

Master 1411

Chapter 1411 1411. People On The Move

Arora had left the arm of Alice during the song. The small orbs of colored light elemental mana were incredibly tempting for her. While Alice finished her song, Arora had been snacking on the orbs to the point that she felt too tired to even move. The moment that Alice noticed this she ended up picking Arora up and rating her on her shoulders just as Onyx had sat on Walker's shoulders.

"I've gotta say, you really have a way with the light around here. If you want to settle down here you are more than welcome." Miss offered a place in the village instantly. She was always out to get a better member for the village to help them grow.

"Thank you, but I am on a journey," Alice responded politely and saw the acceptance on Miss's face. She was not going to force anyone to join her village.

"Well, in that case, let's get an early day. The village will come around for some food after your performance." Mis showed nothing but hospitality for the remainder of the night. The families within the village were happy to have healers to help them out with their ailments. They had only one single person that could make medicine and heal them. It was a very trying job when things were busy.

Getting rest was top of the list when Alice finished eating. It was the same for all of the villagers that had been hard at work. "I know you are leaving again on your journey. It's not the first time that healers have come through here. But take my advice. Turn back here. The borders are unsteady."

This was something that Alice knew. The borders of the demon lands were unsteady due to the fact that the demons' corruption was spreading throughout the demon lands. It was pushing them to try and take over more land and cross the border. Unfortunately, this led the villages nearby to become victims of such corrupted demons.

"That look says you will still go on your way. Then good luck. I will leave some additional supplies for you in the morning." Mis left them to be alone. She would return to her work on the farm and wouldn't be able to see the whalers off.

Alice was glad to hear this and was able to get all of her energy back. She knew the first village would be the easiest since she had some basic information about it. However, she was not stopping at a single

village. The next one was three days' travel further from Genesis, and much closer to the demon lands border. Much closer to the danger brewing there....

"Remember, we have been sent by the united council of Genesis. You are here to guard the border wall that was created to protect all the people above this line. We will stand strong until we are reinforced!" The call was from multiple captains along a single wall which was in the process of being built.

Genesis had joined the kingdoms together and therefore joined the effort to protect the border until there were enough soldiers to move in to the demon lands. The constant attacks from demons that seemed out of their minds had worn away on them for some time. Eleven worse, there seemed to be a new wave approaching. One led by a very large demon.

"Soldier, report back to Genesis with this detailed map of the border forces and what we need. The communication has already been sent but they need detailed information." With that, a single soldier was sent. This was not the every day attack. The demons were rarely sent with someone to lead them. They would attack mindlessly without allowing any chance to move in to the demon lands.

(Some time before then...)

"Wrath, it is your time. We shall move forward with or without any others. I desire the entire world to fall. I am nearly ready." The gravely vicious voice shook the very walls around the large demon that bowed before the throne.

"Yes, Lord. I shall allow those under my control to show the world your rage." There was a powerful growl echoing through the demon lands after this order had been given out.

Demons of all shapes and sizes found themselves spurred. The soldiers that had been trained under Wrath found their minds burning away. Translucent flames seemed to eat away at their being. With a roar that attempted to call down lightning, Wrath left the massive castle behind. Charging toward the border.

(elsewhere)

The change in the mana of the world had become greater and greater. It rippled throughout causing many creatures to awaken from their slumber. Some monsters which rarely showed themselves came out of their caves.

"So that fool ascended? I guess it's time to see what has happened on the surface." The rumbling of the ground changed the landscape.

Earth elemental spirits awoke from their long slumber of gathering elemental mana from the earth. They had been unmoved for an unknown number of years. However, they were spurred to action yet again. There was something calling them. Something that they felt they needed to follow.

"I wonder how many are awake already? I usually sleep the longest...hm, there might be a hint of a breeze that way." The rumble of the ground seemed to reverberate for miles and miles. Small villages felt that they were being attacked while even large cities felt what was happening.

When the rumbling found Genesis, there were many that didn't notice it. The city was too busy with the events unfolding around them. Too busy with the alchemy guilds' competition for the day. Especially since they were hearing the sounds of cheers from all around. But just because no one noticed the rumbling, did not mean that the mana trying to balance itself was not sensed.

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Chapter 1412 1412. Earth

Walker was one of the few that could feel the change in the earth elemental mana. It wasn't that he was looking for it, however, he felt it as soon as he had moved to fix the earth he had manipulated over the last hour.

Only seven people had issues with their potions which was a fairly low number. That didn't mean that Walker was responsible and would help clean up the mess he had made to prevent anyone from being harmed. This was the same for the other mages working in pairs to protect the participants.

That being said, there were a handful of earth mages that had used the same technique as Walker had. They had moved the earth elemental mana to cover the cauldrons and partnered with water mages to douse the fires used. But the earth mages with higher affinity for the earth elemental mana suddenly stopped.

"That feels..." Walker felt that it was similar to the way that Zephyr felt but with the wind. "I need to figure something out. Can you take over here?" Walker felt bad asking this of another range but had to figure out where the pulling feeling of the earth elemental mana was coming from.

Moving toward the central arena, Walker took a seat and let his senses feel out the mana balance around them. It was sure that the fire elemental mana would be the strongest, however, that was not the case. The earth elemental mana that had took his attention was increasing.

