

Master 1451

Chapter 1451 1451. End Of The Day's Battle

Rorick came right up to Walker before he decided that he would have to make the journey back to his seat. "That was a great battle. If you told me you were the same kid from back then I would not believe you. What were those skills? How many did you use? Have you thought about adding weapons and changing form slightly?"

The barrage of questions was a little much for Walker at the moment. He was dealing with the side effects of using all of his mana and being left with a single mana point. He had to slowly reset his standing before he pushed himself to get in to a long debate. "It's just a skill I figured out. Then I added some more elemental manipulation...."

"As you can see, I have not mastered it. We'll see in a while what I can do." Walker left it at that and heard the roar of the crowd returning. They had been stricken silent by the things they had just witnessed. The mages around them keeping up protective barriers breathed sighs of relief since they didn't have to worry about the fact that an attack might escape their control.

"Those were the spectacular skills of two who pioneer the battles of equality and inclusion. King Rorick has long mastered sword skill after sword skill to combine in to the best possible sword art in existence. Walker has pushed to bring mana together to unite all underneath him. The two have perfectly demonstrated their strengths. Can you not show them your appreciation?" Scylla shouted in perfect announcement causing the crowd to roar yet again.

"Are you alright? You're pale." Su wanted to drag Walker out of there to lay down somewhere. Her instincts were telling her that he needed rest.

"No, it's fine. My mana is already recovering. I just have a pretty decent headache from using all the mana and forcing elemental mana together. I really didn't mean to do all that to such a degree..." He felt that his actions were too overboard. As much as Walker had wanted to avoid the fight, he was already thinking that he wanted to learn how to use the elemental dragon aspect better. The feeling of having the elemental mana ready was too much.

Fleur had already left the eternal orb which idly floated around Walker. She looked fairly upbeat and happy. "You look like you were able to steal away a lot of elemental mana while I was stuck in that state." Walker couldn't help but be a little jealous.

The reaction that Fleur had wasn't to run away from his teasing but instead to bump in to the side of his cheek. The natural mana flowed between them completely clearing his head. "Oh. thank you. That was, nice." Walker didn't realize that natural mana could be used in such a way. He still was low on mana but he had lost the mental stress from using so much. Fleur just giggled a little before floating over to poke at Midnight. It seemed like it was time to play games.

"I will get more information from you later. We ended up stopping all the battles so we should return to our seats before we hold them up any longer." Rorick was a little unhappy that the battles had paused. Yet, he understood that this was the cause of others seeing the skills he and Walker used. His own ears were still ringing after the burst of lightning that had appeared from Walker's elemental dragon aspect.

"I think you are right. Ignus is looking a little annoyed that we are still down here talking." Walker wasn't sure if it was the fact that they had stopped the battles or the fact that Ignus couldn't see a more refined attack from Walker. It was something that Walker had worried might happen.

"We have to wait to hear about tomorrow's battles. Today's should be done soon." Su pulled Midnight along with her back to the participant area. She knew that Midnight would remain between the arenas fooling around. Fleur also rushed back toward Walker and hung on to his shoulder while pulling even more mana toward her. Walker could only think she was an endless pit when it came to absorbing mana.

"That was very interesting. But you have yet to complete your skill." Mordant was very calm. He looked at Walker carefully. His eyes wanting to see more of what Walker could do.

"I think I knew that. The elemental dragon aspect isn't natural mana. It's just a rough mix of mana to create a form that I can use my elemental manipulation the best. If I can manage to fuse it all perfectly and control it as natural mana, I think it will be radically different in effects and form." Seeing that Walker understood this. Mordant looked back at the battles now resuming.

"Just remember that you represent the dragons now as well. That skill is similar to our most powerful skills as dragons. When you use it, you seem to touch every element. Next time use some of the shadows." There was a tinge of jealousy that Walker hadn't used the shadows to attack.

"I can make that happen. I still need to grow a little more before I have the proper control over all of it. Good thing I can annoy you for tips." Walker's response made Mordant smile for just a second before he actually focused on the battles.

The remainder of the day passed by with gossip about the outstanding battles. Scylla brought attention here and there to amazing events. Those she saw value in as warriors. The entire crowd had already chosen their favorites to be recognized in the second day of battles where true skills would be seen. Where the warriors would be brought up to show the entirety of Genesis.

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Chapter 1452 1452. Dragon Aspects

"Today we have seen many battle it out. We have had esteemed guests. We even have three judges that have painstakingly been marking down those they wish to see battle in the real rounds of the coliseum! No longer will we wait for results. Look upon the outside of the coliseum and you will see the al light skills used to show those that move on and who they will be facing!"

Scylla announced this to the entire coliseum tried to rush away. However, her voice boomed out again. "If I hear a single participant faces their opponent ahead of time, tries to harm their opponent, or bribes them...You will feel pain!" Not a soul dared to go against Scylla. She had power that most would not be able to obtain and she was still getting stronger.

"Well, that settles that. I was a little worried that there wouldn't be any warning like that before we left. If not I was going to ask Ignus and Mordant to help me show a little dominance." Walker joked but knew it would have been the best deterrence. No one in Genesis would knowingly go against a dragon.

"Are you sure you are fine after all that?" Alma was going to walk back to her home with Gil escorting her. She just worried that Walker still hadn't recovered properly from his battle.

