

Master 1241

Chapter 1241 1241. Arcane Scribe

"We are actually looking to put a skill in a scroll so she can use it." Walker seemed a little skeptical and started to check out the scrolls with all around appraisal skill. He didn't want to be in the position where they had a bogus scroll that didn't even work.

'Ice arrow spell - 10 mana cost

Higher mana cost due to the activation and gathering of ambient water elemental mana. This skill can create a single large arrow of ice that is propelled toward any target. There is a chance for it to cause lasting freezing damage to a target if they are pierced.'

'Low appraisal spell- 3 mana cost

This skill can appraise any item to a very basic level. It can get the most general information and often the name of what the item is. This can not be used on living beings nor can it be used on monster corpses unless they are broken in to pieces.'

'Empty rune inscribed spell scroll

This is a very carefully made scroll using a specialized rune formation unique to arcane scribes. The arcane scribe system is a rare mage system that is often forgotten due to their nomadic nature. The rune scroll can hold any high tier or lower skill or spell. The more mana used to transfer the skill or spell to this scroll the better the chance of success.'

Walker was surprised that this was actually made by an arcane scribe. This wasn't just someone that could make these scrolls but someone that specializes within the field. Normally there would be other systems that could make these like advanced runesmiths. However, if a skill or spell was being inscribed it was better to find a mage based system user to help with it since they could better inscribe the spell or skill with success.

"So you are an arcane scribe? What brought you to Genesis?" Walker spoke carefully not wanting to offend the man sitting in front of them. The man stopped shuffling through scrolls to gather up the blank ones and looked at Walker with his pale blue eyes.

"So you have an appraisal skill? Did you look at me or my scrolls? It's good that someone young checks up on the people they do business with. You are right. I came here out of curiosity though. I will not be setting down roots so don't ask. It is not in my nature to remain in one place. I have traveled for sixty years and I plan to travel until the day I become one with the earth again." The man spoke firmly. So much so that one would not believe him to be elderly and beyond the age of sixty.

"I wasn't planning to try and get you to stay. Like we asked before, we want to get a skill made in to a scroll. Just one. But I wouldn't mind doing more depending on the price." Walker felt that Alice may have found a gem. He didn't know why she had been able to spot the man even though he and Onyx had glanced right over him. But it was luck at the end of the day that they were able to find anyone.

"I don't want gold. I can make that by selling a single high tier scroll with a skill in demand. I just ask that you allow me to make a copy of that appraisal skill. I have an appraisal skill but it is only for skills. I can't learn much about anything else. It's Inconvenient when I am on the road or in a forest looking for interesting things." Walker felt that this wasn't going to be an issue. If it could help and pay for the scroll they needed it wouldn't be a problem.

"I was actually going to ask if you could make ten copies of my all around appraisal skill as well as one of the blood contract. I want to also see if you can make any others but I don't think I would be able to handle the mana cost since I will have to drink a few mana potions to keep it up." He knew that at the most, he would be going through five or six mana potions just on the all around appraisal scrolls. But the blood contract would cost him all of his mana at once so he would save that for last.

"No worries there. I can use my own mana to pay some of the price. That's why it is my specialty. I also wonder since you seem fairly knowledgeable, where might I buy a new cloak? I need one that is waterproof since I have gotten a few holes in this one." The old man was interested in seeing more of the city anyways and easily caught on that Walker was confident in what he knew. It was all in the way that Walker held himself. He could stand and move with a purpose while in the market meaning he had been there multiple times.

"That's good." Alice's whisper made Walker realize that she had been worrying about it the entire time. It wasn't some big secret that Walker would most likely pass out after using the blood contract skill. And she had seen the spell scrolls before so she knew that making them must come with the cost of using the skill inscribed within them.

"Now, if there are other scrolls you need you must know that some skills will never and can never be made in to scrolls. Skills that give immunity to poisons, or strength bonuses, or even help with modifying body parts are usually impossible. The appraisal skills are , they use mana. If it was an eagle eye skill then that is a modification of the eyeball. I can not copy that." The warning was very clear and Walker had no arguments. It was better to know this on the front end than after everything.

Chapter 1242 1242. Witnessing History

"Understood. I wasn't going to ask for any skills that changed my appearance or such. I do wonder if skills that work with elemental spirits can be inscribed in to scrolls?" The idea that had come to Walker was the all around spirit speak skill. He wanted to be able to pass it on to people and since he couldn't use the educationist title skill repetitively, he wanted to give others the chance to learn how to communicate with the elemental spirits.

"What did you have in mind? Skills that revolve around the true spirit forging I have heard about since I got here may not be possible. Those are based on learned techniques and not skills purely." This was true but Walker shook his head. The old man had heard about the true spirit forging that had taken the city by storm. However, this was not Walker's goal.

"I have a skill that lets me speak to all elemental spirits. I can communicate with them and hear their voices through the use of mana. I want to be able to produce a lot of these if possible." There was a small glint in the old man's eyes.