Since he was fully focused on the earth elemental mana now, Walker could tell that there was a slightly rumbling. "I wonder if there is an earthquake somewhere?" Just as he said this, Fleur made her first appearance in some time. She had left the spirit mark to drift in front of Walker. She had been drawn by the same feeling.

"I know you were resting and absorbing the mana you need. It's just that something is pulling at the earth elemental mana and stopped me from gathering it too." He felt that Fleur was more curious than upset. But he could still see the sluggish movements since she had last used too much energy.

"Hey, Walker." Gil had come running from where he had been. "I know I missed the morning but something important is going on with the earth elemental spirits." He had seen the earth elemental spirits reacting to the change in mana and also felt that Zephyr was unsettled.

"There are a bunch of them gathering around the trees the elves planted. I think the unbalanced mana is affecting them." Gil wasn't sure and had taken a guess. Zephyr was more sensitive to the opposing forces that the earth elemental mana had on the wind so she would be able to let Gil know.

Just as Walker considered this, he found that Su had also left the stands to come and find him. It was good that he had moved to the less busy arena where he could stand to the side and speak with Gil and Su. "Let me guess, your partner is reacting to the earth elemental mana shifting?" Su didn't even speak. She just nodded. "Then let's go out to the trees by the elven area. I bet we will have an answer soon.

The three leaving the arena was enough to make a few more people move. Remey made sure to motion for the mages to focus on what they were doing more carefully. Ignus and Mordant also took notice but had no intention of interfering. They knew if something interesting was going to happen they would be able to see it clearly. Midnight also had too much to pay attention to since the hatchings were enamored with the various potions being made and the scents of herbs.

While the three moved, they noticed more earth elemental spirits that had taken up residence within Genesis moving toward the same direction. "Alma, have an idea of what's happening?" Walker found that Alma had also been dragged there.

"I do, a few spirit mages said that they believed a powerful earth spirit is coming this way. If I were to be more specific, they sensed one wake up and move this way. It's a good sign since a powerful earth elemental spirit will help the plants grow just by coming to the area or even passing by." This sounded like it would bring better things for Genesis which had just begun the growing season.

"That's good news. I came because I sensed it and Fleur was unsettled. Gil found me shortly after I noticed. I would have been able to catch it earlier if I was more focused." Walker spoke while noticing that the mana had become even denser.

Su's earth elemental partner revealed itself and looked down at the ground. As it did this, the earth began to form in to a fairly familiar shape. One that Walker had seen other elemental spirits take but with slightly different designs.

Grand earth elemental spirit- ???

This is the named grand earth elemental spirit. The most powerful earth elemental spirit around that has recently awoken from a long term slumber to gather large amounts of earth elemental mana. The world has become unbalanced while selecting the next fire elemental spirit, therefore, the grand earth spirit ??? is coming toward the only earth spirit it can sense.'

"Welcome to Genesis. I am Walker, This is Fleur." The earth spirit finished forming a body made out of dirt and stone in front of them. It was much more detailed like Zephyr and Fleur were.

"Well...not what I came looking for. I felt the familiar mana of an old friend and came to see them. I was not aware of a budding nature spirit. Welcome to the world." The mana was firm and solid. Walker was impressed but curious about how slowly the grand earth spirit seemed to move. "I am Ter, one with the earth elemental mana."

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Chapter 1413 1413. Steady Earth

Gil knew that Zephyr was still in need of rest. So much so that she was still struggling to even move the air around his body. The real reason he knew that she was reacting so strongly was because she had to recognize the earth named elemental spirit that had come here.

"Ter? Well, this is a busy time here in Genesis, but if you would like to explore you are more than welcome. You have already seemed to bring a crowd." Walker motioned to the earth elemental spirits that had gathered.

Ter looked at Walker and seemed to play with the earth elemental mana around him, Walker felt that it would be very hard to manipulate any earth elemental mana in his presence. Where Zephyr was more free and flowing, Ter was steady and tough. This was the embodiment of the elemental mana that the elemental spirits embodied.

Unlike Zephyr, Fleur had more energy at her disposal. This allowed her to directly approach Ter and look right at him. Ter didn't react much at all. He knew that he had the singularity of earth elemental mana. But he was nothing compared to a natural mana spirit. A spirit that would literally carry the will of the world at one point.

"I had hoped to speak to Zephyr. It has been some time since I decided to rest." The words seemed to call on more earth elemental mana to come near. Walker couldn't even imagine what this kind of control was like. There was a clear cut difference between him and the earth elemental spirit.

To have the grand elemental manipulation should be a powerful skill. Yet, compared to an elemental spirit which was completely bound and formed by the specific elemental mana, Walker lacked a lot of control that could come from this. If it was possible to grow and reach this insane level of control, One would need to ascend past the limitations of the world they were in. It was a theory that could drive many mages to pursue endless meditation.

"Was this how it felt to be around the fire grand elemental spirit?" Walker asked Gil offhand just to see if this was normal.

"He held back a lot more. I assume because Ter just woke up things are less controlled." Ter was watching Gil recount this and it caught his attention greatly.

"Good, we were waiting for Zephyr to return from wherever she was slumbering. I was planning to move on soon as well. However, I must choose someone to take a hold of the mana I possess. It is different. I am closer to the will of the world." There was a confidence that said this was just the way things were. Ter wasn't exaggerating but just being a stable base of reality.

