228 – 1228. Awe

Part of Walker felt bad that the meeting had ended so fast. However, he saw that there was a lot to do and it was understandable that they leave to begin preparations. Scylla and Alma left together. They had to formulate plans to begin putting in the aerial defenses through fields, the city, and even the outer patrolled lands. If a wyvern was to arrive before they had prepared then it would be on them for not moving fast enough. They needed to be proactive.

The king of the deep caves was surprisingly speaking to Markus Raven. The idea about the merchant groups becoming a merchant association that was equal to the guilds was a very big deal. As much as the king of the deep caves was more of a miner and not a king that dealt with other races, he had a responsibility. He could get his people in touch with those forming this group and make better progress.

There were no other races that cared about quality more than the dwarves. They took spectacular pride within their creations. That was one reason for the golems being used to do so much. It was why they became known as the race that produced the best and most crafted items. It was why some would relate them to the tales of dragons. A dragon's pride and a dwarven pride were very close.

What do you two want to do now?" Walker didn't want to assume that Su and Midnight didn't have plans for what they wanted to do. He knew that he had their own desires but felt that it would be better to stick with them.

"I was thinking of going to the cathedral. I know that Alice and Onyx went there and it would be interesting to see what they were able to achieve from their training." Su also felt that she could improve the light shield since she was not very adept in using it still. Not to mention, if Walker was going to head there she could work on her control of other elemental manas. The sooner she reached understanding in all elemental mana the sooner she could focus on sensing and using them to create defensive skills that would help her protect all that was dear to her.

Midnight wanted to see Onyx as well. However, she wanted to see how the heavenly serpent was developing. The fact that they might have another family member was very exciting. She believed that even though Alice would be raising the heavenly serpent, that it would look to Onyx like a brother. That made it a sibling to Midnight as well. She couldn't resist the fact that she would be an older sister to another baing. It just built on the experience she would have to help the dragon hatchlings when they came as well. She wanted to be the best example possible. There was also the potential for battle. She wanted to see the skills that Onyx grew while she was away. She had the imagination to create brilliant fantasies about the darkness and light elemental mana he would use.

"Then the cathedral it is." Walker didn't hesitate. He wanted to see this arrow rain song that Alice used. He thought that he might get inspiration and be able to better train his dance of seasons. The sooner he was able to make it muscle memory, the better. There was no telling when he would need to use such a skill at short notice. Especially since they would be going to investigate a ravine thought to have more abyssal serpents that most likely had never seen a human or any other monster.

"I will walk with you then. I have to pass by there to place a few orders myself." Leon already had a list of places to stop to drop off orders for the homes being created for the other merfolk moving to genesis. They needed to have water diverted so that the home would be properly set up. The merfolk would risk their skin drying out if not nearby water. That was why the river being cleared of dangerous monsters like the kraken spawn was so important for them. They could be much safer and patrol the river. "So tell me, how large were the other dragons? I can only compare them to the one that came to help my people. I can't imagine any being larger." Leon was almost like a child. He was so excited.

"Current is probably on the smaller end to be honest. I didn't get the chance to see what they all looked like in their dragon forms since they met to speak in their dragonkin forms. But from the way they looked, I would say that the fire and earth elemental royals looked to be the largest. It makes sense because of their elemental affinities. Moving through the water if you are too bulky it would be tough. The earth and fire have to survive in tough rocky and even lava filled areas." Walker had figured this much out between the books and what he had seen. It was the same with any race or monster.

"Ah, so they will lose speed for power. Too bad. I believed that the water affinity would be the best. Maybe they are the most elegant though. The fine control needed for this powerful strike I was told about by those that watched can't be replicated."

"You would be surprised. The light and wind dragons are more free flowing. Well, the wind for certain." Walker wasn't sure what Rise was actually like. The light elemental mana seemed sharp at times but also healing. It was a very deceptive elemental mana compared to darkness which was often confused for deception.

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The number of questions that Leon had about dragons was more than Walker, Su, or Midnight had imagined. Yet, the more he asked the more excited Midnight seemed to be. She was very happy to hear someone so interested in dragons and how the society worked.

