

Master 131

Chapter 131 - 131. Request Approved

The two walked around enjoying the views of winter on the higher tier houses. Walker shared stories of how he had gained his system and met his companions. He promised to introduce her to Midnight the next time she came to the cathedral.

"I'm not sure when the next time will be however...we are heading in to the Demi human kingdom to meet with the tamers guild master. We will be away for a while since we have a few stops to make on the way. Actually one is to meet a Demi human tribe called the rabbit tribe, I actually learned a skill that involves dancing." Hearing that he wouldn't be visiting again for a while Alice seemed sad. Her face had fallen in to a grow which soon became confusion as she heard walker learned a dance through a skill.

"Hahaha I know it sounds weird but it's actually a skill to dodge. It's basically a way of moving. It copies a rabbit escaping a fox trying to eat it. But the way the movements are it's almost like a dance. The best way to put it is that it's a feeling pulling me away from danger, my body knows where to go before my mind does." Her jaw had dropped, this was exactly how she felt when she first sang. She didn't need to think about the words or the way the light would flow. Her body just moved and created the beastie before her. "Should I take that face to mean you understand?" Walker wasn't sure whether she had made this face because she thought it amazing or because she knew the exact feeling. Alice quickly bobbed her head yes with a bit more force than necessary.

This made walker laugh a bit and Alice blush in turn. The two wanted to keep walking more but they both had goose bumps all over telling them to get back to the warmth of the cathedral too. Walker also knew he shouldn't abandon all the work to Su. It was his turn to help out with the healing too.

They made it back to the cathedral faster than they had left since they wanted to warm up. Walker happily helped Alice up the stairs bringing in another wave of embarrassment. If anyone were witnessing their interaction they would be calling the pair too cute kids.

Quickly entering the cathedral walker felt the healing aura being strength to his chilled bones. This place was al. Su was helping to clean up an area from a previous guest who had shed their bandages after being healed. He gave her a wave to get her attention and let her know he was back.

With that he gave a glance around soon finding a young boy with a wrapped ankle. The mother was sitting soothing him as he was obviously in pain. "I'll perform my light heal skill if you can handle the bandages. Deal?" Alice nodded in agreement as they got right to work.

To Walker time blew by in an instant and before he knew it the cathedral was nearing the time to close the doors. They had spent some hours healing and bandaging minor injuries. Alice and walker worked well together quickly and efficiently helping any who were in need. The nuns couldn't help but gossip about how perfect the pair was. This among other things had assisted in the constantly flushed looks on their faces.

"Leader it looks like we've done all we can for the day." Su had come to greet the pair since they as well had finished cleaning up the odds and ends left over from today's work. "We shouldn't leave everyone waiting for us at home, it would be best to head out. Miss Alice, I hope to come again to assist upon our return. It fills my heart the hard work you all put in to healing others." The words she spoke were true but that did t make walker want to leave any more so. The silver lining being that Su was establishing herself as a consistent aid to the nuns as long as she was able, this in itself were bright words for anyone to hear. The population was fairly large and there was never a shortage of those in need, any help was welcomed.

Looking down dejected walker couldn't help to want to draw things out, however he knew that would not be a good trait to have. "It was wondrous helping you work today. I'll keep practicing with light so I can catch up to you. Maybe I'll have something better to show you when I'm back. Just as Su said we will come help out whenever we can, until then I wish you well!" His words sounded happier than his face showed but that didn't deter Alice in the bit. She had always lacked younger friends due to the simple fact that the others in the church were older nuns or lower ranked priests. Not many children her age ever came and when they did it was for healing.

She wanted to show her thanks for coming to help but also that she wanted them to come back. It had been a long day for her so she was low on mana, Instead of dining she had another idea. "Hmm mmm mMMmm mmh hmmm" she bummed out a soft few notes trying to use minimal mana. The light near the floor condensed and became small rainbow like flowers. They had four petals and reminded Walker of buttercups that often bloomed in the roadways.

This gesture may have been small but in its own right was amazing. With such little encouragement the light mana had shaped itself in to something amazing. " I gave you those flowers made of ice last time and now you leave me with flowers of light. Haha I guess I'll have to bring you back a souvenir that won't melt or fade away when I return." Walker hadn't even thought before he spoke but his words were the perfect choice.

Alice had a glint in her eye after hearing this, she would be waiting ever day for him to get back. Not I lay had she found two friends but also had someone promise to bring her a gift from outside the walls, a

place she had never been. What would it be? How she would rack her brain in the days to come anxiously to find out.

"good bye for now!" Walker and Su gave her a wave as they watched the rainbow buttercups dissolve back in to the normal light. This scene made the two of them want to stay and see more but they knew they had others waiting for them. Braving the chilly air that was ever cooling due to the setting sun they headed toward the mansion.

They picked up the pace more and more noticing small flakes of snow falling around them. Tonight even more snow would fall to send off their party when they receive the request from Clara.

Bursting through the front door and shaking away the snow that had piled up on their clothes, they knew that they would have to be ready with even more layers to deal with the cold. Maybe they weren't fully ready to travel out in to the open plains in the middle of winter.

The sounds of chatter were louder than usual coming from the dining hall. Everyone else must be hiding away from the snow as well. Su and walker headed toward the hall to find everyone sitting and talking away. Hot chocolate and tea had been brewed up. "Well I didn't know we were missing the party!" Walker shouted just loud enough to get their attention.

Lisa jumped up to her feet, "you took way too long to get back! What did the forge hire you to make weapons?!" Lisa was definitely unhappy with Walker. But why was she so angry? She had been locking herself in her own room working with the new fabric basically ignoring all of them. What changed.

"no we-..umm" walker tried to explain but Lisa ran out of the room leaving him to talk to the open air. "What has gotten in to her?"

"Not a clue we were all in here waiting for you two to get back to start dinner and then Lisa came out full of energy. She got tea and even broke out the hot chocolate. So we've been having a pretty good time. She asked where you two were a million times." Naturally Gil was at a loss as well. "So how did it all go?"

"Su's armor looks great, I'm sure it will make a big difference in her speed. We even managed to get a bunch of light crystals and darkness crystals. Onyx and midnight will have a feast of their own...well

maybe I'll hold off for a bit so it lasts the journey." This idea was probably the best since they two might need encouragement to get them through the cold days.

"Bang!" Lisa burst in to the room kicking the door out of the way. "Surprise!!! I finished your winter clothes!"

Chapter 132 - 132. Winter Gear

Lisa was standing there arms full of cloths. She couldn't even see over the stack in her hands. There were red and white hats and gloves along with winter cloaks to block the wind. Scarves hung down every which way almost trying to escape her grasp.

"What is all this?" Remey had stood up and jumped in to a fighting stance at the door being kicked open. She relaxed and now was fairly confused by all the cloths Lisa had brought.

"It's what I made from the silk you brought me! Don't you like it? I made hats and gloves and claims and even scarves! I wanted to get them done since the snow was coming and you're all going by to be out adventuring!" Walkers adorable sister had pulled at the heartstrings. Not only had she worked herself ragged to get them done fast but she had been so thoughtful to make them the perfect kind of clothing for the cold they would face.

The red and white patterns would match so the party seemed very professional. The gloves had perfect shaped fingers so they could move their hands and grasp weapons without issues. They even seemed to help grip them better. The cloaks ran down to their knees allowing enough room to properly run and stretch their legs. This was much more important than the average person would think, simply because they needed these qualities in battle. Walker did worry that the hats would cover their ears worsening their hearing. However he was very surprised to find that his ears were covered and warm but his ability to hear did not Diminish at all. The scarves gave them a nice way to cover their faces from an chilly wind along with their necks which would be left open to the cold air otherwise.

"Lisa you have done a spectacular job, I couldn't imagine finding better winter gear anywhere." Su patted Lisa's head. Lisa was standing tall as the party members had all grabbed their gear. Lisa was left holding some strange looking gloves.

"I even made midnight some that are able to stretch for her claws. Her claws can come out the hold and the rest of her feet are covers by the silk! I even made it so it repels water so she won't worry about getting wet!" She was much more proud of this fact, meaning it must have been a challenge. In reaction midnight rushed over eager to have her very own matching gear.

Lisa helped midnight try them on and in turn midnight walked back and forth getting a feel for them. They seemed perfectly tailored to fit her without any error whatsoever.