"I have to say, we do not understand the world of elemental spirits as well as other things. We are just learning about what we are now calling origin runes. The information we have about elemental planes and other such things is very limited." Walker outright said it. He didn't want there to be any insults towards a grand elemental spirit.

"Zephyr was not slumbering. She had ended up trapped in this bow before we reforged it using true spirit forging. That way we are able to allow a spirit to travel in and out of an object." Gil was not going to hide the truth of what had happened.

"I see, some beings are foolish and chase ideals they are not ready to touch. Those foolish ones did learn though. They were something I watched. Something interesting that decided to rest above where I slept at one point." This little addition to history could be major. Walker wanted to immediately start asking questions until he thought better of it.

"I won't pry too much if you do not want to share things. I am sure you can tell this city is new. The people here are still adjusting. The elemental spirits are mostly newly awakened from slumber after we have found them. If there is anything you believe will help bring spirits and other beings together, please tell me." There was a little shock when Ter realized that they were conversing so easily.

Su had been silently nodding here and there. She was holding back since she felt how much earth elemental mana was around her. The high earth spirit that she partnered with was in the same state but was allowing Su to feel more through it.

"Things do seem to have changed greatly. This true spirit forging is something I can feel. That shield on your back. That earth spirit. That spirit mark. Bonds that I have not sensed. Bonds that feel right." Hearing that the bonds between the three were feeling right to a grand earth elemental spirit was spectacular, to say the least.

This meant that they had not pursued the wrong path. That Genesis was pushing those within the city to learn how to properly bind with elemental spirits without harming them. Adding in the mage tower that overall improved mana density, and there was the opportune environment for both elemental spirits and other races to prosper.

"Zephyr, I will wait until you are ready to take your own form again. For now, I will explore this strange place. That tower. These are different beings from the last time such a place existed." Ter melted in to the ground leaving them all a little stunned.

"So, I think I want to gather more wind elemental mana faster. I am going to the wind elemental floor of the mage tower." Alma had also been silently watching this all happen. She would speak to all the spirit mages she could about this.

"Gil, take as long as you need. This is important." The two nodded before walking away and leaving Walker and Su along for the moment.

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Chapter 1414 1414. Young Talent

Remey had not let the sudden exit of Walker shake her. She knew that something was happening but she had more responsibilities where she was. If she were to let it show that she was distracted at all it could lead to higher stress for every single person participating in the event.

"Since Walker has left, I will take a walk around the venue." The old master alchemist and Trish had already been announcing the winners and those who made outstanding performances. Having Remey walk through some of the last people to prepare potions was not a big deal at all.

The alchemy fire spirit had been wandering around enjoying the fluid fire elemental mana as most of the alchemists used fire to create the potions they made. However, when it rushed back to Remey full of energy, she wasn't sure what was happening. But she was not going to just ignore the obvious lead.

"That's an interesting technique you have there." What Remey found was a very young boy who shouldn't even be able to attend such an event. He didn't even flinch when she spoke to him. His gaze was fully focused on the smaller cauldron that he had chosen to make a single health potion with.

"You chose decent herbs, have a decent scent coming from that, and your mana control is very nice. However, I have an interest in why your alchemy flames are blue. It's already different enough that you can use alchemy flames already. But blue alchemy flames? Very interesting."

This was clear why the alchemy fire spirit had found Remey to bring her over. Remey had never heard that alchemy fire could be blue. Blue flames? Yes, they were commonly known to represent spiritual flames, healing flames, and even cold flames. There were also cases where blue flames burned slowly and much hotter than normal flames.

"Same heat as my alchemy flames, more control, less mana being used. A very good skill." Remey mumbled as she evaluated everything. It was beginning to prove to be a very worthwhile result of leaving the judging arena.

The boy had more to show off though, as soon as the potion had begun to reach peak heat, he stopped the flames. With the immediate stoppage of heat, the blue flames should have dissipated. Yet this did not happen, instead, the flames pulled the heat from the cauldron cooling the potion rapidly. It perfectly preserved the potion at the fastest rate that Remey had ever seen.

"So it's not that they are alchemy flames, they are still a unique blue flame used for alchemy. Perfect, show me that potion!" Remey held a hand out as the boy was filling a vial. He handed the potion over and slowly came back in to focus.

The fear and worry on his face showed Remey that he had been in his very own world while performing his alchemy. It was unique but not unheard of for an alchemist to be fully focused on what they were creating.

"Do you know what you've done?" Remey looked down at the boy who flinched away. "I-i just made a low tier health potion. I know that it's not the same as everyone else but it's all I can do. Please, I just need to keep learning so I can help my family out more we just moved here and and and-"

"Silence already! You need to learn to hold yourself back." It was a little ironic that Remey was the one saying this. However, she was distracted by the potion in her hands. "Come with me. Now." Remey nearly dragged the boy toward the arena to announce the results.

Both Trish and the old master alchemist were not sure why Remey had brought in a child. They knew that he was not nearly old enough to be participating in the event and must have managed to sneak in somehow.

"For the first and only time in this competition, someone had managed to use a low tier potion formula and created a mid tier potion. This boy here is going to be the youngest alchemy genius to enter the alchemy guild. Congratulate the new member of the elite alchemy class, our blue fire alchemist."