"Yes, thank you for asking. I will be fine after I sleep a little. Although, I think Ignus will have a few words to say about that." Walker pushed everyone to head home so that he could walk with Mordant and Ignus alone. He saw the look on Ignus's face and it said that he had been waiting to speak to him.

"Your flames were too weak. You should have used more. You focused on ice and water? How could you? So weak and barely enough to make a major difference." This was right along what Walker had expected. Both Mordant and Ignus had been unhappy that Walker had not focused on their elemental affiliations.

"I said the very same. He didn't even know how to use the shadows properly to his advantage. It was a foolish choice when he could have just fused your flames and my shadows to create flames that would have simply ended the fight." Instead of making the argument worse, Mordant decided to go another route and side with Ignus.

"Now you are making some sense. That would have been more acceptable over those cold flames you used... those were not even worth looking at." Ignus felt that the fire elemental mana had been too weak.

"I already explained this to Mordant. I don't have full mastery over that skill. I need to learn to make that a natural dragon aspect instead of an elemental dragon aspect. Even making that lightning was tough. I could only do it with a skill called voracious mana consumption. It comes with major mental strain and leaves me with a single mana.

"Then it is not so bad. Some dragon aspects have a drawback where they can not use their elemental affinity at all for a set time after. Especially a pure dragon aspect." This was the first that another dragon had told Walker of the other dragon aspects. It was a perfect chance to learn more.

"So if you use your fire dragon aspect you can't use fire elemental mana for a while after? Or is a pure fire dragon aspect different?" Ignus felt that the question was almost mocking. Even Mordant was growling now that he heard that Walker was that far in the dark.

"Of course I would be limited after I used my skill. I am forced to use years of built up mana. If I even dared to use a pure version of my aspect I would burn double the mana while increasing the attacks I used tenfold! How have you not read that in your skill description? Or been taught that somewhere?"

"Well, my elemental dragon aspect just limits me by the mana, natural mana, and required connection to dragons. I don't have any drawbacks afterwards."

Mordant looked at Walker slowly. He didn't speak right away but Ignus was literally shaking. "You do not have any drawback but requirements to use the skill instead...and it's not even a natural mana dragon aspect? Our skills are like jokes now." Mordant was stunned. His speech still sounded as if he didn't believe Walker at all.

"How!? We train for hundreds of years to use a simplified version and suffer afterwards. What nonsense. If you have the same requirements for the same skill after you have a nature dragon aspect then I will go in to retirement that day!" Ignus was also beside himself once he regained his ability to speak.

The entire walk to the mansion, the pair ranted about how impossible this was. How they didn't even think that walker could handle the elemental dragon aspect in his life due to his need to learn and master every single elemental mana. They were right though, he was radically held back by limited study of all elemental mana.

Their conversation ended in a promise to drag Walker to the mage tower for two rounds of elemental control training. It was more than what Walker had expected and desired. He had hoped to just gain some more information in the dragon aspect skill set. He knew there was more to it since it was clear every single affinity elemental dragon had one.

Knowing that he would learn in depth knowledge about the fire and darkness affinity manas was even better. Ignus and Mordant had studied for many generations of humans. They gathered a deep understanding that a human would normally never have. Therefore, Walker was sure to grasp new understandings to focus on above others he had made alone.

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Chapter 1453 1453. Rude Awakening

"Walker!" Su had been banging on Walker's door for over a minute before she had just barged in and forced him up and out of bed.

"What's wrong!? What happened!?" He knew that Ignus and Mordant had said they would drag him to the mage tower in the morning, however, it was certainly not morning yet.

"I know you are tired and need your mana replenished but we have things to do." Walker felt that if he didn't force himself awake faster then he would be in trouble.

"Just tell me-"

"Alice made it back too early. She has some more detailed news along with a soldier that escorted her. We are going to the cathedral while the other representatives are meeting there too." The realization hit Walker hard. He wasn't mentally prepared to hear that something like that was going on.

"Is Alice alright? Was she hurt?" Walker didn't even wait for Su to respond. He just ran from the room fearing that the healers had encountered trouble. If he had waited a little longer he would have known that Alice had demons with her who had fled their homes.

"I'm not letting you run by yourself. I heard what Su was yelling about. I got home a little while ago so I am wide awake." Gil fell right in to pace with Walker. He knew that if something bad had actually happened then Walker would need to be the support.

"It wasn't that Gil was worried Walker wouldn't be able to handle it. More so that Walker would rush towards anyone that had hurt someone he cared about. If one thing was clear, Walker would gladly throw his own life on the line for those he loved. It was a quality that Gil felt massive respect for.

"We will move faster then." There were more guards around which made a lot of sense. The city was still fairly quiet due to the late hour. Yet, there were more and more guards being woken up so that they could receive briefings soon from the Genesis council. Even soldiers were being called on to begin preparations.

"Where!?" Walker only needed to ask this question when he burst through the front doors of the cathedral. It wasn't hard to find the group of healers waiting for others to arrive. One just looked at Walker with wide eyes and pointed. She was clearly afraid of him but that would be dealt with later.