"Now that sounds like a challenge. It is a skill that is both active and passive. One that can understand and translate all manas? Hmmm." The old man sifted through scrolls and pulled out a bag with many sheets of paper. They had many different rune patterns on them that clearly related to specific elemental manas. "If I use these main pieces and craft them together... Bring me someone dense in all elemental manas and I can see what I can do. As I said, I will not stay here. But I do plan to be here for those competitions. I wish to see the races come together. My life has been long and I have seen many historical events. This one seems to be important and I wish to witness it." The words were the same as someone making a promise. The old man seemed to have personal goals instead of goals driven by his system or morals. It was a free style of life and if he was able to meet his personal goals then he would work.

"And the cost? It won't be small I know, but I want to be able to have them so that there would be others that can copy them somehow. That way the blacksmiths, mages, and pretty much anyone can make sure that the elemental spirits aren't forgotten." Just like that this meeting had become more than just a scroll for a blood contract. It was for Genesis and the growth it could have in the future. Walker seemed to have fallen right in to this trap and Alice was not upset. Even Onyx just watched and enjoyed how the progression had happened. If they had not met this old man who wandered from place to place like the wandering blacksmith, then they wouldn't have the chance to ask for such things.

" Food, company, and front row seats. I will still do business but if others watch me work I have no problems. As far as I can see it, skills are not secrets. I make scrolls to share skills that others could never use. It is just fair that they learn and share them as well." The old man was never one to hide away the things he knew. Many craftsmen would hide their techniques to ensure that they were able to keep their clientele. But to an arcane scribe, the techniques they had should be seen and shared so that everyone could use the skills they have and share more knowledge.

"Then follow me. I can help you move your stall to the best place. Most people can't enter the training area that is made behind the tower since it is still being made. But the forest elves and runesmiths have already made their formations. The elemental mana in the center of the area has equal amounts of each mana. It will also be the best place for me to train with Fleur." Walker used a finger to pat Fleurs' head and she seemed to hide away a little from the additional attention. The old man widened his eyes noticing the nature spirit and began to understand that he might be seeing something equally historical right in front of him before the competitions and joining of multiple races.

"Material costs will be high, but I assume if you can do these things like bringing me all the way on to an area kept off limits by the guards that you are the young hero I have heard about? A spirit unlike any I have seen, a black serpent, and a quiet young woman whose voice is sweeter than the falling snow. The young hero Walker, the shadow serpent Onyx, and the songstress of Light, Alice. Many people have many nicknames for you and the rest of your party. I'm glad to see you in person." The old man stood up slowly with a calm smile while he organized his things. A single tap of Walker's hand stored them away.

"Well, it's a good day to meet you as well. I haven't met an arcane scribe before so this is a first for me as well. Hopefully, I can show you the best of Genesis. And yes, we will provide material costs. Genesis will pay for the spirit related scrolls, I will pay for the others. Also, My younger sister is a seamstress and will send a cloak over. I will also pass the word on to a few mages I know have been studying your specialty. Maybe they can get insight on a few things." The old arcane scribe just smiled while walking past the guards. He was glad to see the world growing in such ways. It was his greatest joy to witness it all.

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Chapter 1243 1243. Mean To Who?!

"And where were you? I haven't seen you all day." Su had the earth dwelling shield on her back but knew that the earth spirit had left sometime in the night. She wasn't worried since she knew that it was safe due to her spirit mark connection with it.

"Friends!" The small shout was enough for Su to know that it had been enjoying itself. However, she had not noticed that the dragon golem was outside. She wondered why it had come back to the mansion until she saw that there were some marks around the training area. She had seen the damage that Onyx's tail could cause and knew that she was seeing the results of his training.

"So your friend was helping Onyx? That's really nice. I'm glad that you and the fire spirits get along well. I hope it comes to visit more often." The reaction was a small smirk from the earth spirit which was seemingly growing more and more every day. Instead of the rougher shapes of the earth that made up its features, there were pretty defined features now. The influence of Fleur on it seemed to make it grow faster and made it get closer to a being like Zephyr was.

In comparison to a normal wind spirit, Zephyr was very defined and could almost be confused for a pixie or fairy of some sort. What set her aside was the fact that the wind constantly wrapped around her and altered her body. If the earth spirit partnered with Su reached such a point then it had the chance to get closer to being a grand earth spirit or higher. It would be a great way for Su and it to bond along and use better skills together.

"Maybe we should go and see Remy to see how the alchemy fire spirit is doing. I haven't seen it in a while so I'm sure it is just like Remy and sealed itself up somewhere in the alchemy guild to keep working on things." The fact that Su made this connection was not small. The alchemy fire spirit had bonded with Remy for a reason. That reason was their closeness in personality. The fiery attitude and desire to hyper focus on tasks were what they mostly shared. But they could both lose sense of time and remain focused on a single thing. The alchemy fire spirit even more so since it was an elemental spirit. The sense of time that elemental spirits had was much different than a human. They could live through many generations. For example, Zephyr had been alive for thousands of years when the traces were just starting to grow. She had a hard time remembering such things but that didn't take away from her age.