Walker put on his cloak finding a weird extra pocket on his shoulder. "Hey Lisa what's this pocket for?"

Lisa had a smug look all over her face, "onyx of course! Do you think I wouldn't rush to add a place for him to be able to see what was going on? I am a professional when it comes to my orders after all." Walker scooped her up crushing her in a huge bear hug. "Nooo you're squishing meeeeeeee! I'm gonna get squished flattttt" Lisa may have been protesting but her words were hard to believe since she was giggling all too much.

After a few moments Walker finally released her. It was time to check out their winter gear with his all around appraisal skill. This was the best part.

' arcane silk gloves

+5mdef, +2def

Water resistant

Small chance to deflect weak al attacks.

Arcane silk hat

+3mdef, +1 def

Water resistant

Small chance to deflect weak al attack

Arcane silk scarf

+4mdef, +2 def

Water resistant

Wind resistant

Small chance to deflect weak al attack

Arcane silk cloak

+8 mdef, +6 def

Water resistant

Wind resistant

Small chance to deflect weak al attack'

Walker said the appraisal out loud as he did them. These would be idea winter gear to block some of the al attacks from ice wraiths and freezing attacks from snow ghouls. Not only that but since they were water resistant the party could forget about always being soaked by melting snow. The wind resistance was an added bonus since the plains were Notorious for their constant breeze. If they encountered a storm they would be much better off than the average traveler.

The amount of defense was to be expected, this was a flexible very light silk. But that was not the main focus, the silk was made by arcane silk worms this meant that it had mana imbued within it. Therefore the simple fact it could give a chance to deflect weak spells was phenomenal. If they were caught off guard by an attack there was a chance it would just roll off them. Even more so if it did land on a member of the party they had the added al defense to reduce the damage.

"You're right this is a true masterpiece crafted by an amazingly talented seamstress." Remey joined the bandwagon praising Lisa as well.

"Thank you Lisa your really did a great job." Lisa had been waiting to hear these words from walker since she finished the last out of gloves late last night. She had wanted to rush to wake him up but decided to wait until later. She had been disappointed and frankly a bit angry finding the had all trained the. Su and walker had gone off to the forge. The worst part was that sounded to be a quick trip turned in to a long trip that took hours. She had no idea why they had taken so long!

Gil was looking at everyone smiling like a fool. "Am I the only one that thinks we are starting to look like a professional party? We all match now, actually we look pretty cool." Growing up in the fields Gil often saw party's and guards all matching showing their relations. Now that he was among them he felt he had truly become one of the great adventurers he idolized.

Laurence had been holding back Elise trying not to Interrupt them. This was a touching moment for the party and he felt it would be rude to butt in on it earlier. "Well now with your all escorting us we will look rather splendid. We have our takers insignia and you will all have matching red and white winter gear. We might just look like an important envoy."

"Yes we'll look perfect! Everyone will want to steal away out escort party, but don't worry we won't let that happen." Elise interjected as she excised Laurence's grip. "Lisa your too cute, you make such stylish gear. I'll need to come back with Stella to ask you to design some spring outfits for us." Lisa's face lit up once again.

"Of course I'm always in the lookout for future orders. It would be a pleasure to do business with you. Especially if you provide new materials for me to use." Her sudden professional attitude brought a chorus of laughter to the room. They all were in high spirits the new gear really looked great on them. Any worry of the cold had been forgotten now replaced with a full heart and excitement for the journey ahead.

' request for the omnipotent party received:

Escort quest:

Escort the three tamers guild members to their final destination; tamers guild headquarters number three in the Demi human kingdom of Ordist.

Requirements:

Travel with the three tamers to their destination.

Protect them from potential threats.

Rewards:

300exp

Special reward from the tamers guild master

Relation with the tamers guild

Increase in fame as a heroic party.

Do you wish to accept the request?

Yes/no'

"It's here!!! Your request went through we can accept it as a quest." Walker suddenly jumped front he chair he had just sat in and hurried to accept.

' escort quest accepted, meet the clients at the east gate upon their notice.'

"Hey Laurence do we really need to go all the way to the easy gate to meet you three or do you think we could all leave here together." The question was sarcastic enough for the others to laugh to themselves a bit.

"Hey the paperwork said I needed to put a meeting location. And what if you five had decided to run off somewhere else. We all know you made an excuse of going to the forge to visit the cathedral. You could have decided to stay there with your girlfriend." Laurence threw a perfect retort. The games were on, walker didn't flinch away from this and instead went all in on his own quips to Laurence.

They all went on this way for the remainder of the night. As the other family members came to the dining hall the party showed off their new gear and Lisa basked in the praise. Not everyone was happy that the party was again leaving for some weeks or even months but it was something they had to accept since they all were adventurers now. The meal finished and everyone had agreed to be up at daybreak to head out. Tomorrow morning was the start of another journey. This time they would venture in to the plains of the Demi human territory.

Chapter 133 - 133. Off To The Plains

Everyone met early in the morning right before the sun was about to rise. Walker had stored away plenty of no stale bread Hilda had prepared for the trip. He knew if he didn't take it he was in for a scolding.

Surprisingly everyone else had woken up to send them off. This scene really made them all want to stay a few days longer but it couldn't be so. As adventurers the siren song of a journey was impossible to turn down. After promising Lisa he would bring back something interesting for her I've eaten times she finally release his arm. Midnight was smart enough to keep an eye on her tail so Lisa didn't latch in to her as well. The only person that wasn't sad to see them go was walker father Garret. He instead couldn't wait to hear about their experiences with the tamers guild. Walker had slowly begun to realize that his father may have had a secret dream of being a tamer. With Garrett shoing them out they were one step closer to treading a new path.

They had left early enough that those employed by the city had yet to clear all the streets. Many lower tier adventurers would accept this job as a quest since it was much needed in the winter. The parties that accepted the quest also would gain more rewards based on how much they did. This was why so many would accept it but that didn't stop everyone from being happy they were not one of those parties.

They had not left through the east gate yet as a party but the second they stepped beyond the archway they were in awe. Why lay before them was a massive sea of untouched white. Only small plants poked out here and there, just tall enough to break the service and feel the wind. There were not many places disturbed by game animals yet as the snow was still too fresh.

"I'd say we should tighten out cloaks." Gil broke the silence and quickly tightened the strings in his cloak to keep away the cold. He was the happiest with the gloves Lisa had made due to the simple fact that he was an archer. He need fine control of his fingers and gloves usually didn't cooperate with that therefore, he often didn't wear gloves when the cold set in. This was the first time he was able to properly stave the cold from his fingers while carrying a bow which put him in a very good mood.

Everyone tightened their winter gear then fell in to formation. Su took the lead with Laurence slightly behind to guide them. Midnight and Remey took opposite sides paired off with Riley and Elise. Stella had been coaxed in to the beast ring so she would not have to spend all her time fighting the cold wind. This was another weakness to Elise and her avian companions, if they didn't have water or ice elemental affinities they could lose the ability to fly in the snow and wind. Walker took up the rear, having the best senses now he would be able to deal with any attacks from behind while still monitoring everyone else. Onyx had found the little pouch on Walker's shoulder to be his favorite spot. Through their bond he knew it wasn't cold in the least for Onyx. Naturally Onyx was loving the new sights of the plains however few they seemed to be since it was winter. Walker couldn't help but feel like Onyx was learning quite a bit faster than the average monster would.

The two main concerns to watch out for were ice wraiths and snow women or snow ghouls. These were undead spirit type monsters. They often came in to being after someone died in the snow and would fall to rest once the snow melted.

Ice wraiths were almost snake like with large heads. They used their natural water mana to pull shards of ice to make their bodies. This gave them a vicious attack pattern of hurling razor sharp icicle and biting in to prey with extremely sharp ice teeth. The positive side they couldn't reform their body instantly so as long as it was damaged properly it was defeated for some time before it could gather the energy to reform.

The snow ghouls or more commonly known as snow women were more dangerous. It was often a spirit that would use falling snow and illusions. This was due to their water and light affinities. It would try to lure travelers away from their path and in to a bad environment where they would perish. However to the trained eye they were easily avoidable. Their only attack was a breeze of snow to disorient those it wanted to lead astray. This attack was also easily shrugged off and due to its small patience the snow woman would often leave to lure another target. These monsters were only able to feed on mana and lacked proper bodies, there lay the need to lure prey in to a bad situation.

