

Master 1511

Chapter 1511 1511. No More Theories

"Another weird thing? Is this demon lord trying to make things as confusing as possible just to hide what he's actually doing?" Gil was a little more frustrated than before now that he knew that the demon lord had basically separated the mage soldiers from the basic physical soldiers. As far as he could tell, it was removing half the military power he had.

"We have some theories but it's not that easy to guess. Found something in the ruins? Has a attack planned? Is trying to rebuild these lands completely? Is trying to leave this land with ruins ? Found some hidden library and has gathered power?"

"So there's still too much to really understand what he is doing. However, you do know that this Gluttony is in the capital and has the ability to consume the mana of other beings. They sound like Greed." Su could not help but relate the skills that Greed had used to the skills that Gluttony was using.

"That is an enemy we do not fully know. Any information about the Gluttony title is good. I do not recommend believing that it is the same. Greed was owning all things. Gluttony should be consuming all things." Scylla was very clear with what she knew about the title and how tough an opponent the Gluttony title holder may be.

"I agree with Scylla, if we make assumptions we will lose before we are there. Take the village first then we will worry about other things." Alma wanted to rush to the village after being told that the demon soldiers were planning on dividing it up as their own personal playground. "I hope we can deal with more slime making things too..."

The dark and stone elves were very clear about how dangerous the slimes were. They were able to cause massive damage to the environment on top of the fact that they damaged people just as much, if not more. Their time in the caves had not made them forget about the closeness to nature. It had actually made them closer to their affinities because they lived within it at all times compared to the forest elves who were born within multiple elemental manas at all times.

"Here is how we will handle the village. No more theories, we have to face the reality." Alma spoke up before the next round of ideas come out. Scylla appreciated this because she was feeling the very same about that.

"Well, I was going to make my own plans, but I will listen to yours." Scylla had a sly smile. It was even better that she would be able to improve Alma's plan after hearing it. A play for battle always went better when more generals came together to build it.

"I have my mages here, a few that can make walls. We can encircle the entire village while the dragonkin enter, and one of Ventus's children come from the sky. We clear out the soldiers capturing who we can. We also find their captain who sounds like he is going to do the worst of the deeds in that village. Simple and efficient. Ranged fighters take the side of the walls we make temporarily and close combat enters the village to handle the soldiers."

"That is simple. Simple is better. We are not a force that has been training together for years, we need simple to better execute things." Scylla saw no issues but decided to add a few things here and there. "Just ensure that we also have an evacuation route for the demons inside who need to run from battle. I also want those with close combat at our call. We may have some hostages in danger."

"Remey, that means you, Onyx, and Midnight should be ready to attack if you hear someone shout. You three have the best chance of separating a soldier from an innocent demon the fastest. The dragonkin are better at defeating their opponents while the elves will be better at longer range attacks." Walker looked around and caught a few shadows with his gaze.

"I know you are Mordant's dragonkin. You have much more exposed darkness elemental mana. Fleur and I had noticed it for a while now. We have been on high alert for changes in mana." Walker had been on edge but it had been sharpening his sense for mana. "You should also be ready to sneak up and clear buildings. There may be people hiding that need someone to escort them out of danger."

"Yes lord." five whispers barely audible came from the shadows around. No one had realized that Walker had been sensing them the entire time. They wondered just how much Walker had been improving during this sleepless journey toward the demon capital city.

"Sister says she doesn't want to risk Ventus's children being hurt," Onyx spoke up for Midnight. Walker had been able to feel her unease as well.

"They won't be. I will be taking the time to watch the skies to protect them. Walker and Scylla said they spotted physical fighters and no long ranged attacks. But if we do find them, between Su and I...nothing will touch them." Gil had a feeling that he would be the best to defend from such attacks.

The wind was his close ally now. He could use it as he wished for some protection that an archer normally wouldn't be able to do. If an arrow was fired at him, he had confidence that he could use the pull of his bow with wind elemental mana to deflect it. There was just a lingering feeling that he did not need to worry about such things.

p "The stone elf mages can help me make a walled defense too. Walker was able to help and so should they since they have the ability to make earth walls." Su and the earth spirit looked at the stone elf who was fairly surprised by this.