Before they could interact more, Su could feel how tired the earth spirit was. "Just rest for a while. I will let you know when we get to the alchemy guild. Then we can find Remy and her partner." It was better that the earth spirit rested up and was able to prepare for their next journey. She had the feeling that they would need to work together a lot while in the ravine since they would be surrounded by the earth and rocks a lot. It would help protect the party from any falling rocks or monsters pushing through the ground. Having an earth spirit alone was too valuable for this sort of exploration.

Su had been awake for a while and had gone out to do her own things for a walk. She thought that some training with her shields to practice her movements then heading through Genesis for a walk was the best course of action. She liked to wander about and see the city since it gave her an idea of how everyone and everything was growing. That way she would be well versed in how the party might be

able to help the city as a whole. Since she came back home to snack and found the earth spirit returning, now she was ready to head back out.

The streets had become a mess of people. There were many coming in and moving towards the Genesis building to get their new identifications. Some had come specifically come to join the guilds in Genesis since they were being considered the best places to make a start. When it came to the guilds there were many quests that revolved around helping others and learning new things. It was ideal for a younger generation. And because there were so many guards being trained and hired it was considered much safer than the smaller towns or villages.

"Hey! Don't cut the line. We have been here for hours!" One small group of merchants shouted at Su as she pushed her way in to the alchemy guild. They were not happy to have to wait but it was inevitable since many had not shown up early enough to get through quickly.

"Who just said that! Who even dared to insult my family!" Remey was heading down the stairs and spotted Su easily. It was hard to miss her due to the shields and taller stature. Remey had seen her from the upstairs window and decided to head down and meet her.

"Kid, we are here first and we have important-"

"Kid!? I'm one of the damn founders of this place! Get to the back of the line and start your wait over. If you can not think of an apology by the time you get back to this point then take your business elsewhere if you can find anyone foolish enough to sell anything to you." Normally Remey would not push like this. But they had been rude to Su and she was not having it. There would be order within the alchemy guild.

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Chapter 1244 1244. Just Like Remey

Multiple guards rushed over that had been hired by the alchemy guild. The staff members were behind them. They all had keen ears for any trouble and had heard every word that had been said. Insulting the one that was called guild master constantly by the other founding members was a massive insult to the alchemy guild as a whole. On top of that, the fools that had thrown those insults were being mean to one of the angels that spent their time healing at the cathedral even though they lacked healing skills themselves.

"You insulted an esteemed founder of this guild. You were allowed mercy to think upon your actions. Proceed to the back of the merchant line or you will be banned from this guild and all future branches." One guard repeated the punishment. However, he had not expected that his fellow guard had been one that was assisted by Su.

"Furthermore, if you dare to speak ill of the one that helped wrap my broken arm after that monster Greed attacked this city, I will personally come and barricade every shop that dares sell your goods. This is guaranteed under my family crest!" The guard was a very low level royal from the human kingdom. He had seen the chance to rush to Genesis and grow in to an esteemed member of the city.

Not only had this man joined the guards of the alchemy guild. His family had also joined the other guilds forming a very powerful family of cooperation guards. They were slowly becoming known as the Green family guards. Those that would repay the favors handed to them and guard with their lives.

"It didn't hurt me for a second. Don't go so far to breed hatred. They can reflect on their actions like Remey said. Once they reach the front of the line, they should apologize to those here for causing a scene. Please, let's move on. If we worry about this all day then the day will pass us by." With traditional Su style, she swept the air of any brewing storms. She just wanted to see the lively positive atmosphere come back.

They could hear those praising her and the small group that had caused the trouble moved away with solemn expressions. They realized that they had just dodged an arrow about to pierce their hearts. How terrible would it be for their business to be demolished before they even received permission to build it? This also was a major lesson to those looking to take advantage of the newly formed guild. There was no mercy for those who harmed the good of the guild and those that helped to build the city which offered up a future for everyone.

"By the time they get back here, it will be nearly closing time. It is a perfect punishment for people that cause trouble. If I let that slide then there would be a rule breaking spree. Someone tried to cut yesterday and I had to send them to the back of the line. They learned well today and even helped stop others. Really worth the time." Remey felt proud to have been able to stand up for Su and help set an example for the behavior within the guild.

"Potions are for healing and protecting. You might know how to make them explode, but I believe they are for more positive things." Su was a little flustered but knew that Remey understood.

"So, what brought you here? I was pretty surprised seeing you coming toward the guild from the upstairs window." Remy was already pulling Su along and up the stairs. The main hall was becoming much more talkative again with stories of who Remy and Su were and how Genesis had been formed. It would be a whole new round of gossiping if they stayed too long.

"Well, my partner was away for the morning playing with a fire spirit. It got me thinking and I thought I would come and see you. I wondered how the alchemy fire spirit was doing since I haven't seen it around in a while." There was a slight silence as Remy abruptly changed the direction of where she had been headed. Su realized that they were no longer heading toward the lab set aside for Remy.

"I would say that it is doing well. But that would be a massive lie." Remy was shaking her head causing Su to worry. The look towards the ground made it all the harder to believe that anything good would be around the next corner. "I thought that it would want to rest, come home, or even try and do other things. I can't seem to win at all." There was a depressing air around Remy now and Su began to wonder how bad it was.