Walker followed the direction that the healer had pointed and rushed there. He found that there was a large area set up with cots. Multiple demons were resting while a soldier was reporting to Markus Raven what they had to report. When Walker glanced at them Markus just nodded softly while memorizing everything the soldier said.

When Walker spotted the clearly exhausted healers, he had trouble seeing around them. His panic rose slightly until he found himself standing right in front of Alice. "You're safe!" His stress melted away in a moment and he could feel his legs melting in to jello.

Her hands reached up from the cot she was sitting on. She tried to speak but Walker heard her hoarse voice and covered her mouth. "It looks like you worked very hard. Get some rest and I will make sure that everything is perfect." The promise seemed to be what Alice was waiting for. She and the other healers around visibly relaxed more. Especially when the high priest limped in to sight.

"I knew you would be here soon." The high priest looked upset. "These demons were found on their last legs because they had been chased from their homes. If Alice and her group had not found them they would be nothing, just ashes. It is unacceptable. You go talk to that soldier too." The order was final. Walker didn't even hesitate. With a simple kiss on the cheek and a solid smile, he walked away from Alice for the time being.

"What can I do to help out?" Gil jumped right next to the high priest to help out. He knew that there had to be something.

"We need some cool water. Alice has lost her voice from using it too much. That healer twisted an ankle carrying these demons. Find an ice mage to create more ice for swelling. From there you will speak with me or my assistant." The high priest showed everyone the years of experience he had and began to direct the healers.

"Markus, what do we know?" Walker saw that Markus had the soldier resting already.

"We already knew that something was going on at the border. Reports of demons being led by a larger demon came in through communication crystals. Yet, there was a change. The demons have gone mad. This caused a lot of demons to attempt to rush and cross the border. Some escaping while others attacking. I expect there to be more coming our way soon, injured and demons alike." Markus did not sound happy. He wore the same serious expression that Walker had.

"Then we will be going to the border. The council should be together soon. I can already sense Ignus and Mordant reacting. They won't let this go either I am sure." Walker was like a seer foretelling the arrival of the members of the Genesis council and dragons. Within ten minutes everyone had arrived in front of the cathedral.

"War is it? We can handle them. This has been a long time coming. There are multiple races gathered. We just lack some miscellaneous elves." Scylla was ready to abandon the tournament.

"No, you will remain here with the tournament. You are a key being that Genesis respects to guide new warriors. I will go ahead with my personal guard." King Rorick spoke out with strength. He saw that his general would rush off. He knew how to hold her and others back.

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Chapter 1454 1454. Battle Planning

"I will handle the elves. We can gather those we have. I will bring my personal enforcers and head together the elves hiding away in the frozen mountains. We already have contact with the nomadic elves that search for the wind. I will have the forest elf queen reach to the stone elves. With the help of the dwarves, we have found a place we believe their city to be."

Since Alma had arrived she had already sent out ten enforcers to different places with orders and requests. The elven armies would be gathering as soon as possible.

"As you know, our fellow king has a golden army already at the border. We will send our heavy centurions to deal with things. The golem armies are larger than you know." The king of the middle spoke before the king of the deep. He was already going to make the promise of the dwarven army.

Since Genesis was proven to be the center of future trade, the dwarves would not fail to support them. There was also the fact that the king of the middle and surface knew that the king of the deep had become more than attached to Genesis. It was pretty believable that he would fight by himself for the city if need be.

"I will leave my tunnel project. You can expect me to create some trouble where we need to on the border. I can imagine that the walls need more reinforcements." The king of deep wanted to plan out trenches to fill with water in front of the walls. It would greatly reinforce the defenses.

"The merfolk are not familiar with the area, however, we do have older records that mention the sea at the edge of the farthest demon land. We may be able to cause a distraction along their shore." Leon spoke while a water elf elder stood at his side. The two seemed to have the same ideas to cause distractions where the sea met the land.

"You already know that King August has sent additional troops down to the border. At this time moe can not be sent. The queen has gotten closer to giving birth and the entirety of Diamond is under close

security." Markus did not make lies. He gave everything to everyone with transparency. The humans did have a substantial force at the border already.

"It sounds that you lack strength. You have specialized troops but no one to handle the big problems" Ignus has sparks and smoke around his mouth. He felt that a battle would be greater than anything. The demons were not a weak species. They had great affinities that could challenge him.

"As Ignus said, we have the forces to bring with. I will personally send dragons to speak with Terron, Rise, Ventus, and Current. Expect some form of response soon." Mordant turned away closely followed by Ignus. With their backing and Walker's the demon problem would be much more manageable.

"Mordant, Ignus. You both know the goal is to rescue the demon people. They are being oppressed. The only demons to fall will be the corrupted." This order was filled with Walker's steel will. He would not allow for a massacre between races to occur.

"We have been listening. We like it here so far. You will owe us time in your mage tower." Ignus spoke before moving away at a faster pace. Mordant nodded before melting in to the shadows. The two royal dragons could not look Walker in the eye when they left. They were too prideful to say that they had become attached to Genesis.

"All of you know that the alchemy guild has potions made. We have been stocking since the first day we opened. Genesis treasury can purchase every mana and health potion we have. The affinity potions will be selected for those at key positions." Remey was surprisingly calm. There was a colder air about her than usual.