Walker spent time reading up on these two so he could properly give everyone a run down on the way out of the city. Leaving the kingdom would always be dangerous, but leaving prepared was just slightly less. The tamers were already familiar with this information but they had remained silent letting walker take the lead. They were the ones being escorted now and Laurence refused to take away any valuable experiences from the party. This wasn't out of negligence but respect for a group he believed capable of standing on top.

They were heading north east hoping to spot a camp made by the Demi human rabbit tribe. It could take a few more hours to reach the area they normally rested at. Luckily the sun was visible so planning their own resting schedule was easy. Every three hours of moving they decided to stop to drink water and breath.

"I don't know how we will survive when you leave. You're special is too good!" Elise had really fallen in love with not carrying much gear. She hates the weight of it because Stella couldn't easily pick her up and fly.

"don't tamers have any way to carry things, like the beast ring but for food and gear? It sounds like something that tamers would have since they need to feed their partners." Remey understood that walkers spatial was rare but she had assumed that tamers might have a little, how else could they easily feed big monsters while on a journey?

"That is true we do have something. Usually once a tamer gets strong enough we get another quest to gather certain items and bring them to a blacksmith same as our beast rings. From there they will make a bag, ring, or even backpack that can carry all food and equipment for our specific tamed beasts. The downside is those quests rarely show up since we have to teach certain requirements for our own system. I think I only know three tamers who have done it in my time with the guild." Recalling his time meeting the master of the tamers guild who had been feeding his beasts Laurence laughed at himself. When he had see the guild master pull out half a cow from a satchel he though some sorcery was happening and fallen backwards. Unknown to him this was a favorite joke to play on I suspecting new tamers.

"Oh that would make sense, I would assume that a master tamer would get a skill that just allows storage in a similar way to them being able to store away their beasts?" Walker made the connection from what Laurence had previously told him about master tamers being given a skill to hide away their tamed beasts within their own soul.

"Exactly! There's one master earth tamer that can open a stairway in the ground as long as there's earth at their feet. It turns in to an underground pantry it's super cool. But it's not actually there you can't dig in to it but it's wherever she is." Elise interjected wanting to show off her knowledge of the tamers guilds strongest members. Of course the tales of the earthen tamer Vanesa were widely known. She had been one of the few tamer ever to tame a giant bull worm which often caused havoc in the mountains for the dwarves. She had single handedly saved their largest mine from collapse. This alone had garnered immense respect from the dwarf kingdom. Since she was half human and half elf it led to a stronger relationship between the two kingdoms putting some distrust to rest. It was truly amazing how some good could change the outlooks of whole kingdoms.

"I remember when my father brought that story home, he raved about it for days!" Walker couldn't help but think back on the fond memory, but now he would be the one to bring back stories and rave about them. How jealous Garret would be if Walker met Vanesa the earth tamer.

Chapter 134 - 134. The Pack

So far they had been lucky enough not to encounter much in the way of monsters. Every once in a while they'd catch a glimpse of one far off but it would head the opposite way. Having another group of people was a nice deterrent to small groups of monsters.

They had been traveling fairly easy due to the lower amount of snow. At times they would skirt a snow drift to avoid unnecessary trouble. However they soon noticed that the snow was not as untouched as before. "Walker, the amount of owl prints points to a group of four or five monsters roaming around. I'm not sure what direction they moved in there seems to be more ice around here keeping their prints from being clear." Gil was utilizing his scouting abilities to guess what was around them. A group of four or five monsters may have the courage to attack them.

"I want everyone to be ready, if we encounter the group we will target them at long range first. Best case they run worst case we don't see them and they ambush us." He knew that he could trust Gil and his estimate. He didn't really believe they could be ambushed since they were all on the lookout but this terrain was going to be a challenge to work with especially with the wind throwing up some snow to block their long range view.

Midnight was sniffing the tracks trying to discern a scent to be wary of but she didn't seem happy with what she found. Most likely no results came of this, the wind was carrying everything away without much hope for proper tracking. Things would be much easier if the wind died down and Stella could watch from the air.

Moving forward everyone soon became much more conscious of their surroundings. Monster prints increased making it very obvious that they frequented the area. "Leader, there some white fur up here

can your appraisal skill identify it?" Since Su was in the lead she was the first to spot a tuft of blues white fur sticking out of the snow. Whatever monster it came from was definitely shedding a bit.

"I can give it a shot, I don't see why it wouldn't work." Walker moved to the front picking up the fur.

' glacial wolf fur

Fur from a glacial wolf. Often traveling large distances with the seasons the glacial wolf travels in packs. Used to create items or gear that can channel water elemental mana.'

Reading the systems information out loud walker saw Laurence's expression grow much more serious. " I take it you've encountered glacial wolves before?"

"Yes, they are a pain to say the least." A loud sigh followed his words. " like you said they travel in packs which make sense wince Gil said he expects for or five in the area. The good news is they don't have any long range attacks to hit an run attack. The bad news is that they make up for it in coordination and fangs made of razor sharp ice. Their bites freeze in contact. They will shake their head to break their teeth off in their prey and quickly freeze more. It's a blitz attack that can completely immobilize prey so the rest of the pack can attack. During the summer they stay near the mountains where it's colder but during the winter they come to the plains to hunt." Distance sounded like their best bet. If these monsters were close range damage dealers then Su could block the ones that got close while everyone else used ranged attacks to incapacitate them. There was one problem though.

"How am I going to see these over grown mutts? Their fur is the same as the snow, which is everywhere!" Remey was definitely not happy in the least that she had to play eye spy again just like when they hunted grey haired spiders. She had the most trouble finding the well camouflaged monsters.

"Hmm Elise, Gil, and I will stay vigilant for the glacial wolves. Remey stay near Su so that you can land a hard punch to any wolf that Su stuns with her shield. Riley and Laurence stay behind Su, if you see anything let us know. Midnight, make yourself as unnoticeable as possible, you might just get to take advantage of your new skills." With a slight change to the formation walker had highlighted those with the best vision so that they wouldn't be caught off guard. The only thing scarier than one monster attacking was the potential for five attacking at once.

Midnight quickly used her shadow wrapping skill to hide away. If walker looked for her he could find her but if he didn't focus enough she would just drift in and out of the corner of his Vision.

Everyone was moving along carefully giving every twig, every blade of grass, and every unusual snow drift a second glance. Nothing would escape their gaze!

' daily quest: man verses beast

Slay the glacial Wolfpack responsible for hunting down many merchant caravans. Bring rest to those taken before their time!

Reward:

100exp'

"Hold up everyone stop! Be in your guard!" Walker knew they wouldn't receive a daily quest for no reason. This meant they were in for a battle. "Looks like we will be hunting for glacial wolves now." The tamers looked at everyone in confusion. What changed that they would go hunting for the monsters they were wary of?

"We just received our daily quest, apparently these glacial wolves have hunted down merchants as prey. So our systems gave us a daily quest to slay them. It's a hero title thing" gil was so nonchalant that it sounded as if he was just going to buy bread from the market. Just a usual thing....not!

"Leader of these wolves have hunted to many do you think there is a quest from the guild as well? We should check." Showing off her brilliance once again Su saw the possibility to gain additional rewards. They had told Clara they would accept guild quests as well.

Walker did not hesitate a second and looked through his system. Clara had indeed sent a myriad of quests related to the area they were in. Top of the list was,

' quest: slay four glacial wolves

Glacial wolves have been hunting the garnet family trading routes to the east. Two prominent up and coming merchants lost their lives to them along with a multitude of merchandise.

Rewards:

Any found merchandise

VIP auction invitation'

"Su you're brilliant, the merchants mentioned were from the Garnett family. If we manage to slay four we can claim a vip auction invitation. Not only that but we also can keep any found merchandise as payment. They must really want these trade routes secured. Not to mention the two up and coming merchants that perished must have been important. When we return we will have to offer condolences to Avis!" The sad and the happy mixed with each other. Walker never liked to hear of anyone being hurt, it was worse that it was from a family he had started to like. However he was happy that Su had thought to check for a guild quest as well, now they could potentially get valuable items to back up their growth. The vip auction ticket was strange though, he had never heard of it. But if it's vip it must mean items not usually auctioned would be there. Who knows what he could find!