Remy pushed open a door that seemed to have a lot of heat around it. "It abandoned me for this old man and works constantly!" The alchemy fire spirit was under a much larger cauldron heating a massive number of herbs. The old master alchemist was hard at work mixing them and making plenty of notes.

"Good! You're back. Get over here and help me refine this as a base. It will be the starting amalgamation for the earth affinity testing phase one. Then we will make the fire version." The old master alchemist even waved at Su before returning to his work making the base that they needed.

"See? It is working hard and constantly absorbing and transforming fire in to alchemy fire. It doesn't even need me. I would try and beat some sense in to it but the last time I did that we both just ended up causing the room to get more scorched than it already is." A hot headed and stubborn partner for Remy. Su thought it fit perfectly.

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Chapter 1245 1245. Alchemy Fire!!!!

The alchemy fire spirit was burning up the fuel below it with a fury. There was nothing holding it back from doing as it wanted. What was even more amazing to Su was the fact that it had perfect control of

the temperature even though it was still growing in size. Remey was stuck throwing more fuel on to the flames while the old master alchemist seemed to be nearing the completion of the base he needed for the earth affinity potions.

"We will need that ice soon, help Remey go and set it up so that we can start the next batch sooner!" The old master alchemist was not trying to be rude, he was just focused. The job was better with two people anyways so dishing out the task was more efficient.

"The ice is stored over here. It's how we keep some of the more unique materials and herbs stored for this room." Remey pulled open a door that seemed to be the portal to a tundra. There were very dense blue water elemental crystals that lined the walls which helped to make the temperature lower. The herbs and other items inside were very unique and familiar to a degree since they had seen some of these in the mountains. The ice was in large barrels in the middle of the room and had clearly been hand cut. Su had no idea where one would order this much ice but had the feeling that the water mages somehow played a part in this.

Another large cauldron was on the opposite side of the main room that the pair surrounded with ice. The moment that they had finished the old master alchemist shouted a warning. From the ceiling, a metal rune carved pipe was lowered by him using some dwarven technology. The base was funneled from the hot cauldron all the way to the freezing cold one. There was a slight sadness around the alchemy fire spirit now that it wasn't allowed to keep heating and refining something.

"You really like alchemy that much hm? I think Remey found a great partner. But you are just like her. You should relax a little too. I brought my partner to check up on you." While Remey and the old master alchemist focused on cooling the base for later use in creating the earth affinity potion, Su woke up the sleeping earth spirit.

As the earth spirit revealed itself it surprised the alchemy fire spirit which had basically been in seclusion for weeks from other elemental spirits. To say that just the earth spirit had changed would be a radical lie. Just like the earth spirit gaining more detailed features, the alchemy fire spirit had as well. The dark red flames it had were even deeper and denser. There were also slight bits of flames that came off its back as if it was wearing a cape or cloak made of flames. Su could only wonder if it would have a more solid form in this way like Zephyr did when it grew even more powerful. The constant creation and growth of alchemy fire had led to its own growth very well.

The two spirits broke their character slightly and became very talkative and energetic. Su didn't even need to interact to tell that they were having a nice time. "Hey Remey, are you going to bring the

alchemy fire spirit with you on our next journey?" This was a possibility that Su was sure that Remy had not yet considered.

,m While the cooling process took a lot of focus, Remy was able to multitask while moving the ice and using her skills. "I was thinking about it. If it comes I can try and use the alchemy fire in tandem with the fire elemental knuckles. I want to see if I can make battle potions while we travel. I know that's a little dangerous but I recently read a book about an alchemist that could make battle potions in their hands using alchemy fire. I think that would boost my battle power a lot."

"You are trying to do something that dangerous!? You already have that heavy training armor on you everywhere you go around Genesis and now you are doing that? What if you hurt your hands?" Remy smirked knowing that Su would overreact like that. She was basically the mom of the group when it came to their safety and protection.

"The alchemy fire will protect me. I can use it to deflect small explosions with my punches and cause huge damage to break through defenses. Imagine my elemental first, alchemy fire, and defense breaking palm all combined in to a single combination attack? It's all about power and control. I can learn it." The last few words were serious. It wasn't a pledge to Su but a pledge to herself. Remy was doing her best to become stronger and knew she still needed to bring her alchemy and brawler sides in to balance with each other. This was an opportunity to do just that while also becoming a better attacker for the party. They needed her at her best!

"Fine, but start small. Very small." The slight glare that Su gave Remy reminded her of when Midnight had seen monsters coming after the party. It was a tough glare that said she would not allow any harm to come to them. She saw it as Su becoming a little more dragon like. The good thing was that this stare showed how serious Su's love for her family was and it made Remy a little warmer inside.

"Anyways, after this do you want to try the new tea blends we have? Someone sold some from the forest elves and I want to taste them?" This was the best way to distract Su and it worked like a charm. They even had the time before they were to meet Clara.