"Scouts have already left. I just caught one of the enforcers who partnered with some of the dwarven crossbowmen. They will leave after they stock up. The entire border will be mapped out again soon." Gil had been helping where he was needed and happened to catch the enforcer that had received orders from Alma first.

"Good. Scylla, you will stay here. You need to push the tournament along properly. Then you can help gather a secondary wave of soldiers. After that, we will expect the dwarves and elves to come as well. Three waves of reinforcements that we need to gather before we push in to the border. The real problem sounds like it is the larger demon spotted." Walker had put the puzzle together and was ready to see what would come of all this.

"Brother, some will be unable to go to battle at such a short notice. I will come, Midnight is already preparing. But we will need to come in the second wave after the hatchlings have a place." Onyx was not about to leave every duty behind. He also knew that Midnight might not be instantly ready to rush away.

"I Know Midnight will be ready. You should come behind the others. You have a better ability to communicate and help people blend in to the existing forces later." Walker could see that Onyx would have a key position when it came to communication.

"You are taking more of a lead than I expected you to take. Genesis has a core factor that you have grown. It's much more important than I expected. You will have more than my personal army. Be prepared to meet another of my generals." King Rorick had fully committed. He had seen that Genesis had bloomed in to something much more than he knew. It was something he felt embodied his own desires when it came to the monster races.

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Chapter 1455 1455. Running Around

The flurry of people in and out of the cathedral was a lot to handle. Many messengers were sent and the city began to awaken earlier than expected. The crafting guild called in many crafters to begin preparations. They were already receiving last minute orders.

The alchemy guild had long been awakened by Remey. She was personally overseeing the new alchemists preparing large batches of low tier potions to be sent away since the potions in their storage would be exhausted.

Walker found himself resting next to Alice's bed. She had fallen asleep after drinking a partially frozen health potion. The technique was to mix it while an ice mage used on the potion. The result was a colder potion that helped heal wounds in the throat while also reducing any irritation.

From what the other healers had said, they had not made it even close to the border. Their journey had made it to the first farming village where they had needed to help some of the farmers during their busy season. From there they traveled dealing with a few monsters until they spotted some flames nearby.

With Alice's songs, they had managed to stop the fires and discover the source. "I'm not happy with this at all." Walker sighed. He had made sure he spent time with Alice as she fell asleep. She would need time to heal and rest her mind.

"I feel the same as you do. This was a bog journey meant to bring Alice experience and personal growth. Yet...there are more people hurt than before. She can't travel as I did when I was her age." The high priest felt that the entire group of healers had lost out on something very important to any healer looking to grow stronger.

"I want to tell her not to come to the border. I want to leave as soon as possible. Even without an army. But if she comes she will be pushing herself too much." Walker was not going to hide how he felt. He would have the same conversation with Alice when she woke up.

"You know my daughter well enough by now. She will go with you whether you or I tell her not to or threaten the worst. She knows there are people in need there." The high priest didn't sound saddened by this. Instead, he smiled. This was a quality that Alice had developed over many years within the cathedral. She represented the core value of helping others that the cathedral stood for.

"I know she will. She wouldn't let me run away after the demons causing problems. So when I leave, I will make sure she can rest on the way." Since Walker had listened to the healers that gave Alice medicines and orders, he knew what she needed to do to recover her voice without permanent damage. She would have to remain perfectly silent for days until all the damage was healed.

"Stop making that face and go speak with your party. You already know Alice will be with you. Now you need to prepare for the others." The high priest wanted to sit with his daughter alone. It was clear that he was worried about her leaving for a dangerous place. A place even more dangerous than it was before.

"Walker? Is Alice finally resting?" Su was worried that Walker was going to be more on edge with Alice returned in bad shape.

"Yes, she had lost her voice for a little while but it should be fine. I know you ran off to tell the rest of the family about what's going on. Thank you." Su had taken the duty of letting their parents know what was happening. It made sense that someone would go and tell them. The more information they had the more they could prepare themselves for the party leaving and their businesses to be even busier.

,m "Gil is already prepared to go. Alma made him start making extra arrows since she will have to leave to go and recruit more elves. Remey sent over all the crates for you to bring first. You are basically the goods transportation to the border walls. Then Midnight and Onyx are preparing the hatchlings. Onyx might come with us when we leave. He seemed pretty adamant about staying close. I think he is more worried than he looks."

Su was very on top of everything. She was sure that the party would be away for much longer than they wanted to be, Genesis was their home now. They loved being there and watching it grow by the day. "I feel like everyone is already prepared. I can't really do much." Walker felt a little useless in the grand scheme of things.

"You can go and talk to Scylla. She is going a little mad." Su had seen Scylla storm off angrily toward the coliseum. She wanted to lead her army in to battle. This was what she lived for, a good fight against powerful opponents. However, this had all come to be at a bad time. The coliseum was in the middle of the busiest unveiling it could ever have.

"I will head that way then." Walker felt that this was an easier said than done task. If Scylla was fueled by her desire to fight he might get dragged in to a battle.

Su watched Walker leave the cathedral. She had been waiting for the chance to sit down herself. She had been running around a lot and just wanted a few moments to go over her armor and shields. She wanted to participate within the coliseum battles as well. Unfortunately, the trump cards she had been holding on to would not be shown off so soon. She knew that Remey might feel the same way and they could bond a little over it while they head out to defend the border.