" Hmm are you sure we can take down the glacial Wolfpack?" Laurence was worried the party would be too torn protecting them to properly fight.

"Pfft aren't you three joining in the battle? Don't you want your pick of whatever merchandise is left over? Plus it's a wolf pack, what if they have a glacial wolf egg? Do you not want to bring a glacial wolf pup to the guild?" The no hits barred words of Remey struck home. However they seemed to do slightly more than expected.

Laurence, Elise, and Riley suddenly became blurry eyed. Focusing on their system. They in turn he just received a quest.

' special quest: vile glacial wolves

The hero party omnipotence had been tasked with defeating the vile glacial wolf pack. This pack has caused insurmountable harm to travelers and merchants alike. Join them to stand strong as travelers yourself!

Reward:

100exp'

"I don't know how your title as hero's has so much influence over the system but I guess we will be joining you. We just got a quest as well." Shaking his head Laurence still wasn't sure he was reading it right. This was the second time they'd received a quest a tuner would never get.

Riley himself brushed off the system quest, he would much rather ignore the glacial wolves. They were a wild beast that he could tame since they revolved around loyalty to an alpha. But if it would get him experience he might as well help out.

"Let's gooo hunting!!!" Elise shouted with a hop obviously the most excited to see the new quest. She had been bored receiving the same old quests to increase the bond with tamed beasts or to train with them. However her shout may not have been the best idea. Her lack of control had attracted some unwanted attention.

Chapter 135 - 135. Alpha

After Elise had shouted in excitement Gil noticed a white shape in the distance pop up from the snow.

"Walker to my left. Do you see that out there? It's hard to see but something in the distance heard us." Gil brought attention to the thing far out. "Actually make that five things...one looks big"

The four white mounds stretched up with a fifth larger mound behind the four. It was too far to make out destinations features but they all had a guess to what was now staring them down.

"I think that would be our wolf pack, four look normal sized but that fifth one looks like trouble. I'd say that's the alpha." Looking at Walker for a plan. "Elise stay by Su, you won't be able to help much in this fight. Riley only let one boar free, we can't have them running wild."

Walker agreed with Laurence in these aspects. " why do I have a bad feeling when you say it's an alpha?" The five shapes were slowly approaching them now becoming more defined the closer they got.

" glacial wolves often travel in packs as we know, but they will fight amongst themselves as time goes on. If left alone long enough one may rise to be the strongest that one becomes the alpha. It gets the most food and grows stronger than the average glacial wolf. What I'm saying is it will be tougher than the others-" Laurence cut himself off seeing that the wolves have begun to run a circle to their right.

" Su get ready they will reach us faster than expected. Gil when they are in range take out the nearest one. Laurence if you have another beast to bring out have them hold back until they wolves are close. Remy same for you hold back until you can hit and retreat, no risks. I'm going to make the ground in front of us a bit tougher for them."

Walker channeled his mana in to the ground beneath him. He imagined frozen earth spikes

Sprouting a small distance ahead of them directly in the path of the glacial wolves. He felt five of his mana melt away but the spikes littering the wolves travel path would slow them down giving the party the advantage. This also gives them more chances to throw out ranged attacks.

The wolves were a fair distance away but now they could all make out their detailed features. Their fur was a white color, a slight bluish hue toward the tips as if touched by a constant frost. Their teeth were crystal clear ice filed down to perfect points. Eyes were filled with ferocious emotion calling for the death of their prey. Their breath did not put steam in to the cold air giving them a cold killing aura, it was easy to see how an ambush by these monsters could devastate a merchant caravan.

Gil had readied his arrow, the wolves were farther off than walker expected but as Gil released his arrow the results of his training showed. The arrow flew throughout the air taking a slight angle with the wind. The arrow and the front running glacial wolf met perfectly piercing its left eye. His perfect aim shocked everyone but they couldn't take any time to focus on this. The wolf that was hit lost its balance and couldn't properly run, it may not be defeated yet but it is easily down for the count.

Already setting up another arrow Gil was tracking the next wolf. However he didn't have much of a chance to since walker was working his own . He had the idea while training to use his mana shot skill with his elemental fusion and elemental manipulation skill. Using his understanding of these three skills he used the earth around him to create a spike. Consuming triple the mana it normally would hew let

loose the spike. This combination caused the spike to rocket forward at incredible speed. His aim wasn't as perfect as Gil's arrow but none the less the spike pieces the side of the glacial wolf.

' Glacial wolf defeated

80 exp gained multiplied to 800exp '

One hit! Walker did not expect this fusion of skills to be so powerful. The mana cost wasn't extremely high but it took a little time to aim and create the earth spike.

"Aaaaaawwwhooooooo" the alpha wolf gave a loud howl then sprinted towards the party. The remaining two wolves speed increased as well. That howl must have buffed their agility.

Gil adjusted to their speed and let fly his next arrow. This one missed their eye but lodged in to a wolf's shoulder. It slowed the wolf but did not incapacitate it. Setting up his third arrow he aimed and fired at the same wolf this time hitting near the same shoulder completely knocking the wolf down. It appeared that the front leg was unusable. Now that Walker had a still target he released the next mana shot earth spike combo. The spike flew through the air at its incredible speed piercing through the fallen wolf's head.

'Glacial wolf defeated

80 exp gained multiplied to 800 exp'

This was the time, the alpha and remaining able bodied wolf hit the icy earth spikes. The wolf let out a high pitched whine as it shredded its softer paws but the alpha just became angrier. The snarling face of the alpha spoke of bloody combat if it was able to reach them.

The two wolves were becoming much too close. This spurred Su to ready herself to block the alpha which didn't seem to let up its speed. Walker didn't have time for another earth spike and instead switched his staff for the scythe he had in his storage. He couldn't help but think it had been a while since he practiced close combat, but he knew he had a solid skill. Aiming for the alpha's legs he raised the blade and utilized his crescent moon skill. A curved energy flew from the blade heading towards the alpha.

The alpha saw it coming and leapt over the attack cutting the distance to them significantly. However the alpha had blocked the view of the other wolf which ran head on in to the crescent moon attack. Taking a serious injury to its neck it fell and squirmed in the ground rolling in to more earth spikes. The damage snowballed in to mortal wounds. In its panicked the wolf had defeated itself. Unfortunately they couldn't focus on the system notice of defeat, the alpha was in front of them.

Su was taunting the alpha that which was ready to pounce. It left forward maw open ready to brunch and tear at Su. Her practice deflecting hits came to fruition as she stepped sideways pushing her shield forward. Instead of meeting her head on the alphas head bore the brunt of the collision. Slightly disoriented it focused completely on Su wanted to defeat this opponent. Yet Su wasn't the only one it fought.

Since the alpha was distracted Remey was able to get near its unprotected side. " hay maker!" She screamed as she released a massive punch to the alphas hip. A sickening crack sounded from the alpha its hip had most certainly shattered. The alphas' growl become higher pitched and its back leg gave out.

Midnight came in to focus slashing with her claws using her shred skill. The already in pain and off balance alpha lost use of both back legs. But it refused to give up, it was the top fighter in its pack the most vicious killer. How could smaller creatures halt its movements.

Surprising all but Elise and Riley a red and white striped tiger leapt on top of the alpha tearing in to the back of its neck. Flames were flowing from its mouth sizzling and burning the alphas flesh. "Tear it to pieces Bengal!" Laurence shouted as the tiger dug farther in to the alphas neck. This was the killing blow!

Laurence hadn't been forward with his second tamed beast but seeing it now they knew just how strong a seasoned tamer could be. This red flame tiger was Laurence's first tamed beast. He had caught with it tooth and nail to earn mutual respect and only called on it when in desperate need. To combat the alpha he knew his partner Bengal could finish the fight.

' defeated Alpha glacial wolf

100exp gained multiplied to 1000 exp.

Gil fired his arrow finishing off the final incapacitated glacial wolf.

' Glacial wolf defeated

80 exp gained multiplied to 800 exp.

Daily Quest complete: man versus beast

Glacial wolf pack has been slain.

Reward:

100 exp multiplied to 1000exp

Quest complete: slay four glacial wolves

Reward:

Vip auction ticket

Remaining merchandise'

The slew of system notifications captivated everyone. So much expiring ha even gained. The difficulty of defeating a pack was normally much higher. However due to the parties various skills and ability to plan they had an extreme advantage over any enemy let alone one that often won battles due to coordination and numbers.