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Chapter 1246 1246. A Little Stress

"Midnight, do you see Su and Remy anywhere?' Walker knew that Midnight had been looking too but they were still at a loss. Gil had just arrived outside the Genesis building along with Onyx and Alice. They had all been at the mansion changing and getting ready but none had seen Remy and Su.

"They are here!" Onyx found them much more easily. "And they smell like fruit." He was the first to pick out the herbal scents of fruit and tea leaves. Remey and Su had changed in to their best armor and clothes to show match the rest of the party. However, that did not get rid of the stubborn herbal tea scent that stuck to them from two hours of tasting and testing the tea blends.

"How did all of you beat us? We were so quick too." The pair seemed incredibly relaxed and aloof which struck everyone as odd.

"Should I guess that you met the tea trader that came from the forest elf city to set up a shop through the alchemy guild? I heard he even wants to bring over a farmer to make a small plot of Genesis tea leaves." Walker had heard this in passing while walking earlier in the day. A couple of housewives had been chatting about it and how the teas would even be good to freshen up their homes when their family returned home from working as guards.

"What!? You didn't tell me that they might set up a shop here! Remey! You need to tell me these things." Su shouted slightly at Remey who responded by jumping away from Su's hand that came to catch her.

"Oh? And you want to grab me like that? I might still have my training armor under this but I am still faster." The two were like children. All in all, the rest of the party was amazed that they had found the two bonding and so relaxed.

There was no problem in this though Walker felt it was best that they had the time to bind and relax before a journey. It helped keep them from going a little crazy with tasks along with just lightening the mood. "Perfect, you are all here. I was worried that we would be running behind. Let's go inside and find the dwarven smiths that set up their device crystal water light thing. It's going to be interesting. I look fine, right? Right???" Clara was the exact opposite of Remey and Su. She was high energy and obviously stressed.

"I think I need to use this skill really quick." Walker wasn't really sure if it was the best decision but he used the calming waves skill to send a few pulses of calming mana out around him. He saw an instant change in Clara along with everyone rushing about around him. The street which had been busy became a little slower causing a slight delay in movement but no real issue.

"Ehm, thank you for that. It has been a long day. Let's go up to the room set aside for announcements." Clara had recovered some of her normal personality but was still a little thrown off in comparison to how she normally was. There was still stress visible in her eyes and Walker wondered if he should use the calming waves skill more often. Unfortunately, it was a skill that would cause a lot of notice within the wild and in general slow some peoples' progress. Sometimes a little stress and pressure were needed in the world.

Many of the dwarves and mages were in the Genesis building preparing for the announcement. The council of representatives had also gathered to represent all races of Genesis. It was a good way for them to unveil the new al rune technology that had come from the elven runesmiths and the dwarven runesmiths coming together.

The room set aside for the announcement was on the larger side. Many runes were carved in to crystals holding different elemental manas. Fleur found it intriguing and explored them all while the entire party took the diode in. "Good timing. I need to let you know how this will all work." A dwarf with uniquely made metal and rune gauntlets came over and began to speak. "The runes we added to these works using light and other elemental mana to project the images we capture using over seven hundred rune carved crystals across all of Genesis. That means everyone will hear and see what you say. It takes a large amount of mana to make this happen so we will keep the announcement short and easy to understand. Then we will have you, the guild master, release your quests directly after." he rushed off to start organizing others.

"So, we stand beside you and just represent you?" Walker wasn't sure what else he needed to do for all of this.

"Yes! Just stay here. The other representatives are here too; they will be right beside us. Everyone here is known in Genesis by just about everyone. Wait, where are you going? Alice, you are a huge figure for the healers and the minstrels that come here. You are staying here too." Walker wasn't sure if Alice would actually stay but she had come to watch with them. Now she was fully involved as well.

"Ha! I knew that I was a big deal. But if you say that again I might need to make sure you all don't get too full of yourselves." Of all the people to say this, it was Remy. She got a rise out Of Midnight immediately and soon Gil had jumped in teasing as well.

"Or you can all stand silently and look your best so you don't stress me out!" The look Clara gave them sent chills down their spines.

"And we are starting. Everyone in position now!" The shout caused a small amount of chaos.

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Chapter 1247 1247. Announcement!

"This should be fun. We are one day closer to the battles of the races!" Scylla was a little too interested.

"Battles of the races? The craftsmanship competitions will show more promise. We need new genius in the forges to make me a new pickaxe. I want the best earth dwelling pickaxe that can crack boulders in a single swing." Adding the kind of the deep caves didn't seem to help. Walker didn't doubt that he could already smash boulders with a single thought let alone a pickaxe.

,m "I am just honored to be part of this with those that helped my people in our time of need." Leon was much more reserved. Alma could have spoken up to but she had taken a spot next to Gil in her best clothing. They were ornate ceremonial robes with blue ivy patterns. They had been made especially for Alma to represent the elves. Some had water symbols and others had forest like symbols. They would gain more patterns for every elven people that came together under her. It was a brilliant idea.

"Years of counting and standing behind the king brought me here. I can not wait to see this new technology. I will report every single detail." The new role for Markus Raven as the king's representative in the council seemed to inspire him to become a better person all around. It was actually very touching to see since Walker had started off roughly with him and learned that he was actually a much better person.