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Chapter 1456 1456. Not Without You

When Walker made it inside the coliseum, he was surprised to see that it was empty and silent. The entire place had been cleaned by the staff and was waiting for the morning to come for the next day of battles. "Scylla, what's the point of standing here alone?"

This was what Walker really wanted to know. Scylla was standing in the central arena with her eyes closed. "There isn't one. This is new. There's no feeling of hard fought battles here. No blood in the air. The sounds of steel breaking aren't forged within the walls here yet. It's all empty."

For any demi-human, these sounds and smells were well known. Their culture relied on the coliseums to push their warriors to become better and better. "I wanted to start that all myself but I don't want to risk those that will perish because I am not on the battle field. My king is even going, how can I not be there?" Scylla had clenched fists. She was not happy with this decision at all.

"Rorick did not choose to go because he wanted to fight. He chose that because he has put investments in to Genesis as well. You are working on your position here. If you leave then the coliseum will never bring the multitude of histories that it has in your home city. Forge this coliseum first, then come and help us break the borders."

"You won't jump the border and try to free every demon before I am there?" Scylla sounded like a child that was looking for assurance.

"I wouldn't know the first thing about doing so. That's why we are waiting for all the armies to gather. It will be perfect. Without you, it would be worthless. How can there even be a battle without you?" Walker was feeling more and more awkward. He didn't know that Scylla had truly taken so much stock in personally freeing demons. It was something that Walker felt was very important for anyone to have in genesis.

"You understand that when my forces reach that border, we are pushing directly to the demon city and taking it by storm." The wind seemed to blow slightly at Scylla's determination. Walker felt that those within the tournament had better prepare extra for what she was going to push them in to.

"You can even try to recruit some people from the tournament to bring. I am sure some have already heard what's going on and will join anyways. But a chance to leave Genesis with a general?" The idea seemed to make Scylla even happier. It also caused a slightly larger breeze around the area.

"Then why am I standing here trying to hear the past battles of a new coliseum. It needs more fighters." She had left the coliseum to begin her preparations to change the battlers for the next day. It would be a very interesting occurrence.

"Why is it that everyone is so unique here in Genesis...? I swear they will tire me out to my death." Walker laughed while looking around at the coliseum. He was proud. Very proud of what Genesis was becoming. However, he was afraid of what it could lose. The demon corruption was more than a small issue.

Now that it was time to leave and do something about the demons, things would change. They had been biding their time to grow and prepare armies. Now they had to push everything along more than before. It would cause added stress but should speed up the freedom efforts of the demons who had been oppressed by their very own ruler.

"Midnight, don't think I can't see you there. You should be helping the hatchlings get their schedules set." Walker looked at Midnight who had been trying to use the shadows wrapping skill to hide away. She didn't seem to want to interrupt him while he had time to himself.

The huff of disapproval made Walker want to rebuttal right back. Yet, he didn't have the emotional energy. A lot was about to happen and he felt it was better to have peace.

"I know you saw me use the elemental dragon aspect earlier today. I tried to copy the shapes of your head and wings. I wanted to make sure I made the best possible dragon I could." Walker felt that midnight should hear his inspiration behind the learning of his skill.

This made Midnight feel much prouder of the dragon she would grow in to. She had been wondering what she would look like after a few more years of growth. Right now she was still tiny when compared to a dragon like Ignus or Mordant. They were ancient dragons with many years of growth behind them.

"I know what you're thinking. You aren't going to be like any of the other royal dragons. You have every elemental affinity because of our bond. You will be unique. Different from any other. I might even guess you will be able to use natural mana like me." The soft pat on her head made Midnight consider this more carefully. She had not really thought in depth about using natural mana.

"If you do use natural mana, I bet you and Fleur will get along better too. She won't always want to hang out with me." Walker knew that Fleur was curious about everything. She always seemed to be paying some form of attention to the world around her. Even when she was within the eternal orb or the spirit mark, Walker could feel Fleur paying attention.

The approving growl from Midnight caused Walker to snap out of his own thoughts. He let Midnight pull hearing back toward the cathedral. She knew that there were still many things to work on and would not be letting everyone get too far ahead of them. She also wanted to practice things in her dragonkin form before she left again.

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Chapter 1457 1457. Moment Of Peace

"Fifteen crates of healing potions, various tiers. Twenty crates of mana potions, various tiers. Then lastly, we have the unique potions that will be handed out by each of the squad leaders of the powerful groups facing tougher monsters or demons."

Remey had come to meet Walker at the cathedral. Staff from the alchemy guild had brought many of the crates before she had even arrived. "This is a lot. Are you sure there will be enough for the other armies to take when they pass through here" Walker felt that it would be unfair not to supply the elves, dwarves, and demi-humans with crates as well.

"Oh, there's no need to worry about this. I put some fire in everyone so they won't stop making potions. The newer members were very excited to have unlimited access to herbs so they can train for weeks straight." Remey had been sure to tell them that they would be gaining the herbs free so that they would not stop making the basic healing and mana potions.

"As long as you aren't hurting the guild just to rush everything." Walker knew that this would breed many powerful alchemists in the future. Those that trained diligently right now might just rise to the top of the alchemy guild faster than expected.