"Well, this is the cathedral. Thanks for the chat. It's weird to think about the living so high in the mountains." Leon was off but now they could understand. The mountains were very different from the oceans where the merfolk lived. Yet somehow, in the mountains there were dragons with incredibly pure water elemental affinity.

The cathedral was busy as usual. From what it looked like some of the musicians had been creating their own small groups to play together. This would help the cathedral use healing s more times a day in smaller durations than just one large concert. It was better to save the mana and heal more people. It was also the best way to heal more people in a day when the population of Genesis was constantly increasing.

A few of the healers and nuns waved as they entered. But it wasn't really the best time for them to stop and chat since so many people were on the way out. It was more important for them to clean up the mess and start to prepare for the next concert later. "Su, isn't that your friend over there? Is that a cello? I thought he played a different instrument?" Walker was surprised because it was normally a very rare case for anyone with a musical based system to change the instrument that they played.

"He said that he had a quest that was going to help him heal more people. I'm going to ask him how it went." Walker had never seen Su rush off so fast. He was contemplating going with her but knew that she might want some privacy so that she could catch up. As much as he wanted to say that the meeting at the royal dragon court had been easy, they had been under a lot of stress.

"Brother, why are you here?" Walker was called over by Onyx who seemed to have been speaking with one of the healers. The healer gave a wave and thanked Onyx before leaving.

"Have you been helping the healers?" Walker found himself very curious how Onyx had managed to be able to help. It was clear that he didn't have arms and legs so it would be hard to carry and move the things they indeed.

"I have been able to wrap around certain patients and help them keep them from bleeding on their arms and legs." The use of Onyx's wrap skill was exceptional. Onyx could control the size of his body and had the muscles for squeezing. This was a brilliant way to help the healers heal while keeping the injured person from losing their health.

"Nice job." Walker was honestly very proud to say this to Onyx. It was amazing how well Onyx learned and used what he knew. "I thought you would be with the egg. How has it been going?" He hadn't asked Onyx the other night since they had talked mostly about training and improvements.

"It is going very well. Alice and I have been condensing the light elemental mana. One of the rune smiths and light mages came over and helped us set up the room to hold the light elemental mana better. It is perfect and needs a lot less work. Come on and I will show you." Onyx seemed very excited about this development.

Following Onyx, Walker was able to come to the room with the heavenly serpent egg. It only took a single glance to see the difference. The door itself had many runes in it all revolving around light. What really surprised him were the darkness runes on the door as well. "So they used darkness runes to help keep the light elemental mana away from the door." The use of opposite elemental manas to work with the desired purpose.

Onyx pushed the door open right before Walker got too caught up in the runes used on the door. He quickly pushed it closed behind Walker to make sure that the mana was still in the room and would not flow out. The sound of Alice singing came in to focus making Walker's jaw drop. The song she sang was sweet and bright. The pitches moved higher and higher with the words. Unlike the other songs, this was not one for battle so Alice did not make it impossible to understand. Instead, they could hear every word that called the light of day down to them.

As it came to an end, Walker found that Alice had looked right at him with a smile. "I would ask how you were doing but from what I heard, you have gotten even better," Walker swore he saw Onyx give a smile, which seemed impossible for a serpent. The heavenly serpent egg seemed to be absorbing the condensed light elemental mana and had become even clearer. The outline of a curled up serpent seemed to show through as if it had a light behind it.

Alice was looking over Walker carefully. "I'm not hurt anywhere. The royal dragon court journey went very well. We ran in to some troubles but made a lot of progress. Midnight is going to have some hatchlings to look after soon since they are being sent from other villages. Actually, where did your sister go? Onyx, did you see her when we came in to the cathedral?" Walker had somehow lost track of Midnight. For a moment he worried that she was using the shadow wrapping skill in revenge against him but after a moment still didn't sense her. He just shrugged and focused on Alice and Onyx.