"Alight and here we go! The mages are starting the elemental manipulations. The runesmiths are in places. Start speaking....Now!" The call went out and Clara raised her head. The entirety of Genesis suddenly saw the bright light that painted a magnificent picture of its representatives and heroes.

Clara had worn the best clothing she could have made to represent the adventurers guild. She may not go out on quests and travel but she had on small portions of armor. The combination of armor and business attire was actually more striking than if she had worn full armor or anything else. Barry had been silent but towered behind her. Walker had thought he was out on a trip but he had remained around for this purpose.

"People of Genesis. We have reached a turning point. The roots have been put down. Fields will grow, guilds are blossoming, and the goal to unite every race on the continent is underway. Now is the time to

show every race what we have to offer each other and the new potential we have when we come together. The adventurers guild had long been a part of every kingdom and today we will continue that tradition by starting off the competitions that will push a new wave of growth in this united kingdom!" The words that came from Clara's mouth sounded as if she was a different person. They were powerful and reverberated through the walls. The people watching the lights in the sky above Genesis were awestruck.

Not many had seen Clara the new adventurer's guild master. Now they were seeing the woman that would hold every adventurer to the rules and regulations. The woman that would ensure that no one would go against the ways of Genesis and the acceptance of all races. "The adventurer's guild accepts quests to help those in need. Therefore it has been decided that the young adventurers will take on the role of gathering herbs from all around the continent to build a base for the newly formed alchemy guild competitions. They will show their strengths and skills to gain valuable experience along with chances to move up within the guild.

"The quests about to be released to the young low tier adventurers will last for a total of thirty days. During this time we will accept the herbs and valuable potion materials found and organize them. When the adventurer or their party has decided to stop they will receive an evaluation based on what they handed in and the quests they completed in tandem. I strongly recommend that every single adventurer participates in some way. Those that have experience can teach but not directly help. The other regulations are posted around the city and will also list certain special herbs that are needed for the alchemy guild herbalists."

This was a surprise that Remey and Clara had set up specially. The flyers had been posted just an hour ago and no one had known what they were for. "Standing with me are your leaders who can not wait to see what brilliant accomplishments you can make now and in the future. Let the first bi-annual competition start now!" Clara shouted and Midnight followed up with a roar. The rest of them joined in with shouts and encouragement. The resounding chorus of voices that came from the streets and guilds caused all of Genesis to feel alive.

The mana in the room suddenly stopped and quite a few mages collapsed to the ground. The runesmiths were desperately cooling down multiple mana crystals that had begun to crack. They had been taxed by massive amounts of mana. "Get out and let us work! We have results to process!" The dwarves were rushed and kicked everyone unnecessary from the room. They had completed their part and now had a slew of new work to do.

"Now that was the look I wanted them to see. The guild master that will hold everyone accountable. That look demands attention. What a skill to have."

"Barry! Don't you have a quest to do!" Clara shouted at Barry who rushed away toward the gates. He had some dragonkin to meet and some rogue dragons to battle. To say that he was excited was an understatement, however, it was the look from Clara that truly pushed him to move.

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Chapter 1248 1248. Crowded Streets

Scylla had jumped at the moment the announcement ended. She was off to keep a lookout in the streets for the best new talent that might jump in to the future coliseum battles. She wanted demi-humans to take home prizes because of her pride, yet she still had the feeling that Genesis was hiding diamonds.

"Well, if she is off so fast, I may as well return to my work as well. I think we will have some interesting results soon. I have found some signs of iron veins under ground that could help out the city." The king of the deep caves was very excited but wanted to whip his miners back in to shape. The longer they celebrated and fooled around the longer their historical trade tunnel would have to suffer.

"I think it will take us a little while to get home tonight. It looks like everyone is freaking out a little." Gil was having a good time looking out the windows with Alma. The pair were pointing out the younger adventurer parties that were rushing to find any stores that were open to get last minute items and gear.

"That is if we can make it home at all. I wanted to try and head to the adventurers guild after this but I think that we won't even be able to walk in the door since so many people will be there trying to get together to teach or form parties. I bet a lot of the retired or older adventurers will be looking to sponsor younger parties. There are always a lot of them hanging around the guild no matter what city you are in." It was a very common sight in the adventurers guild to spot those that were between quests or just didn't feel like going on them. Some were also injured and healing slowly so they did not want to risk causing trouble by going out again. Therefore, this was a good way to pass on knowledge and get people moving.

"Clara, are you alright?" Walker had glanced at Clara who was totally frozen reading the many notifications from her system.

"I think your guild manager will need some time to put things in to order. I even have a few notifications after that. My people will be joining in as well. Gil should know some of the younger groups joining up for this." Leon smirked a little at Gil who pretended not to hear him.

"My guild is already prepared to accept all the herbs. The weather is warm enough to plant, the herbalists are ready to cultivate, and we are ready to make potions for days." Rmeey felt that she couldn't wait for the herbs to come rolling in. Markus Raven was taking careful notes on this. He had been curious how it would all come together on the alchemy guild end since it was a younger guild.