Chapter 136 - 136. Remnant Merchandise

"You were hiding quite the partner!" Walker was thankful Laurence had waited for the opportune moment to let his other tamed beast attack. However, not a single one of them expected the intimidating red and white striped tiger to chomp in to the alpha with flaming jaws. This was not a monster they would want to fight at their level.

Laurence laughed a bit, he was embarrassed to show off his long term tamed beast. " well Bengal hates the cold since she's a red striped tiger. I also can't bother her without good reason," in response to that the tiger gave a low growl, " yes yes back to the beast ring where it's warm." Laurence returned Bengal to the beast ring. "She's very temperamental but I had the luck to run in to a traveling circus as a child. A mother had given birth to three eggs instead of the predicted two so with all my money and belongings I purchased one. From that second I left to find the tamers guild and the rest is history." Walker wanted to pry a bit in to how Laurence had progressed as a tamer but knew that they had plenty of time left in their travels to talk.

"Hey walker get your butt over here and store away these wolves. We should save them to sell for materials when we get to the beast kingdom!" Midnight and Gil had dragged over the farther wolf. Now Walker could run and quickly store them away. The fur was sure to be valuable to those wanting to craft certain gear. Even the claws would most likely fetch a decent price.

After storing them away walker remembers the secondary reward from the guild issued quest. "Hey let's start looking around the area for the lost merchandise. If anything survived we can claim it as ours." Having no idea what was being transported walker decided to use his mana manipulation skill and most of his remaining mana to remove as much snow around them as possible.

Placing his hands in to the cold snow he allowed his mana to drain away. Envisioning the snow melting and evaporating away leaving the empty ground the surprised shouts from the others fell on his ears. He had closed his eyes to focus on this task with all his might, as they opened he didn't know what to say. A huge part of the area had become cleared of snow and ice, a bit of mud and grass was now in its place. Steam rose at the edges of the cleared area, everyone was staring at Walker whose hands were now grasping mud, beads of sweat trailing down his face as he noted heavily. He may have used too much mana all at once.

" That was so cool! You should do that everywhere we walk, no more snow just grass and easy traveling!" Elise seemed to be fantasizing of her path being completely unhindered but with a flick to her head from Laurence.

"You know there isn't anyone who has enough mana to do that, not get looking for that merchandise. Walker worked hard to make it easier for us." Shaking his head Laurence helped walker up and tossed him a small towel he had in his coat. "That's a impressive trick you've got there." The two smiled at each other, Laurence had surprised walker with his tiger and in turn walker surprised Laurence with his mana manipulation yet again. Their rivalry was one born from friendship and would surely push them both to be better.

" Leader! I found broken crates over here!" Su was the first to spot some debris. She had found broken crates which seemingly held food before they were clawed apart. The glacial wolves must have eaten well.

Now that they all had a narrowed down area everyone moved to where Su was soon finding the remains of a merchant carriage. Luckily there seemed to be no bodies within the remnants. The unfortunate souls had most likely been devoured bones and all leaving only what the wolves didn't want to eat; the extra merchandise.

The cart's white top had been torn to pieces and stained with mud. Only one wheel seemed to remain intact, no longer attached to the cart. It was easy to tell that the cargo had mostly been food. " I think we got tricked in slaying those wolves..." Gil was not excited to see the crumbs of cheese and breads.

"Well it was a daily quest too so we were lucky a guild quest existed in the first place. We also have a vip auction invite, who owns what we can gain from that." Quickly highlighting the silver lining Walker was also picking through the broken crates.

"Ha Ha yesss! Jackpot!" Dancing around in front of four small crates filled with different herbs Remey was making a fool of herself. "We have a ton of herbs here, they can't be rare but we won't need anymore herbs for potions for a while!"

Seeing that Remey was excited about herbs was definitely a perfect comedy but she rarely got to practice her hobby due to how busy the party had been. " let me store them away when we are back at the mansion we can play around with them. We can make our very own health potions to save money for other things." This excited Remey to a high degree. Su and Gil were fairly confused as they didn't know Remey had often bought and made simple teas from herbs to keep the children in the orphanage healthy. This side of Remey was more rare than diamonds.

"Ah I think I found something the glacial wolves didn't want to eat." Holding up two pouches of what appeared to be crystals, along with one torn open pouch. " I would bet this pouch had water crystals at one point that the wolves swallowed. These two happen to have earth and fire crystals." The two pouches had about ten of each crystal but it was a nice find.

"Take the fire crystals, I'm sure Hyde and Bengal will be happy to have them." This was just what Laurence wanted to hear. The fire crystals could help boost their strength. The earth crystals however were useless.

"Can I have the earth crystals?" Riley who rarely spoke had just said his first words in a long while. "My demon boars hold an earth affinity, I could use them." Walker hadn't bothered to research the demon boars but hearing this it did make sense. They were tough beasts and earth was a tough element.

"Sure thing, I didn't realize they were earth affinity monsters, I'll keep it in mind as we look for more." The two nodded to each other as Riley caught the pouch of earth crystals. Walker was glad to hear him speak up and join the conversation.

"ooo I found something! I found something!" The hyper voice of Elise called out to everyone. Pulling a leather backpack from underneath the remains of the cart she dragged it to an open space. The weight seemed to be almost more than she could lift, why could be inside that had so much weight?

Gathering around the leather backpack Elise unhooked the straps opening the top. It fell over spilling small green grey rocks out by their feet. "Rocks... I found rocks....this sucks!" Elise was crushed, she thought she had found a backpack full of gold but instead it was useless old rocks. "Who even walks around with a bunch of rocks on their back anyways?"

All of them seemed to echo this feeling but out of curiosity Walker still tried to appraise these rocks.

' orichalcum ore

Created only in some of the toughest underground environments, this ore gains strength above most other naturally occurring ores. Used to create armors that are nearly unbreakable. This ore is extremely rare and often sold for very high prices. The ideal crafting component for a unique weapon for one with a master level system.'

"... they must not have known this was being carried..." whispering in shock Walker's words were barely being heard.

"Huh? What do you mean they must not have known? Why would they care about rocks?" Remy echoed Elise, the pair had the feeling that walker was losing his mind.

"Ehmm" clearing his throat he continued louder this time, "if they knew this was part of the merchandise they would have put more than just a request with the guild. I think soldiers would be here too." This brought on another wave of confused looks, now everyone shared the same thought that walker was crazy.

"Ha so you collect rocks now? You know these aren't even pretty gems so you shouldn't give them to your new girl friend." Thinking walker was trying to make them a gift for his new found infatuation Gil decided to let loose a bit of teasing.

"No Gil stop being an idiot! This is orichalcum ore! Having just a tenth of what's in this back makes people a target for assassins and bandits. The amount here is impossible, if the garnet family knew about it they would sell everything to get this back!" He may have been frustrated for a moment but quickly calmed himself. "this is serious I know I'm overreacting a bit but we can not tell anyone about this." Walker picked up the spilled ore and stored away the backpack. "Naturally when we figure this out we will split it between us but for now I think it's best we pretend we didn't find anything more than some crystals and frozen cheese."

Chapter 137 - 137. Looking For The Tribe

The others were stunned, had they seriously come across one of the most rare metal ores in the entire world?

"Wait we don't want such a thing. It may be valuable but I value my team's lives much more than some rare ore." Laurence realized the danger above all else, riches were much less valuable than a life. He had learned this lesson well during his years in the tamer guild. One day a promising new tamer went chasing a monster the next they had a funeral, it was all too common.

"Don't worry I've thought this out. As far as it looks the one carrying this was hiding it. Most likely to try and sell it for personal profit later. Taking that in to account we can increase our chances of success by covering this wreckage back with ice. The trail will run cold so to say until spring when it melts. We leave no evidence. Furthermore the ore is in my storage away from prying eyes, the second we are in private area with your guild master I'll split it half and half. Of this you have my word as one who bears the hero title." Walker meant this with all his heart. He refused to be someone his friends could not trust.

' special quest: a hero's honor

Split the orichalcum ore with the tamers guild equally.