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Chapter 1230 – 1230. Interesting Awakening

As excited as Midnight was to try and battle with Alice and Onyx, she had seen something a little more interesting outside of the cathedral. Not every child would want to go inside to sit through a concert. It was just how they were, easily bored and full of energy. This was exactly why there was a group of them that had found the side yard of the cathedral to play in. But what caught Midnight's attention was that some were playing with sticks like swords and pretending to use . She couldn't resist the urge to join in and give them a little challenge.

Midnight was not some mystery to the people and children of Genesis Whenever she and Onyx were in the cathedral they would help out with the children. It only made sense that their fame would grow. That meant that the second Midnight stepped in to view their eyes widened and they became more excited than before.

"Looooookk!!! There's a real dragon here!"

"Her name is Midnight! You need to remember it. She the only dragon in all of the Genesisisis." The exclamations continued but Midnight didn't spend much time paying attention to them. She jumped forward and snapped up one of the sticks from a boy who had just been

"Defeated". The reaction was again, instant.

"The sword fighting dragon against me, the white night of ?"

"No, I, the spearwoman of flames will win!"

"Ha! You two can't beat me, I am the uhhh, the wind dancer!"

The three children yelled their desired systems and pretended to use some skills here and there while Midnight had recruited the fallen child to join her. She tried her best to slash with the stick like a sword to the joy of the children but seemed to be pretty bad at it compared to what she had seen Walker do.

"My fellow dragon swordsmen and I will use double dragon slash!!!!" The boy with Midnight picked up another stick and ran with Midnight at his side. However, he stopped halfway and nearly fell on the ground while looking in to space. All of them stopped wondering what had happened and if he had hurt himself. What was odd though was the fact that he had not cried or said anything in pain.

"What's a sword saint?" His small words were barely heard by the other children, however, this was something Midnight had heard before. She knew exactly what a sword saint was and had already grasped what was happening.

In the blink of an eye, Midnight had grabbed the back of his shirt and hefted him on to her back. The other children were less confused and more excited so they ran right behind her as they went in to the cathedral. Her speed was just enough to be faster than the children could run. All the while, the boy on her back was totally lost in confusion. Yet, he was growing more and more energetic. A smile bloomed on his face as he realized what he had unlocked and that he had finally received his system.

She found a group of parents that were chatting and smelled the same as the boy on her back in a split second. They completely dropped their conversation and looked at her in worry. "What's wrong? Why the rush? Why is-"

"Mooooommm I have a system!!!!!" The boy screamed over everything his mother was trying to say. It was loud enough to draw attention from everyone around them. It also brought the attention of Su towards them since she had been talking with her string playing friend near the other healing musicians.

"Midnight, don't tell me you are causing trouble?" Su knew this wasn't the case but seeing Midnight huff and shake her head quickly was a little funny.

"What system? Slow down! Tell us what happened." The mother used the only voice that was sure to make any child stop in their tracks. The mom voice everyone feared regardless of their background.

"Sword saint! Sword saint! Sword saint!" The boy started to run around shouting it constantly.

"So that's why you burst in here. That's a pretty rare system. Good find Midnight." The praise made Midnight raise her head while the other children started to rambunctiously explain what they were

doing and that they were pretending to play with swords. The simple act of using different sticks as swords had been enough to cause the one boy to awaken his system and cause the entire scene now.

"If you need, I can see if any sword masters or other sword based system users are around the city. We have a few demi-human sword specialists around right now because they are in the coliseum working under General Scylla. Just bring him to the Genesis building and we can figure things out." Su made sure to say this to the mother who was a little shocked. Her son was definitely not mature enough to have a sword yet he had such a system. She was thankful and quickly pulled him toward his father on the other side of the cathedral speaking to another group of people.

The soft huff from Midnight was sad since the game she had started and ended so fast, but this was just the way things were. "Come on, I know you can share the story later and surprise everyone. A sword saint is only born once in a generation at most. You met one before they were famous across the world. Plus, we can go and train with Alice and Onyx for a little bit." This managed to get Midnight moving again. She had been pretty interested in the new growth of Onyx and Alice. She wanted to test her skills against them since they had already bragged about their improvements a little. Not to mention she wanted to see how her little brother had improved since he wanted to lead the party on an adventure.