"Good! Walker, Remey. I have already sent three people to outposts. The tamer's guild will be joining the battle at the border. I have multiple tamers ready to leave with the demi-human army when King Rorick is prepared." Elise had been dropped in front of the by Stella. The two seemed to be full of energy.

"As long as it is safe to send them, we will not turn down the help." Walker was grateful. He knew that every representative on the Genesis council would be happy to hear that the tamer's guild was joining the efforts.

"You understand that it is not just the tamer's guild sending out additional forces. I have just set up patrol quests for high ranked adventurers. They will join the border to assist fleeing demons. They will also be able to work directly under army leadership." Clara seemed to have been leaving the cathedral. It was clear she had caught a few of the other council members to relay this message too.

"Then the tamers and the adventurers will work together. Very important things." Elise grabbed Clara and dragged her off. Walker wasn't even sure if he had to say anything. This had become fairly strange.

His walk with Midnight led him toward the empty back garden. It was a peaceful place to stop for a moment and think before he started to inquire about a few other things. Midnight didn't stop him from sitting down. He sat next to him and used him as her own personal pillow. Without even realizing it, the two had fallen asleep in the gazebo, the only sounds were their soft snores.

When Walker felt himself being pulled up, he didn't know where he was. His eyes opened to sunlight that was too right to see through until a shadow crossed in front of it. The curious face of Alice seemed to ask a little more than just what he was doing there.

"Alice! You're awake. How do you feel? Wait, don't answer that. Just rest your voice." Walker rushed in to a million questions before he felt Alice put a hand over his mouth while trying to stop herself from laughing.

"You know I was worried..." Walker felt defeated. He could only stand there while Alice recovered herself from her moment of amusement.

She took Walker's hand and sat next to him. Midnight was still snoring nearby but she had moved in to the rising sun. Walker wasn't sure when she had done so but it was a quirk that Midnight and Onyx shared. The two would always find the warmest place to rest.

"I know you aren't going to just let us go by ourselves. You and the other healers will come and join the border. But you need to remain resting while we move. I won't let you use your voice or get in to any trouble." Walker was adamant about this and Alice was not about to argue with him. She just nodded along.

"It will be different than any journey yet. I know we will see more demons fleeing their homes. More people hurt. More corrupt demons that need to be taught a lesson or even defeated. I promise you that we will do our best." Walker wasn't so much saying this for Alice as much as he was saying it for himself.

p Yet, when he said it, he saw Alice become even more determined. It was a feeling around her that she had decided to fully commit to this adventure. This mission to free the demons sooner than later. She

wanted to see them coming with the other races to be healed at the cathedral or just to enjoy the music. She wanted to see them smiling like everyone else was able to.

When she had seen the demons hurt because they couldn't even live in their own homes, it had spurred something within her and the other healers. She was not the only one that was currently preparing to leave Genesis. Every single healer that had gone with her was pulling their friends together to leave and help others. They knew that they could only get there sooner.

"Do you want to get food? We can take the time to eat before we have to prepare to leave." Walker felt that this was all they could do. If they didn't eat together now, they might not have the chance to spend some peaceful moments in the next weeks.

At the single mention of the word food, Midnight perked up her head. She looked at Alice and Walker before pushing herself off her sunlit spot. With that, the three moved back inside the cathedral to see who else could eat with them.

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Chapter 1458 1458. Toward The Border

"Walker, You stored all the crates right?" Remey was on Walker's case because he had left her at the cathedral entrance double checking crates before he stored them. When she had gone to tell him that everything was perfect he had been nowhere to be found.

"Yes, stored away and ready to go." He had been pretending that there was nothing wrong to avoid a fight.

"Seriously? You two are still not ready? I have been ready for hours." Gil was still trying to finish an arrow since he had been waiting for a while. Without Alma telling him he would need more than he thought, he would have been done and helping the others prepare.

"No more arguing. We are going to head out. There are already two groups of healers, ten adventuring groups, three tamer groups, and even a few scouting groups that have left. We are behind." Su had been sure to count the groups that left ahead of them. It was motivation to move efficiently toward the border.

"Onyx and Midnight, you are both sure that your students are ready to be left alone? Ibis is alright with it? All of the mentors you find for the dragons are alright with it?" Midnight and Onyx were not going to dispute this. They nodded, waiting to be on the way.

As much as Onyx had said he might not leave with them, he had been able to make it work. Ibis had heard the commotion and already prepared everything ahead of Onyx's arrival. With that, Onyx had found himself very impressed. Ibis was taking a great lead to keep the hatchlings on par with the teaching they had already received.

The mentors that Midnight had already introduced the dragon hatchlings to were more than happy to set up a longer term study for them. They knew that their various professions would be busy. That alone meant a lot of learning situations just waiting for anyone that needed the experience. An ideal situation for them.

"Brother, we should leave now. I think it will be better to head out before the morning is lost." Onyx felt nervous energy. He wanted to get to where they needed to be so that they could help more people.

"You're right. We will head out now." Walker looked back at Genesis and was slightly sad to be leaving again. He would miss the last of the battles, the armies gathered, and even the new elven cities joining Alma. He had wanted to be there for every single moment of it. But he had to be where he could do the most for those in need.

"We are just going to head south from here, right? The demon lands border all of the southern lands right?" Gil was sure that he remembered the vastness of the demon lands. The demonic monsters that lived there were the reasons for such a large area being set aside.