Penalty for failure:

Loss of title'

Laurence and walker both received this system message. It would seem swearing a deal on his system was incredibly binding. " as I said I swear in my title. Do you trust me?" A tense moment passed as Laurence weighed the positives and negatives.

" you sure are a unique person. I think doing this in the safety of the tamers guild headquarters is smart. The guild master will also feel some shock we have felt every day since meeting you. Hahaha it's a deal!" The two grasped hands in agreement.

' special quest accepted.'

The system also acknowledged this, taking the stress away from the situation they all decided to take the opportunity to rest. Walker needed to recover his mana as well.

"Sometimes I feel like we are super unlucky and other super lucky. Or both at the same time." Remey let out an exasperated rant. "Like we get trapped in the catacombs which is unlucky but we also make it to a place no other adventurer has made it which is lucky. Then we get gifts which is lucky but then we need to run for our lives which is unlucky... it's too much"

"You could say the omnipotent party is the luckiest unlucky party!" Joining the fun Elise gave them their very own saying.

" no no no noooo if you say that too much it will stay this way. Our hearts aren't strong enough!" Feigning a heart attack Gil stood up. Step. Step. Collapse "blaaahhh...I'm dead"

"And that ladies and gentlemen is the comedy king, Gil!" Walker became the announcer of the antics. They all continued like this for two hours eating some bread and cheese while enough of walker mana recovered.

Using his mana manipulation to pull water from the mud and freeze the wreckage in a mound of ice and snow they were ready to be on their way. It didn't take nearly as much mana to cover it all up than to clear a huge area. The wind had long set in to pushing the fluffy snow over the cleared space to retake the plains in the name of cold.

"We've traveled far enough to be in the rabbit tribes normal resting area. Keep an eye out for smoke in the distance or footprints. Around this time of year they have sleds they pull behind them so lines and flat patches are also signs they passed through." Laurence didn't expect to immediately find them since they were fairly adept in staying hidden from monsters. But at least some signs should remain that they were near.

"So basically we just keep walking them, right? No way other than that." Gil decided he would take this chance to scout ahead a bit. He hadn't used these skills much in the recent days. "I'll be running ahead, hopefully I'll be back with good news in a bit!" Off he went.

The group maintained their stride and was a fair bit behind him. Gil was seeing a whole lot of nothing as he scouted onward. The path seemed fairly untouched. Every once in a while he would spot the remnants of animals traveling but had yet to see anything real.

Making his way a decent distance away he seems three strange shapes in the ice ahead. There was a slightly flatter area with sharp overgrowths of ice. The snow seemed to drift around it. Taking a lower stance he had an arrow ready just in case. These long spiky things of roosting ice were definitely the ice wraiths walker had told him about. But why did something seem off?

The snow around these was being pushed away from them which made sense due to their ice bodies in a constant rotation. But the snow near there little area was too perfectly white. Most other snow was speckled with some bit of dead foliage or dusting of dirt. Wait did that blob of snow just move?

Gil didn't know what was happening, the ice wraiths definitely weren't causing this since they seemed completely immersed in building up their bodies. Focusing in with his eyes as much as possible Gil could see smaller oval shapes protruding from the weird pure white blob of snow. As this blob moved two hands seemed to split from it and pull back a large slingshot. A projectile flung from the slingshot shattering the body of one ice wraith.

Gil was surprised to learn that it was a person blending in with the snow perfectly! Faster than his eyes could follow two more shots were fired shattering the remaining ice wraiths. Their bodies broken and unable to reform the white blob stood tall reveling a very muscular man holding a pure white cloak of fur.

"Ah! Ears!" Gil yelped out loud in his surprise. This extremely build man had two white rabbit ears on the top of his head. He wore tight fitting tanned animal skins. The projectiles handguns from his belt were Shari looking black stones. His hair was cut tight to his head showing off a a tattoo of a small rabbit on the back of his neck. This was definitely a member of the rebut tribe.

The man was bending down collecting parts of the ice wraiths body and placing them in a bag. After selecting the ones that he desired his gaze turned to Gil. With a few quick steps he had shown up right by Gil "what was that about my ears boy!?" That was when gils soul left his body.

"Ahhh holy lord oh no." Gil ran it wasn't his most promising moment but an extremely muscular rabbit man had just ran to him faster than he could blink. His instincts screamed run. And run her did, Gil rand toward the others as break neck speed. No arrows drawn just all out break neck speed running.

Walking along after gils path Su suddenly stopped which in turn halted the party. "Leader I think I'm unwell, I may need to rest." Su thought her eyes were showing her false visions. "I seem to be hallucinating that Gil is being chased by an extremely buff rabbit man."

The others had now opened their eyes wide takin in the scene, "no your not seeing things, if you are we are effected too." Walker couldn't fathom what was happening, why was ship being chased? Why was that man so muscular? Weren't rabbit tribe Demi humans supposed to be as cute as a rabbit? Was that just a stereotype he'd made up in his mind after thinking about the small rabbits he saw being sold to nobles as pets?

"Tell me boy! Are you going to say something about my ears! Do they look good?! Huh! Hhhuuuhhh!" The man was yelling at Gil as he ran.

"Oh no did Gil say something about the ears? Ugh of course he did, that my friends is the head warrior of the rabbit tribe Otis. He has a thing about people talking about his ears, and he's it's about his muscles. It's a very drastic difference." Laurence hadn't seen Otis in two or three years but he swore in

that time he'd easily grown in size. It was weird to think that the man was similar in size to Laurence when they first met years ago. "Otis!!!! Leave him alone and come over here you brute!"

Stopping dead in his tracks, "oh joy who told a spitfire like you to come around these parts!" The two ran over to each other grasping arms greeting each other. This was a welcome sight for Gil who had collapsed in to the snow to recover his lost pride.

Chapter 138 - 138. Muscle Man

"Laurence I swear for all I do to shock you I think you are trying to shock me more. It's nice to meet you Otis my name is Walker and I'm the leader of the omnipotent party. We are currently escorting the tamers to a few locations in this area." Walker he been the first to quickly recover his wits after seeing Laurence run to the jacked rabbit tribesman.

" oh an escort, how fancy. I am Otis the head warrior of the rabbit tribesman. So Laurence what brings you and your escort our way? There aren't any orcs prowling the plains to hunt in the winter you know." The tamers were well known for hunting orcs in the warmer days of summer. This was due to the high fat content in their meat. Once properly preserved it was very nutritious for tamed beasts which feed on meat primarily.

"No no of course not, we can to see the tribe. During my stay with my friends here we talked over many things. Since we are traveling this direction we took a detour so I could introduce them to you. I'm fairly certain you will find them as interesting as I do." Seeing as Laurence didn't explain why they would be interesting Otis became curious but as he carefully scanned the party which had fully come to greet him even Gil he did see something unusual.

" so they've tamed a dragon! You're right how interesting! Here I thought I would be waiting all day to figure it out." Midnight growled slightly at these words. She wasn't tamed she was an equal. Every onyx began to become slightly agitated, he did not like the insult to his family.

"Midnight is not a tamed beast, she is family we're are equals. Same with onyx here on my shoulder. Please refrain from thinking anything less." The three were glaring intently at Otis who did not expect such a reaction.

This party leader must be a strange tamer to feel like this about his beasts, but equal in the party? Equal in the family? Very odd. " I see, well I did not mean any insult. The tamers guild will be blessed to gain another tamer who cares so much for their contracted beasts."

Walker knew having midnight and onyx with him would make him a dead ringer for a tamer but he didn't want to be just a tamer. " I think I should properly introduce myself and the party. That is Gil our ranger, Su our shield bearer, Remey our growler, midnight our rogue so to say, onyx our abyssal serpent, and I am walker the jack of all trades. We are the omnipotent party which holds the title of hero." Otis didn't fully understand this second introduction. The first few members sounded normal, to call a dragon a rogue made sense they were wild in nature. Otis had never heard of an abyssal serpent so just decided to brush it off. But the leader wasn't a tamer? Jack of all trades? What did that mean?...wait title?

"What do you mean title? How can all of you have a title? You can't share a title." Otis had become much more serious now, it was one thing to claim you had a title but share one? Impossible and insulting to his intelligence.

"Yes five of us each have the title of hero. It's a long story. We do not share it we always have it. I'm surprised the rumors haven't traveled this far yet, must've a result of the slow winter trade." It was natural that the word of those with a new title hadn't spread from the kingdom much, the trade routes being hard to traverse would often be left untouched until spring. That could also be said for the gossip that the merchants carried with them.