"If you could spare the time to speak on the financial basis. I believe some of the produced potions could be set aside within the vaults for future use. We can talk in detail elsewhere." The idea was very good and Remy seemed to be intrigued. Genesis had taken in a large sum of gold from many that came in to the city to buy homes, shops, and other things. This meant that Genesis could easily pad the alchemy guild's wallet when it came to buying potions from the competitions that would happen within a month.

"Well, it seems everyone is moving out. I will leave with Onyx and Midnight to brave the streets. Make sure that Clara makes it to the guild before you leave." Su knew that Onyx was getting a little restless, he wanted to ensure that the entire party was ready to leave in the morning bright and early. She also knew that Midnight was hungry again. It was too easy to see.

"Alice and I will team up and make it happen. I think Gil will be right behind us too." Walker looked back over to see that Gil was already offering to walk Alma back to where she was staying with many of the other forest elves. They would be taking a much more guarded route back since the enforcers would not allow a single scratch to come to either of them. It was a little surprising how Gil had basically become a legend to the elves in such a short time.

"Clara, let's go to the guild and get you to the office. I'm sure they will need you." Walker spoke a little louder, snapping her out of the daze she had while she changed quests and organized things. Her staff was working hard and she was very impressed with how the progress was going. Alice moved to the other side of Clara and smiled to put her a little more at ease. She didn't have much know how when it came to Clara since they had not met many times but they did have a lot of respect for the other based on their achievements and standing within the city.

"I take it that a lot is going on?" There was no doubt that the adventurers guild was having a huge influx of parties and new young adventurers.

"You could say that. I have already received eighty four party notifications, thirty seven mentoral requests, and the applications are growing by the second. I think a lot of people were preparing for the announcement to decide on what they would do." She sighed slightly before they started down the stairs leaving everyone else behind.

"Come on Fleur, leave them to their work. We need to get some rest so we can leave with Onyx in the morning!" Walker felt Fleur come over and take her spot on his shoulder as they helped Clara push through the crowded streets to the guild.

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Chapter 1249 1249. Well Thought Out

"Brother! Wake Up!" Walker felt himself being pulled from bed only to open his eyes and find that Onyx had his tail wrapped around his ankle to help shackle him awake.

"How early is it?" Walker found that the sun was just barely beginning to rise and realized that he had been asleep until the last minute that Onyx wanted to leave. "Oh! I will be down soon to get going."

"Brother, you are the same as everyone else. You should have come home earlier last night." Onyx had reprimanded everyone who had taken their time getting home. The only ones that had been to the mansion with him were Midnight and Su. he knew that Midnight would sleep in because she was Midnight and that was just the way of her life. Su had been up promptly but knew everyone else would be behind so had found Walker's mother to help make some sandwiches for their early departure. That Was why Onyx had focused on Gil, Remy, and Alice who had slept in the spare room to leave with them in the morning even though the high priest had tried to get her to stay at the cathedral. He was a little worried about her leaving again for another adventurer, as a father would be.

There was no response from Onyx and he had already left the room. Walker was left to quickly clean himself up and put on his traveling gear. They were heading out yet again and would be helping Onyx to make progress in his dream of bringing his race out in to the open. Even if they did not find another abyssal serpent then they would be investigating the ruins and caves already discovered within the ravine. It could prove them to be safe or dangerous which would be very valuable to those that went by the area while traveling.

"You slept in pretty long!" Gil was antagonizing Remy which didn't seem to be the best course of action so early in the morning.

"Says the guy that was out late because he was walking his girlfriend home. why don't you just stay with the elves? You are basically one of them already. Just tell us when you are getting married to Alma so you can be king of the elves!" Remy finished her own rebuttal with a solid hit to Gil's shoulder.

In his stunned state, he had been unable to form proper words to reply and also unable to dodge. "Gil, you did that one to yourself. And just like me, you also slept in because you took too long getting back here." Walker just shook his head and went to the table to grab a sandwich that Su was placing down.

"No you kids be safe out there. I know you are all growing up so fast and don't want to be called kids, but you are all my children. I will always see you as such and you will have to deal with that even when you have wrinkles like me." Hilda pointed out the small crows feet by her eyes from focusing while she cooked for so many years. She gave them a wave before they could respond because she wanted to get to the bakery and start in on the new creations she would unveil for the day. She had an entire adventurer themed pastry set to release for the parties leaving the city.

"Alright! Here is the plan." Onyx slithered to the center of the room getting everyone's attention. Alice sat up straight and looked right at him. She knew that she was still the least experienced and wanted to ensure that she followed every word carefully. "We have to get to an abandoned trade village before night fall. It is in the field lands and fell out of popularity as the trade routes changed. It will be the best rating place. From there we will head to the ravine which we can reach in only two and a half days with Alice's songs to speed us up."

"That sounds like a good idea, but you do remember that Alice can't move while singing that song, right?" Walker wasn't trying to be a pain but he wanted to see if Onyx already had a solution to this issue.