The high ability of multiple monsters was the major reasoning behind the demon lands being so large. A very small portion of it was actually inhabited by intellectual races. Mainly only the demons. Other than that there were rumors that some dragons may have gone there but from what Walker had learned, there were no dragon villages there.

"I just worry about what else might be crossing the borders. If the demons are in madness and there is something leading them, there might be monsters too that have crossed the borders. It could be a challenge." Su worried about this the most.

"There will be a focus on specific points. I assume that there will be places where it will be easier for enemies, refugees, and us to cross." Gil had already thought about this. The border was long. There was no way that a massive force could be at every single spot along the walls made to defend against the demons.

This was one benefit of the past. The walls were enough to hold back the corrupt demons along with the demonic monsters. That way they didn't run in to the kingdoms built up north. The only issue was that their walls had been built so long ago by multiple races that the wall was sure to fail in certain places.

"We will meet the main problem area first. That way they can get the supplies they need. From there we will let them distribute potions along the entire wall. From there, we wait for the reinforcements to get there." Walker wanted to be clear on his plan. He wasn't going to do anything risky. There was too much danger.

"As long as the potions get to everyone that needs them. You have my special crate, right? Trish helped me make a lot of explosive potions in small and larger sizes." Remey was sure that there would be larger groups of enemies. That meant they needed area of effect skills or attacks.

"Those are the potions that need alchemy fire to start a reaction, right?" Gil had overheard Remey talking about them to Su earlier.

"Exactly. They are made to react only when alchemy fire is added. That makes them safer for transport and around my waist in battle." There was a proud tone in Remey's voice. She and Trish had worked hard to create safer explosive potions.

"If you and I work together with those potions, we could do a lot." Gil would rarely partner up with Remey, however, if she were to throw a potion and let him fire an alchemy fire arrow at them, then it could do very well.

"I like the idea." Remey and Gil started to get in to strategizing. This was the first time they would face a lot of trained enemies. Especially enemies that would not hold back from unspeakable evils. They had to be more than just prepared.

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Chapter 1459 1459. Values

"Gil, take down that ground squirrel up ahead. It will make a good snack for when we stop to rest later." Gil was the best one to take down the ground squirrel.

The ground squirrels were monsters that tunneled very fast in to the ground. They were known to eat at the roots of plants making them a natural enemy to farmers. However, they were considered a very tasty monster to eat if someone was fast enough to catch them.

"Don't blink or you will miss it," Gil smirked as he drew and fired his arrow at the ground squirrel. Walker had spotted it some distance away so Gil didn't have to worry about the ground squirrel running away. It was beaten in a single shot without any struggle.

"Midnight, when we stop I will have you start the fire." Walker wanted to ensure that everyone had a task. They wouldn't rest long since they were able to travel faster nowadays.

"If I remember right, we should see a village on the horizon. The healers that went with Alice shared their map with me." Su showed Walker the copy and pointed out the pearl grape farm.

"That's good, we can check on them. If one group of escaped demons made it a day or two away from them then there may be more by now." Walker was sure that they would make it to the village by night fall. They had been pushing themselves to move fairly fast and had not seen any monsters about other than the odd horned rabbit or now ground squirrel.

"Walker, let's stop now. It will be better to recover if we end up awake all night helping there." Remy stopped them which was a little unusual. She was normally all about pushing forward.

"That's not the normal you, what's wrong? Are you feeling well?" Onyx was the first to ask. He felt that Remy and he had bonded a lot in the lava lands so he wanted to ensure that she was safe.

"Well...we are going to war. It's not something small. I just want to be ready. It's not every day that we try and take over lands to free an oppressed people. You know?" As much as they had all thought about it and wanted to do what was right, it was hard to wrap their heads around.

They were speaking about freeing people, yes, but that also meant they were pushing for war. The opposite of what they wanted. War was not the way to grow peace. However, this was what the party was currently involved in. they couldn't even lie and say that they wouldn't be involved. They were key people within Genesis and their decisions made large waves.

"Not everything will be perfect. This is the right thing to do. We will do it the best we can." Walker stopped and pulled some wood from his storage. He had already committed to saving the demons and would not turn back. He had his own beliefs and he would live up to them.

Midnight silently moved next to him to begin lighting the wood Walker took out. The remainder of their hour break to eat was silent while they all thought about their reasons for wanting to free another race from oppression. Their reasons for bringing the races together. It was a sobering moment in the middle of a complicated situation.

"Let's get on the move." Remey nearly pushed everyone along. She had a big burst of energy since they had stopped to eat. It was clear that the time to reflect on their actions was important for her.

"I feel you might just want to try and steal away the pearl grapes. Don't think I didn't see you trying to get them in your tea." Su smirked. She too had sliced the pearl grapes and added them to a fruit tea. It was a nice sweetness that made the tea brighter.

"If that's a side effect of stopping in their village I will accept that burden." Remey's jokes a little while Midnight ran to catch up with her ahead. The two seemed to be taking the chance to get to the fields ahead sooner.

While they walked, the group saw that some of the further fields had a few more weeds. They had grapes growing but they needed a little more attention. "Alice, this is the same village, right?" Alice nodded. She had been so silent that it was hard to remember she had been walking with them. However, she had been seemingly chatting with Onyx the entire time since he didn't need to speak out loud like everyone else.