Otis didn't want to believe the kid in front of him, five hero's? He glanced at Otis who was nodding his head with a smile. " Hmm since Laurence brought you here I will believe you for now, but I will see the truth in time. If you are lying to me there will be consequences."

A moment of intent staring happened between Otis and Walker before Walker spoke again. " I won't force you to believe however the words I spoke are true, we have a title, they are my family, and we can do anything." Gil was worried Walker's words would set the muscle bound man in to anger but instead the two were standing their ground.

"Well since you are so adamant I will take your word. Not many have the nerve to stand to my face and dispute what I say. I'll allow your courage to speak to your character. Now, Laurence who are the two new tamers with you, I've never seen them so they must be green as can be." Otis had wrapped the matter up for now. He would be keeping a close eye on Walker to see just what kind of person and system there was within him. The girl with Laurence seemed unable to tame her energy, she had been bouncing side to side since she came over. The exact opposite of the boy with him so seemed to be sleeping on his feet. Leave it to Laurence to bring two opposites together.

"oh yes of course this is Elise she specializes in avian beats and this is Riley he specializes in wild beasts." Otis was again confused, how could the sleepy one be a wild beast tamer? He seems so tame and soft. The girl definitely seemed like a tamer of birds, high energy and hyper focused.

Luckily Elise knew if she bombarded this man with questions she would be strictly lectured by Laurence. It was just a blessing she had realized and held back.

"Ah look at me keeping my friend out in the cold. Bring your escort and green tamers. We can celebrate in our makeshift village. It's been a while since we had guests." Laurence smirked at this, he knew exactly when Otis meant by makeshift village. Glancing at Walker his mischievous smirk did not go unnoticed. Just wait until you see what they do in the winter.

While Laurence laughed internally they all followed Otis. Walking for nearly an hour Otis seemed to be getting restless. He most likely didn't want to move so slow, every step he took looked like it was held back. Laurence started to laugh to himself a bit drawing a little attention, he knew that Otis would normally run full speed home after a hunt. Naturally as a Demi human his speed was fairly fast, the fact that he had rabbit traits meant that fact was emphasized even more so.

More time passed and a large mass of snow seemed to be rising in front of them. The closer they all got the less it blended in, it wasn't just a mass of snow it was perfectly crafted snow walls encompassing a large area. "Holy lord they made a giant snow fort." Her voice was filled with awe as Remey and Elise eyes each other.

"I think we should race to the wall." The energy elegies had was only rivaled by Remey.

"Mhm good plan, we'll see who gets their but kicked." The others heard this and took this challenge in as well.

"Well if I need to show off I guess I will" Gil stepped equally to the other two and soon followed everyone else. Otis was looking in amusement.

"Ready...set...go!" Walker called out and sped off towards the wall. Even Laurence was in hot pursuit.

Noticeably faster Su was making her way toward the snow wall as well. Midnight was trying to jump in the air and glide a bit which was very intriguing. Walker knew she was still a bit young but seeing her want to fly and practice flying made him excited for the day she would actually take flight. Pushing this excitement away he promised himself not to rush her, she didn't want any harm to come to her in pushing her wings too soon.

Gil took the lead over Remey, his better footing in the snow giving him the advantage. They were closing in on the wall with every step about to make his win final.

His hand was stretched out reaching for the wall when all a sudden a shadow appeared next to him. With a small breeze, Otis placed a hand on the wall softly. "I win. Hahaha I even gave you all a head start." Not a single one of them had noticed Otis run, he was too fast. He reached the wall in an instant without even breaking a sweat. They had been robbed, Gil most of all was stuck not knowing how to feel. Impressed or angry? Ah why's the point forget it he thought to himself. "Welcome to the temporary winter home of the rabbit tribesman." Otis stood proudly in front of the snow wall which was Triple his height. They had arrived!

Chapter 139 - 139. The Way Of The Rabbit

"Wait so do you build this every year?" This seemed impossible, a wall this size must take days for pack and stabilize, but they did every winter?

"Well of course, we move around constantly so we find a good place for the winter and build it up. A few snow footed rabbit traits mixed in here and there and next thing you know we have a few mages to kick up a blizzard or two. Work together for a few hours and boom got a winter wall to block the wind and keep out the pesky monsters. Not to mention warm." Not every day was Otis able to show off his people's winter creation. Most visitors were met in their normal wandering come the spring and summer. Almost none found or visited the tribe when they bunkered down for the winter.

This made sense to walker, as a species of animal rabbits weren't just rabbits. There were many variations. Ones that developed in cold climates, some in hot, others in swamps, there were many different kinds. This meant a that as Demi humans calling them just a mix of rabbit and human wasn't very accurate. The type of rabbit they had traits from would radically effect their system.

"I can see why you would prefer something like this in the winter. If it's warmer and blocks the wind it could be called a paradise in the plains during the winter." Throwing a compliment and her and there seemed like the proper move to with the trust of Otis, so that's just how Walker operated.

"Ha! Laurence you found a good one! You know kid no one ever seems to understand just how grand out little winter wonderland is." Laughing more Otis began leading them around the edge of the wall. The entirety of the wall seemed to be diamond shaped directing the consistent wind from any direction.

Seeing an opening in the wall enough just for two or three people to enter shoulder to shoulder Otis let out a whistle. Two cloaked figures came out of hiding places in the wall, they were perfectly blended in with the same white fur cloak Otis had to hide himself. Walker wasn't sure why it was able to blend so well so his curiosity got the better of him.

' high yeti fur cloak

+4 mdef, +2 def

Snow camouflage

Made from Fur of a fifty year old yeti. It's age allowed it to absorb significant natural mana. This trait allows its fur to blend with any snow in its surroundings.'

His all around appraisal revealed low defensive stats but a unique ability. The fact that the fur had to be from an older yeti was also impressive. From walkers reading in the mansions library he had seen that the older a yeti got the bigger it grew. Meaning at the age of fifty it would be a tough opponent to take down, but also could yield high rewards. This meant that the tribe was able to defeat some of the stronger ice elemental monsters in the area and even more northern near the mountains. His thoughts being interrupted walker Laid his eyes in what was within the wall.

Small round domed igloos made up most homes. Some had smoke stacks where others had areas set up outside them for fire and cooking. Even a few dining tables were seen scattered about. A few massive stacks of wood seemed to be the store for the winter. Along the wall some tribesman were tending to slightly melted or damaged parts. The atmosphere was energetic and bright, there didn't seem to be a sad face among them. Rabbit earned children darted around here and there while adults chased after them. A training area seemed to be in use as teenage children seemed to be racing or practicing new skills. The most eye catching scene however was the large open square in the middle of everything.

"No one wander off, we need to head to the center and greet the elders. If they give permission we could be allowed to stay for a night or two. If not we will be escorted out." Laurence hadn't mentioned

this in the first place but it was plain to tell that there was no sure way to make them let us stay. It would completely be up to how the elders felt at the moment of meeting them.

Walking through the scatters igloo homes and little open streets many of the rabbit tribesman bartered with each other. Instead of currency it seemed they traded here and there for what they needed. This seemed much more practical for a group used to wandering the open lands.

Walker quickly took mental note of the things he could see them trading for. Some were trading foods, not a big surprise. He didn't see much fresh bread but a surprising amount of meats and vegetables. Some seemed to trading monster parts more than anything, this much be to craft unique equipment that the tribe makes themselves. He knew he had the glacial wolf bodies stored away and considered trying to sell trade parts or all of them here. That would need to wait though, they had just reached the square.

The large fire pit had a small fire in the center. Five older people sat around it holding cups with a strong herby tea within. There were two men and three woman, these were the elders of the tribe. They may not have been the oldest but they were indeed the wisest when it came to decisions for the good of the tribe.

"Elders, I have returned from hunting after running in to my old friend Laurence. He brings with him two young ones from the tamers guild and six friends escorting him. These six consist of five who say they hold the title of hero, the six appears to be a newly hatched member. I vouch for them as head warrior." Otis stepped back and awaited a response. He had not known them all long but trusted Laurence with those he kept company with. He had also seen how the party acted around him and the tamers, Otis hadn't sensed a single bit of malice not even from a young dragon. The possibility that they really had the hero title did not seem as far fetched as the first second he heard it.