Remey had gone above what everyone expected. She had granted him a nickname in the guild already and plainly stated that he was a genius. The boy, on the other hand, was stunned. He thought he was about to get yelled at and kicked out. He thought that he had ruined his chance of ever being an alchemist in his entire life.

With this unexpected occurrence, the crowd watching went wild. Ignus in particular was focused on the boy. "Find something interesting? Mordant wanted to hear what had actually managed to catch Ignus's eye.

"He can use fire that most people can not. The blue flames that were just described are unique even to dragons. If you recall, my mother was a blue fire dragon. They had slightly less control of their own mana but incredible control of fire elemental mana in a unique way. They can control heat to the extreme. From what I know of alchemy, heat is key. That boy could become great here in this village."

With great surprise, Mordant ensured he would remember the appearance of the boy. Ignus was not one to openly praise someone. Therefore, when Ignus compared this boy's flames to a dragon's flames, especially his mother's, it was a big deal.

"I will expect better fire affinity potions in a few years instead of a generation. That boy may be the one they needed." Ignus lost focus after the boy was guided down by another alchemy guild member. From this point on, there were very few people participating left. It was a very quick day long competition that everyone thought would go on longer.

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Chapter 1415 1415. Failed Sneak

"Let's get a move on. We are going to get to the coliseum for the announcements!" Onyx was moving through the city streets faster and faster. He was challenging the hatchlings to use the shadows to maintain their spot behind him.

There were no worries that they would get lost since Onyx had been very careful with ensuring that they would memorize the city as it was built. This was the best way for them to become independent faster.

"You can move more flexibly to dodge through the crowds. Use your instincts more and flow with your current speed." Onyx was calling out advice while he watched the hatchlings move around the busy market. They were going the busiest route toward the coliseum for this reason.

When Onyx stopped, it wasn't because there was a problem. He had been surprised by the fact that Walker was out near the front of the coliseum with Su. "Gop and catch my big brother. Surprise him for me!" Onyx felt it would be a little funny to watch the hatchling surprise Walker. There was also the fact that Walker looked too serious and needed to lighten up.

"I just don't want there to be any trouble while the world works. I want to see who the next grand fire spirit is, but for another grand spirit to leave..." Walker had been voicing his worries to Su who had been sharing hers. She knew that her earth elemental spirit had been very focused on Ter when he had arrived. This could be good and bad for their relationship.

If Su's partner decided to pursue the potential to become a grand elemental spirit, she wasn't sure what that would mean. The grand spirits all seemed to rest and absorb great amounts of their elemental mana. If this happened to her partner she would feel that she was missing a part of herself for a long time.

On the other hand, if her partner became a grand earth elemental spirit then she would have a similar situation to Gil. She could become an avatar of the earth which would be amazing. Not that she wanted that specifically. There was mostly the potential to become stronger alongside her partner that attracted her. The pair had trained a lot together, and being more powerful was a focus.

"Sorry, one minute. There are some trouble makers that want to catch me off guard. Walker was not a fool. He had been even more fearful sensing the mana around him than usual due to the strange balance with the lack of a grand fire elemental spirit.

Su glanced around and saw the changes in the shadows just before the abyssal serpent hatchlings burst from the shadows. They were clearly looking to wrap around Walker using their bind skill. Unfortunately, he was prepared and used the shadows against him.

Walker had seen how Mordant had used the shadow elemental mana to create large attacks. It may have been a short exchange between Scylla and Mordant, but there was education in everything.

Therefore, Walker used his grand elemental manipulation to pull on the coliseum's shadow. The simple goal was to make a shadow wall that the serpents had to phase in to or bounce off of.

Watching them closely, Onyx saw three of them seamlessly phase in to the shadows while the other two bounced off. Only one serpent managed to sense what Walker was doing and twist to get over the short wall of shadow. The serpent was rewarded with the fact that he fell directly on to Walker's arm and wrapped around him.

"Well, it looks like you are the winner today. The rest of you need to focus on your senses. The darkness elemental mana is yours. You have an affinity for it that is very strong, which means you can focus on it to feel what I would be doing. Later, you may or may not absorb enough light elemental mana to open your affinity for the light elemental mana as well."

Walker went in to full teacher mode. He was sure that all the abyssal serpents would eventually recognize their light elemental affinity. If Walker had a theory, he would say that the heavenly serpents had the same potential. They may have the chance to unlock a weak darkness elemental affinity as well. Mostly because there was always a little darkness in light and light within darkness. The two could only exist when the other did.

"Brother, look at your foot. That is a recently hatched student of mine. He has the best darkness affinity yet." Onyx was proudly slithering up to Walker while Walker showed his surprise. The small abyssal serpent had been so sneaky that Walker had not even sensed him at all.

"That's great. Welcome to the family. You seem to have a pretty good talent for sneaking around. Don't go getting in to too much trouble." The soft pat on the head seemed to bring great joy to the little abyssal serpent. He could feel the praise even though he had not begun to understand language the same way as the other abyssal serpents had.

"We came to hear the announcement about the new potions that Remey and I worked on. Then we want to hear about the next competition beginning." Onyx seemed very excited for everyone to hear the fruits of his and Remey's labor. They had spent many hours to create the potions they had gathered the ingredients for. Now that they had a successful creation, Remey just needed to have the alchemy guild steadily gather more and more ingredients to produce them upon order.