"I would say we will be helping here first." Gil saw the large fire in the middle of the village. It was clearly to make larger amounts of food. The only reason that could be was that there were more people there than there should be.

"And a group of healers beat us here. They moved pretty fast on their carriage." Waker spotted the familiar clothing and movements of healers. "We can move a little faster." Walker broke in to a soft jog. He wanted to see what was going on.

"Well, that is a familiar face. Alice, right? Come to help us out again?" Alice smiled and nodded a few times.

"You are Mis? Alice and her healers told us about you. We are heading toward the border. Alice needs to rest her voice but she is more than just a singer. We will help you where we can. Walker will use healing too." Su took the lead. She started right to work while Mis walked up to speak with Walker.

"So, healing and a popular person. I saw how the other healers became much busier when all of you got here. Welcome to the village." Mis went right to work. She was directing people here and there. Multiple soldiers and a few demons had been made comfortable in the center tent made for the injured.

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Chapter 1460 1460. Good To Be Mean

Walker wasn't sure what to do about Mis. she had basically walked over, said hello, then walked away. If anything, he felt that he was just there to make an acquaintance. Yet, the more he watched the more he learned. She was the center of the village at a fairly young age. Everyone went to her when they completed a task.

"Well, if you're working hard, let's calm things down so we can work smoothly." Walker used the calming waves skill. A pulse of mana went through the center of the village stopping everyone for just a moment. They looked over at Walker with clearer eyes.

Those that had been in pain were able to relax a little more while those working themselves to the bone could feel a few moments of peace. It made everyone stand a little taller. "Point me to those with the worst injuries." Walker was right next to the healers who had clearly exhausted a lot of their mental strength. It wasn't a surprise since many of them had been healing since they got to the village.

"Walker, come over here. This man cut himself on his leg while working in the fields." The man in question had a piece of metal from a broken farm tool still in his leg. It looked like the man had been over tired and potentially hit a rock with the plow. The horses pulling it could move very fast which caused the metal to fly off.

The dark bags under the man's eyes proved that he had been working more than he should have been. "I'm fine, I'm fine. Help someone else. There are others that need it-more." The pain made the man's voice sound broken.

"That's not happening. I can heal a lot of people with my mana and the potions we have. Just brace yourself because this will hurt." Walker refused to step away. Su guided a healer toward them who didn't hesitate to pull the metal from the man's leg.

Between Walker and the healer, they both used healing skills to fix the damage partially. Su started to wrap the man's leg in herbs that the healers and Remey were mashing in to a salve. "You won't be able to move around for a month. Keep it covered and dry. And I swear, if you even think of standing up I will make sure your village leader hears it." The healer had enough of stubborn farmers trying to work and help others.

"Su, have you noticed?" Walker asked while Su pointed him to the next person that was injured.

"Yes. The villagers started to help those coming from the border when they weren't in the field. They need rest or else they will keep hurting themselves. Their leader is struggling to manage them since they all feel obligated to do everything." Su hit the nail on the head. Even a fool would be able to derive this from this situation.

"Then I will get a little extreme." Walker felt bad for what he would do since he just used the calming waves skill. However, there were too many people risking hurting themselves. He needed them to stop and rest.

With a large breath, Walker used a weaker version of his dragon's intimidation. The roar drew all attention and made everyone from the fields come running. In a matter of minutes there was an entire village in front of him.

"What in the heavens was that all about?! I thought you were here to help!" Mis came with a fury in her to yell at Walker.

"I was calling the work day over. That injury, that, that, and even that. Are all from your villagers being too tired. Helping people is great. But for your own safety and health? No. The work day is over. Now

you can set up a plan with healthy shifts. If you can't agree on this I will use my earth to flatten three fields. That way you won't have so much work to do."

Walker would never do this to the village. He was bluffing. Even Mis seemed to know that he was bluffing. Yet, she needed an excuse to convince her villagers. With this evil sounding threat, Walker had become the target while Mis was the light that was making it work.

"You know you just made them hate you a little, right?" Su shook her head. She didn't have an issue with doing things that way, but she felt it was a little exaggerated.

"It was the fastest solution apart from actually tearing up their fields. Now, show me the next person to help." With Su's knowledge, Walker was able to use his mid tier healing skill in tandem with multiple healers.

'The skill healing cooperation has been taken from the grand healer system. The user has automatically learned the skill healing cooperation due to multiple healing instances with other healers.

Healing cooperation- passive

Those that heal in tandem with you will spend less of their mana to cause a healing effect.'

The skill was very simple. Walker wanted to thank the world for how simple it was. It didn't require any crazy situation or any harder work. There was even the benefit that it didn't cost mana. All he needed to do was work with other healers and they would all save their mana. That meant they could heal more people.

It was perfect to help them push in to the night with the healing and preparations. Hours later, Walker found that Mis had sat down next to him. "You know that you aren't going to be welcomed here easily. But some of the older family thinks you have some steel. Even though you are too loud." Miss handed him a cup of water before leaving to go and rest herself.

"We are heading to the border in the morning. Don't worry, we will make sure that we lessen your burden." Mis just shook her head.