,m "I thought of that and we are going to be picking up a carriage to bring us there. It is made specially to not require any steed to pull it. I worked hard to get this prepared for the journey. It used runes and mana gems to fuel them. It moves using the runes. It is not fast but with Alice, it will move much faster than us walking." There was a confident aura around Onyx. This was a rare find since it would normally cost a lot to rent. However, he had made friends with many people and managed to rent it for half the price.

"Brother, I also need you to store some crates. They have light elemental crystals and some other items I prepared within them. They will be for when we get to the ravine." These were a part of Onyx's additional planning for luring out potential abyssal serpents along with a few other things he wanted to be ready to use.

"Then I will do that. I'm ready to leave when you are." At that Onyx took the lead out the front door toward the large carriage. It was clearly reinforced to handle tougher terrain and trails. The runes that were all over it channeled earth elemental mana to help it move constantly when activated. There were many mana gems that lined the inside of the carriage which greatly impressed everyone. They all easily fit inside after Walker stored away the large crates. They were off and out toward the field lands in minutes with Walker dedicated as the driver since Onyx knew he would easily learn the skills needed.

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Chapter 1250 1250. Carriage Driver

' The skill basic carriage driving has been taken from the perfect driver system. The user has learned the skill basic carriage driving through past and present experiences.

Basic carriage driving- passive

The user does not need mana to gather the experience and easily learn the habits of any carriage they drive. They are able to easily use what they have seen and feel to drive any carriage. The more the user drives a carriage the more they will amass knowledge that will allow them to be a better carriage driver. They will have no issues driving a carriage for basic traveling.'

The skill was by no means high but Walker was glad to have it. He had barely made it out of the gates using what he had seen as a guide. Part of him wanted to reprimand Onyx for just assuming that he would learn this skill. Yet the more Walker thought about it, the more he wanted to praise Onyx. He had given enough time to travel the empty morning roads out of the city to learn. If he had left later then he could have caused an accident. It was wise thinking. And at the end of it all, Walker had learned the skills he needed.

"So, have you found any more information out the ravine since you first told everyone?" Walker was speaking with Onyx since he was the only one sitting at the front with him. Midnight was napping and the others were chatting while cleaning their gear. Walker and Onyx were the only two that were keeping watch while they traveled the now cleared pathways out of the Genesis fields. There would be more solid roads soon since workers were able to move the defrosted soil.

"Not much. The adventurers guild sent some people to guard it since it is hard to see from a distance. Apparently, there have been cases of merchants rushing through an area and falling in to holes and other obstacles. I hope that they have some information for when we get there." Walker understood

this and knew that the adventures left to watch the area would definitely have some sightings of any monsters in the area since they were not there to fight them and just to observe and deter merchants.

That should help us a lot. I doubt that much has happened but I want to make sure that we know everything we can before going down there. While we move I was thinking at night I will train my high earth sculpting skill. I want to be able to hold up tunnels or caves or even ruins if we find them. I just don't know what could happen. The ground was able to split from an earthquake. If it wasn't a natural earthquake then we might have to think outside the box."

"I worried that an earthquake was not natural as well." Onyx was silent for a moment. This thought was one of the first dangers that he had come up with. There were many large monsters that moved through caves and through the earth that could cause such things. "But I investigated the area. The field lands are known for having ravines open up before. The caves underneath had some small flowing rivers that caused this to happen. There are also ruins that have been discovered underneath the field lands which explains why they may be flat. It could have been the work of ancient races."

This was more in depth than Walker expected. He didn't even know that ruins were common underneath the field lands. He just knew that some caves had been found underneath before. However, this made a lot of sense. The dwarves rarely found defined ruins in the mountains. Yet the ruins that Walker knew of with the undead had a lot of cleared land around them. There may be a forest nearby but that was still far from the ruins. It also made him wonder if the immortal king was still watching them in some form or fashion. That was one ancient monster he hoped he would not see again.

"Alice, it's about time. We have made it past the fields that we shouldn't cause any damage to." The fields directly outside of Genesis had just been pre seeded with special crops. Some felt it was too early but the expert farmers from the demi-human farms had made sure to explain the reasons why some crops had to be planted as soon as the snow melted. It is also one thing that Gil's mother had once explained to the party while they had helped with the mansion garden.

Onyx slithered to the top of the carriage to absorb the light elemental mana and to also keep watch around them now that they were passing the fields by. They would be in the wilds from here on out and he wanted to ensure everyone's safety. He also needed to make room for Alice to sing next to Walker as he drove. It would be the best way for them to speed up.

"If you need any mana while you sing just let me know. I have some concentrated mana potions we are working with. They don't have a long shelf life but they help mana regeneration through the day." Remy had the potions on a belt that she had made to hold certain battle potions. Her training gear had been left behind so she was a little off without having a belt anyways so it fit her perfectly.

Due to patrols in the area, they were able to move for half the day before stopping to eat lunch. They had no issues and overall the sound of Alice's singing had put them all in a wonderful mood. They were even well ahead of where Onyx thought that they would be meaning they would have more time to rest when they got to the abandoned village.