"Well, I want to hear all about it. Who's coming with me?" Su outstretched a hand and watched as multiple abyssal serpent hatchlings decided to join her entering the coliseum.

"Sister, you can't sneak up on me either." Onyx caught Midnight just as she was about to pounce on him. Onyx had perfectly caught the change in the darkness elemental mana from her shadow wrapping skill.

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Chapter 1416 1416. The Next Competition

Walker smirked a little seeing that onyx was becoming much more adept at sensing the mana around him. It was due to careful training, but also because Onyx wanted to ensure that he was teaching the hatchlings the nest. "Midnight, shouldn't you be inside with the hatchlings under your care?" Walker was sure that Midnight wouldn't just abandon them in the stands.

Midnight's indignant huff made Walker feel that she was ready to spit fire at him. She was clearly saying that she had made sure they were all in their spots safe and sound before she had followed her nose to the. It was just her way of checking up on him after she noticed that he had left so quickly.

"Alright, don't look at me like that. Let's go and see what Remeey has to say. She sounds like she has started announcing the winners in order." Walker followed behind Su to the coliseum which was already being moved around by the many guards and alchemy guild staff. They had to clean things up so that the coliseum could be used by Scylla next.

"In the final places are our fine talented winners. Some were not expected and some were ready to show off their hard earned skills. I hope that everyone is willing to greet them when you see them on their way to classes to learn from their mentors!" Remeey was sure to have the winners of each side of the competition come to the central arena to accept their praise. These would be prominent alchemy guild members in the future.

"As a final gift to everyone that has shown up here today in support , please focus your attention here. I will be showing off the brand new affinity potions we are about to unveil on order only!" Remeey had been waiting for this along with the rest of the alchemy guild.

Many people had heard her working because there was a lot of annoyed yelling when the potion had not worked. The old master alchemist and Trish had the same luck with it at first, but between the four of them, they had become successful.

The light and darkness affinity potions were already created within their limited tiers. However, we have not only improved the formulas to make the low tier better but also created a new fire affinity potion. These three potion formulas are different due to the hard to find ingredients taken from the lava lands. Along with this, extreme control of multiple elemental manas creates one of each of these potions at a time."

The stunned gasps of many were heard. The potion process using the burning light leaves had not yielded multiple potions of one kind but singular potions of three kinds. It was something unheard of in the alchemy world. It was ground breaking research.

Along with myself and my fellow guild masters, the fourth participant in this new formula and research path was my own family member; Onyx! Everyone knows him as the new teacher to the, one day, world recognized abyssal serpent race, but now you can wave at him and thank him for the many new potions that we will be creating with this theory!"

Remey held up the different affinity potions that had been created. "Furthermore, to vouch for the quality, I have two special guests in the audience. Please welcome The royal fire dragon; Ignus. The royal Darkness dragon; Mordant. The two have brilliant control of both darkness and fire elemental mana and can test these potions for us now. Please feel free to greet them later and ask them about the efficacy!" Remey knew this was a blatant ploy to build a relationship with Ignus and Mordant further. However, it was not a problem since Ignus and Mordant wanted these potions.

"Now that was a smart move. You get your fame which will help you in your goals to bring up the abyssal serpents. Ignus and Mordant get the potions they will want for free, and they will also become walking advertisements." Walker felt that Remey had become uniquely tricky the more she had focused on the alchemy side of her skills.

"That means it's my turn!" Scylla landed next to Remey with a thud. "As everyone knows, there are many competitions happening within the walls of this great city. Next, we have the preparations for the coliseum to hear the first cries of battle. Do not get too excited though, we have a serious challenge first!"

The crowd was consumed by their curiosity. "Without proper armor, weapons, and accessories a battle would be boring to watch. That means there is only one thing we need!" Scylla waved a hand and the wandering blacksmith entered the arena in front of everyone.

"Most of you know me as the wandering blacksmith! It is my pleasure to stand before you as the acting representative of the newfound Crafters guild. We will begin our competition in twenty four hours. The best and brightest will show off their crafting skills to create one item using the materials we supply or they bring. We will welcome many to purchase them after the event with a discount to those battling in General Scylla's event!"

The wandering blacksmith was not one for speaking. Yet he had taken the stress to help the entire city on their journey to strength. He was only able to stand for a few moments before walking away. The cheers showering him as he left. Scylla could only laugh while they all watching him.

"So you decided to jump right in there, and here I thought you were about to forget the plan for the competitions." Remey butted heads with Scylla slightly before she moved to start giving out the final rewards to most of the winners. The two could easily battle it out there just for their own personal entertainment.

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Chapter 1417 1417. Hatchlings' Fire

With the commotion of a forging competition beginning soon, the city seemed to become ten times as busy as it was before. Many people wanted to see the new tools, weapons, and general techniques that came to be used. For crafters, there were many more things that could be used to show off their skills than an alchemist could.

For one, the crafters could use any means to create what they wanted. There were blacksmiths, carpenters, and even something as specific as a toy maker. The mediums and techniques were radically different between them.

Secondly, the crafters had to be registered with the crafting guild. That meant that the guild would be receiving many more applications within a short time which would give them a massive backing for the future. The crafting guild was going to be a major regulatory guild that helped all forms of craftsmen. This would be difficult due to the variety of crafting systems that existed.