"oh hero this hero that anyone is a hero anytime. It's all in perspective!" The oldest looking woman waved her hand not seeming to care about the title. She was the most bundled up out of the five. Her grey hair and floppy ears one of the only things easily visible.

"but the world did recognize them, that's impressive enough for children like them. Even that cute little lizard there is a hero. Can't you see the world's energy cloning to them? How pure." The man to her right seemed much more cheerful and interested. But could he really see the world's energy? He didn't even have open eyes yet spoke of seeing. His hair was grey like the others but the fur in his ears was pure white.

" Ha! World energy that's all you ever talk about. You're an old blind fool. A dragons a dragon but if it's tamed we'll need to watch out for its master nothing more." What appeared to be the youngest one was firing directly at walker. She seemed to know he had the contract with midnight, however her words stirred anger in him and midnight. He wasn't some ruthless master that drove midnight to follow his orders. They were equal.

Otis gave walker a death stare telling him not to move or speak. Luckily Walker knew how to keep his cool and relayed this to midnight mentally. If they got kicked out now he may not learn anything, plus they would all be out in the wind for the night. None of them wanted to go back out now.

" your hate of dragons is astounding as ever, just because one snacked on that leg of yours doesn't mean they all want to eat you. Just let them stay a few days I'm sure we can bleed them dry if some good stories to pass the winter. If they really are title holders than they can show off some interesting things." The third woman had a discomfoting smile, like she wanted to study a specimen. Her black ears twitching here and there listening for a response.

" you all just need to make your choices but at the end of the day our Otis vouches for them and in that I trust. Let the young learn from these new faces and let us old watch for any threats. As of now all I see is promise." The last man was different than the others, scars shown on his face and one ear was completely missing. Even though Otis was the head warrior the aura this elder gave off was much more threatening.

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"Now are we agreed?" The man spoke again looking around.

"Agreed!" They all nodded and said in unison.

"Then welcome to our winter village, please make yourselves at home and enjoy the warmth of our fires. You may address us as elder while you are here. As long as you show us respect you are as good as any other rabbit tribesman however bear with me, if you disrespect us we will show our claws." These words were both strict rule and sound advice, both of which every one of them planned to follow.

Stepping forward walker began his reply, " hello there, my name is walker and I am the party leader of the omnipotent party. I hold the jack of all trades system. This is midnight my younger sister and onyx our younger brother. Here is my second in command Gil with his ranger system. This is Su with the shield bearer system and Remey with the brawler system. We thank you very much for allowing us to stay with you, and look forward to learning many things." Walker bowed slightly to show more respect

bringing a smile to the man with one ears face. How responsible and professional this boys introduction was showed he was also wise beyond his years which was a very sought after quality in the tribe.

Laurence took his turn next, " I am honored to be with the tribe yet again. I've brought with me Elise a young avian tamer, he sister Stella will most likely roam the skies if the wind is soft. Here is Riley our young wild beast tamer, please rest assured his demon boars will not be taking a walk. This is their first time here in the winter and I'm sure they will learn a fair bit of survival tricks, so I thank you in advance." These two as well seemed interesting to the elders. One that could tame wild beasts was fairly rare and another that tamed avian monsters. Having seen their fair share of avian monsters hunt the plains the tribe was adept in countering them but hunting them properly was always a task for more advanced hunters.

" ahh so much potential is always a good sight to see, feel free to join us all tonight for a meal. We often have a very lively fire with plenty of food and chatter. Otis will show you to an open spot in the meantime." With that the one eared elder seemed to be captivated by his tea. Otis made a wave with his hand to follow him. It appeared they were done with the introductions.

Moving away from the square walker glanced back to see the elders discussing something. It seemed they had given everyone the once over and now were sharing their opinions.

Otis brought everyone through a tangle of igloos and pathways leading to a larger open space. " if you've got any tents this is a spot you can use. If you'd like to have you're own home built we can ask the mages to build an igloo but you'll need to trade for it, nothings free in life." Otis was about to turn away when he saw walker moving to the center of the space, why was he doing?

" I don't think we need much in the way of roofing but some walls for privacy would be nice." Walker focused on the image of four walls with one opening while using his mana manipulation. Mana was drained out while the earth rumbled. Four stone walls began to rise around them leaving just one space to exit. A few drops of sweat dripped from walker but overall he seemed fairly happy with their temporary living area. "Alright let's set up our own little sleeping area. We can get a small fire started later for heat while we sleep.

Wasn't this boy a tamer? How'd I'd he just sculpt earth? "Boy how can a tamer like you move the earth like this? Do you have a third underground tamed beast?" Otis felt this theory was the most plausible, had he brought in an underground threat to the village? If so should he risk battling this boy to kick him out?

" I never said I was a tamer, I introduced myself as someone with the jack of all trades system. I can learn pretty much any skill. Well not a mastery level skill but as you can see it's not that big a deal." Otis was beside himself, any skill? He had thought walker to be trying to hide the kind of tamer he was with a playful lie by saying he was a jack of all trades but it was true.

" what else can you do, can you I would like to see more proof you are what you say." Otis already decided to believe walker but under the guise of proof he could convince walker to show off more. This could help in a manner of ways, if walker had skills he could use to harm or help the villager he would find a way to remove or convince walker respectively.

" there's a lot but I can use a monster skill to intimidate enemies, manipulate the elements, appraise things, use any weapons...honestly I would lose track of I hadn't gained a skill called mental archive that lets me record everything in a bit library in my head. Don't worry though using it won't give me a headache." Laugh in at his little joke he soon stopped realizing he may have overwhelmed Otis.

Spacing out a moment Otis slowly turned glaring at Laurence. " I may have teased you a few times when you visited but did you really have to bring such an enigma here!" Laurence only smiled in response, in his mind he was laughing with evil intent seeing that his revenge had begun.

"No I would never bring someone here to cause you shock and confusion. I only wished for my new friends to see the majesty of the rabbit tribes winter resting place." Laurence used his sweet words but was curing Otis for the jokes he had made when Laurence tried to dance. Tonight he would have revenge.

"Ahhgg" walker turned to find Gil flat on his face. There was a slight icy patch that was almost perfectly clear. Gil had ignored the others and tried to set up a sleeping spot with some gear he carried. He felt he would trouble walker if he asked him to always store it.

Looking up a nice purple lump was already forming on his forehead. "Ummm hey walker...think I could ask you to help out with this? If we are eating with everyone tonight I should look my best." The smile he gave walker was forced as he was fairly embarrassed for not noticing the ice however walker long accepted the chance they would slip and fall as they learned the new terrain.

" well better to fall here than in combat I guess. Come over here. Oh, hey Otis I can also heal, forgot to mention it when you asked" as Gil came to walker the light heal skill was used bringing the green healing light from walker's hands. The growing bruise in Gil's forehead faded away in an instant as if it was not there at all.

" healing too? I swear if anyone fights you when you've grown up it will always be like fighting your natural enemy..." he no longer wanted to quarrel with Laurence and instead felt he had lost. He the head warrior wasn't able to push aside this amount of shock. He had met someone who in theory would always be able to play in his weaknesses.

" well I'm still limited to my mana usage so it's not like I can fight forever. But you are right, if I work hard one day I might be able to always give my party the edge in battle. Oh Su, Remey I haven't gotten your gear out yet I'm sorry. Elise Riley yours too!" Pulling out from his spatial inventory walker placed everyone's gear in front of them. Lastly he pulled out his own.

This was the nail in the coffin, even special . What was this kid? How could he do all of this like it was common every day activities. " I feel like I could spend a lifetime watching you and only learn a fraction of what you can do." Dejected Otis made his leave, Laurence wanted to feel accomplished but instead felt he may have gone too hard.

Deciding it wasn't too big a deal, " well now Otis seems to know how we all felt getting to know your skills too."

" you don't even know the half of it, we learned it first hand while on our first adventure. He literally formed a blood contract that day! It was ridiculous, since then we've just been waiting for crazy stuff to happen." Gil knew all too well how everyone felt and wished he could say it was easy to adjust to.

" you've got that right I half expect him to start changing the weather or pulling diamonds from ash next." Dramatically Remey waved her hands as if she was conjuring a storm. Laughing at her jokes they went about setting up their home for the night.