Thirdly, the drafting guild had to show off the quality of which could be produced in Genesis. The dwarves that had already joined could boast that they were experts in building. The elves could boast that they were the best at making some al rune carved goods. The humans could vouch for the ingenuity that they had created unique tools to fulfill different purposes. This train of thought could go on and on forever.

"I think you two are very popular now." Walker looked at Mordant and Ignus who had been swarmed with many people and merchants in particular for the last hour. They seemed a little more flustered than he had expected.

"The potion offered to me appears very strong. I wonder how it is not considered a high tier potion for darkness affinity." Mordant wasn't sure how Remey had created the potion in such a way. It was a wonder compared to the potion he had received earlier.

"She did say that the ingredients were much harder to get so I don't think she will promise to create many of them right away. But I'm sure that with a little looking the ingredients can be stockpiled for order." Walker didn't want to let them down so he decided to encourage them to look for the ingredients. He was sure that they would come to Remey looking for the ingredients list anyways.

"I may have a way to procure them. My dragonkin are often roaming the lands for food." Ignus was already debating this. He had a good idea from the scent of the potion that had been used to create it. However, he would be lost on the quality of ingredients and how to tell which is which.

"I can say that there is a high chance that the alchemy guild will allow some of your dragonkin to come and learn alchemy as well. It might take a little while to have a solid foundation though." This was just another way that Walker could connect the fire and darkness dragon villages with Genesis. He was not going to miss the chances given to him.

"That would be a good idea. We couldn't possibly allow for the knowledge to stay here alone. It is better to share such knowledge among allies." Mordant jumped for the chance. He didn't feel it was wrong at all to fully establish his village as allies with Genesis even though he had yet to see the darkness dragon hatchlings fully grow.

"I will remain at peace and continue to watch. I am not too forward with what I believe." Ignus was more stubborn, unfortunately, Walker saw right through him. Ignus clearly wanted the same but did not want to admit it like Mordant just had done.

"From the looks of it, one of your fire dragon hatchlings had a new friend" Walker pointed out Remey's alchemy fire spirit which was sitting right on the top of the smaller female fire dragon hatchling's head. The two were looking at the alchemy ingredients. The focus was slightly more intense than Ignus expected.

"I wonder..." Ignus began to walk toward them. He had a feeling that something interesting was going to happen and it was his duty to witness it.

"I think they are playing with the fire elemental mana and talking to each other." Walker felt the changes in the fire elemental mana while he followed Ignus. "This could be very interesting." Remey was caught up in conversation with the many people trying to get her attention, however, she still saw Walker wave to her to come over.

"Bring the mana within you and let it build up in your chest." Ignus began to guide the hatchling immediately. He could tell that it had started to try and breathe flames. He knew how unusual this was but when the time was right, it was not good to push it away. If the hatchling could manage it then it was a good thing.

The small hatchling was watched by its older brother. The mana gathered just as Ignus had said. "Take a large breath in. fuel the flames with your mana and the air. Force it in to a dense ball...Now release it all!" Ignus startled the hatchling in to breathe out suddenly.

The reaction was small but deep red flames blew out for a blink of an eye. "Alchemy fire breath!" Remey jumped right next to the hatchling. Her alchemy fire spirit partner was floating around in the air with glee. They were both shocked but astounded by the little hatchling.

"I want this one as well. She gets a place to learn and work with me. I will not take no for an answer." The older hatchling took a defensive stance before realizing that Remey was not meaning to steal his sister away but to offer her a home to learn.

"If that is what Midnight agrees to and the hatchling wants, then none of us will stop you." Ignus heard Walker speak and waited to see what the hatchling would do.

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Chapter 1418 1418. Your Choice

The hatchling looked carefully at Ignus before turning its gaze to the alchemy fire spirit. It growled and huffed a few times before Walker heard the alchemy fire spirit respond to it. "Lots of fire and fun!" This seemed to be the response to what the hatchling had asked. Walker was still a little stunned that the little hatchling had figured out how to understand the alchemy fire spirit.

When Ignus nodded the hatchling stepped back. "I do not need to give anyone permission to do anything while here. The one you should look at is him." Ignus pointed to Walker. The little fire dragon hatchlings had been under Ignus's care for a bit of time since he found them again. They had been kicked out of the fire dragon village and knew that they had to save their fate for what Ignus decided.

Knowing that Ignus was no longer the one that could control their fate was a bit of an awakening for them. They could actually look at the possibilities that Midnight had just started to educate them on. There were also the things that the darkness dragon hatchlings had told them. They had not been as unlocking as dragons would normally be of another species of dragon. They were hatchlings and had no ill will built up between elemental affinities like the older dragons did for various reasons.

"Here in Genesis, you are able to decide what you desire to do. If you want to get to know Remey's partner better and study the alchemy fire, you may. If your older brother wishes to go with you and do the same or look for other things to learn, he can. It is your free choice. We will help you with whatever you decide." The calming voice that Walker used brought courage to both the hatchlings.

Ignus and Mordant could feel the small amount of natural mana in Walker's words. They wondered if this was something that would happen when he spoke while absorbing natural mana. Or, if this was a special effect of someone able to bond with natural mana. Someone that could push others to grow stronger and bring them courage.

The little hatchling moved and looked at Remey. she puffed up her chest as he had seen Midnight do and growled softly. "Then you can come and learn as much as you want while we work on potions. I won't have a problem as long as you don't cause too much trouble." Walker wondered if Remey was remembering that she tended to cause a little trouble herself when she said this.

Otherwise, the hatchling looked very proud to be able to go and do what she desired. The older brother did not seem to care too much. He was watching everyone carefully and maintained the learning stare he had. From what Walker could guess, he was a little over protective, yet able to see that his little sister was doing what she desired and would not oppose it.

"We were just discussing an alchemy fire dragon. It's as if the world heard us." Mordant chuckled slightly as he thought of this. "I believe I will leave from here and head to the mage tower. Ignus, you will be coming as well?"

Ignus just nodded. He had been waiting to go there and check things out. It felt like the right time since he was not overly interested in waiting for the crafting guild's competitions to begin. He was very focused on his own growth now that he had seen such a young hatchling breathe some flames. It was a major reason for him to hope that Walker would be proven right. That he could help a dragon grow stronger within Genesis than they would within the dragon village.

"I should get back too. I need to help start the sales of all the potions that were made today. Trish and the old man will get a little too angry with me if I don't" Remey wanted to stay and chat. She felt that going back to the alchemy guild to deal with price estimates would be too boring. Unfortunately, she had literally signed up for this and needed to handle it.

"In that case, should we let the hatchlings enjoy their time here? There is an arena that they could play tag in with Onyx's students." Walker threw the idea out there for midnight and Onyx. He wanted to see if the hatchlings could all get along. If they could, it would bode very well for the future as more monster races joined Genesis and were recognized by the world.

"I think that could be fun. They have been practicing their speed lately." Onyx saw that the hatchlings with him all perked their heads up when Walker mentioned a game. It was good that they had been using games to learn certain things. Onyx knew how much more fun it was and how much faster someone could improve. He had seen this used on very young children who unlocked their systems earlier than most at their age.

"I would say sister is prepared for it as well." Onyx saw that Midnight had raised her head tall. She wasn't just planning on letting the hatchlings play this game. She was planning on dragging them all in to it as well.

"I can't say I won't want to join in." Su blushed slightly at the fact that she was admitting to joining a childish game of tag.

"If you are participating then s am I. I need to relax a little before I start thinking about grand elemental spirits and what we have to do. Fleur, are you going back to resting, or will you play?" As much as Fleur would have, Walker saw her shake her head and melt back in to the spirit mark. She was clearly still exhausted and wanted to absorb more natural mana.

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Chapter 1419 1419. Healing Journey (3)

"Alice! There's fire!" The healer elf had realized while the group was traveling that there was a light in the distance. After the wind had changed, she had figured out that there was smoke in the air and the light that she could see was the fire of grass on fire.

They had just left the small farming village and were only three or so hours away. The sun was not all that warm yet so they knew it was not anything that was caused by the heat of the day. There had been no clouds in the sky so it was certainly not anything to do with lightning strikes. "What should we do? The fire could travel this way."

The healers were very distraught to see such a danger ahead. However, Alice remained calm. She was not going to overreact. She had seen much more dangerous scenarios that monsters had caused.

"We go and help." Alice took off in a run. If anyone thought that it would limit her singing, they would be fools. She started to sing the same song she had sung before that sped up the carriages. She used it so that she would be able to reach the patch of grass on fire.

She had no idea what she could do to resist the burning flames since she was not able to control water or fire elemental mana. She was limited to what she could do with light elemental mana. This meant that she was going to have to perform a song on the spot.

Performing a song on the spot was a little dangerous. Mostly because Alice was not able to predict the proper way for her to add meaning to the words. Her songs didn't function on the pure idea behind them, they needed the addition of emotions so that they could condense the light elemental mana to a denser level.

As the other healers caught up with her, they focused on the burnt areas finding that a large circle had been burned. "It looks like a camp was made over here! There may be injured!" This connected the pieces and they all knew what had seemed to happen. A group of adventurers may have set up camp and ended up with their fire catching the dried grass ablaze.

Alice abruptly changed her song. She was thinking of hope Su had been able to copy the light shield and add it to her shield bash and shield charge skills. If she were to think of that and expand it the same way

that Su's earth spirit partner used the earth fortress skill, then it may work. She was about to use a lot of mana but it was not an issue. There was a fire that needed to be put out and potential injuries hidden behind the flames healed.

The protective song that she sang came from the inspiration Su had given her. Many times Alice had seen Su focus on improving her ability to defend those she cared for. It was the same kind of energy and feelings that every healer had for those they wanted to heal. Therefore, Alice already had the emotions to improve the slowly growing dome of light after the flames she could see.

The heat was making her sweat while she could tell her breathing was rushed. It wasn't that she had just run so much as it was her speed at singing. The flurry of words was putting the pace faster and faster so that she could create the dome sooner. She wanted to protect whoever could be there sooner.

Further pushing herself, Alice managed to create a dome that trapped the flames using the condensed light elemental mana. The song was stressing her body and she could feel the words becoming raspy. It wasn't just the dry air that was affecting her but the strain on her vocal cords.

"I can see a group huddled under blankets!" The forest elf healer rushed to the side of the people she had seen as soon as the flames died down in to smoking pulled of burnt grass.

"Demons! These are demons!" The picture became even clearer. The demons had clearly fled the demon lands with almost no possessions. They had made a camp without realizing the dangers of where they were to stay warm at night.

"Heal them." Alice was struggling to get the words out. She had learned the harsh lesson of what would happen when using something she had not practiced nor keeping her calm. It was a heavy price to pay but one that was acceptable. Yet, when she felt the warmth spreading around her neck she found that one of the healers she was with had used a light healing skill on her.

"I can't let our fearless leader feel too bad." The healers all knew the hardships that came with what they were doing. They did not have the heart to let each other suffer without helping. It was just the people they were and what drove them.

"Three children with severe burns and two adults. We need those healing potions too." The healers had already started unwrapping and soaking bandages. They wired like a perfect team. The area around

them was no longer at risk so they could fully focus on what they could do to help the demons that had fled the dangers of the demon lands.

"There's more than just burns. They have many cuts and slashes along their backs and arms. They fled from some evil people." The forest elf healer was cruising while she worked. She could not imagine such treatment by their own people.

"We will help them. They will have a safe home." Alice was still a little raspy even after the healing, but she said this with such surety that none could doubt it.

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Chapter 1420 1420. High Wind Affinity

"Zephyr, I understand that you are tired and can't really do much. So I came to the wind elemental floor of the mage tower. I will do my best to understand the wind here and try to learn what I can." Gil had also brought along some of the books that revolve around the desert elf style of dagger arts. He wanted to work on both that and absorbing wind elemental mana.

The main goal was to improve Zephyr's strength since she had made a huge commitment to making Gil her avatar. That alone had used a major amount of her wind elemental mana. It also had made Gil much closer to the wind than he had been before.

"I'll solidify my strength. I know my body is different. I can already see the spirit mark is different too." Gil couldn't help but speak out loud. He wanted to ensure that Zephyr knew what he was focusing on and trying to understand.

"If I can't change the way I see my own body, then how will I learn what I can really do? I always look in a mirror or base what I can do on what skills I have. I need to think about what I could be capable of and what the wind affinity I have really means."

From the way Gil felt, he knew that his affinity for wind elemental mana had radically increased. Instead of the basic affinity that he had before, he was sure that he could influence wind much more. It also

would affect how he created other elemental arrows. If he was trying to influence the earth elemental mana to create an arrow, it may be more challenging.

"I can still feel the mana around me. It's like a second skin now." The small bits of wind that moved around Gil constantly were becoming unnoticeable to him. It was just another part of his body and living with it constantly would make it even clearer as such.

"So what if I try to move it?" The idea was simple. Influence the wind that was naturally flowing around his body to become stronger or weaker. Since he was on the wind floor of the mage tower, there was a higher chance of success.

The mana that Gil pulled at using his mind was very minimal. If he could describe it, he would say he was trying to break steel chains with one finger. Something that seemed all too impossible. However, he felt that when he moved his body he was able to make the wind elemental mana wrapping around him change.

This was a small thing to notice since he was casually pacing about the room. Yet, he noticed it. Just doing so was enough for him to combine his mental goals with his physical movement. "Alright, I move around while using dagger arts anyways, so if I try to manipulate the wind while I do that..."

Pulling his dagger out, Gil started to move through the motions of the desert elf dagger arts. He was sure that it was a purely wind elemental technique that has gained some earth effects due to the simple fact that they were in a desert. On top of that, he could get down to the core of their foundations to find out if they could be easily learned.

Just as Gil started to move, he felt that the wind elemental mana around him tried to flow with his body. The wind elemental mana on the wind elemental floor would normally move freely. It was wind, it didn't need a controlled flow. When Gil moved, it gave it a path to flow in to. Therefore, he found that his slashes carried a breeze with them.

The larger the move that Gil made, the more wind followed him. He was creating and guiding the flow of wind around him. Adding this to his understanding of how the elemental swordsman worked in the forest elf city, Gil felt that he could do more with the wind than he had expected.

"Why did I never try to add the elemental mana of the dagger techniques in to the attacks I was mocking!" He felt like a fool. Gil had missed a major reason why the different elemental dagger techniques would be divided in to elemental variations that came together in to high elf dagger techniques.

After mentally kicking himself for a few moments, Gil caught on to the feeling of the wind elemental mana flowing in to his body faster. With his movements and changing the flow of the wind elemental mana, he had changed the speed at which the mana entered the spirit mark. "Good to know you are liking this too. Let's see what else I can do."

More and more Gil's movements became sharper. He even started to try and incorporate the other dagger arts he had learned in to how he moved. The inspiration that he might need to picture and try to manipulate other elemental mana seemed to be the key that had been missing. Now all he needed was to find other dagger arts of other elemental affinities. He couldn't just focus on the wind.

"I can definitely do this." Gil slashed out and watched a gust of wind leave his dagger. He felt the wind move from his entire body, condense, then fly ahead of him. It was not powerful by any means, nor could it help him in battle right now. But, it was the start of a new path of strength.

"I wonder what Walker will say when he finds out I have a main wind elemental affinity yet can still use the other elemental manas to practice dagger arts AND make arrows." Gil could only laugh at the expression he knew Walker would make. He knew that Zephyr would find it funny too.

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