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Chapter 1512 1512. Take The Village

Every single one of them had to crawl on the ground. The dragonkin had been the most unwilling since they felt it was an insult to their pride to do so. However, they could not disregard an order from Walker.

The harder part would be keeping Ventus's child unnoticed. Luckily, as the sun had just started to rise again, the sky was revealed to have a thick cloud coverage. With some communication between Onyx and Walker, the dragon was well above the clouds waiting to dive down and roar to assert dominance over the village.

The ensuing chaos when a dragon came down would be the chance to attack. The dragonkin would charge in and the walls would go up. "Gil, stay safe." Alma gave this single order to Gl before they separated. Alma was going to use her blue ivy to make a wall of defenses. It was also the spot that would deter the soldiers the most because the ivy would look poisonous and intimidating compared to a plain earth wall.

"Onyx, have Ventus's child roar." Walker's order was loud enough for the rest of the party near him to hear. As soon as the roar echoed out, they were going to charge.

In a sudden burst of wind that opened up the cloud for a moment, the green dragon appeared above the village. It was still much smaller than a full grown dragon like Ventus, but the pressure from their innate wind elemental affinity caused everything to become chaotic.

With a single roar, the winds swirled in to a gust blowing around the dust. Walker jumped up and added his own dragon's intimidation roar to the mess of battle cries. Midnight was also right there roaring in stunning fashion before they pushed inside the village.

Just like earlier in the night, the soldiers were mostly drunk from their celebrations. They had been given an entire village as their playground. Some were so far gone that they didn't even wake up from their stupor. However, those that did were immediately angry and confused.

This was even more dramatic when the stone elf earth walls began to rumble from the ground. Initially, Su had spoken with the stone elves about having them allow the earth spirit to manipulate their mana. It sounded strange but it was an honor since elves had incredible respect for the elemental spirits.

Yet, when they felt the intense draw of earth elemental mana because of the earth spirit using its skills to bring it closer. The mana was the same as calling on its own body and spirit. The earth elemental mana rushed and boosted the skills that the stone elves used to raise walls taller than they intended. This just caused more drama inside the large village which was not walled off from every side.

The only spaces with room to run at were closely monitored by the dragonkin. They were only going to allow the innocent demons out as they were guided by their fellow warriors. No demon soldier would leave unless they were bound in rope so that they could be put on trial for the crimes that they committed.

"Get out of my village!" One of the demon soldiers that had recovered some of their ability charged at Walker and Su who had just walked near one of the outer homes. This was a massive mistake for the soldier because Su was already prepared after the walls had gone up.

The demon soldier's sword slammed in to the earth dwelling shield with a solid thunk. Su didn't move a single inch as she used her strength to slam the shield back in to the soldier. Without any hesitation, Walker used the earth elemental mana around him to bring the ground up and around the demon soldier.

The result was a demon soldier trapped in the earth without any ability to move. A simple attack against an opponent that had made a foolish mistake. "Walker, let's head toward the center. That should be where the demon captain is!" Su had adrenaline coursing through her veins now. She would not let up until they were solving the problem fully.

"I'm beside you!" Remey dashed next to Walker to kick another incoming demon soldier. She had seen him push out of a nearby door and had no hesitation to deal with him. Midnight used her wings to jump

over Walker and land on the unstable demon soldier. Between Remey, Midnight, then Walker using the earth, the demon soldier was trapped as well.

"No no no, no throwing rocks at our dragon friends." Gil fired a wind elemental arrow causing the few rocks that the demon soldiers had picked up in their drunken anger to throw. The next three arrows hit their marks taking the demon soldiers from the balcony they were on to the ground. Their rock throwing attempts failing and their consciousness fading.

"Come and play!" Walker and the rest of the party found that Scylla was already attracting a lot of attention. She had moved in to a small square where many of the demons had passed out the night before. The simple result of her efforts came in the many demon soldiers defeated around her.

"Walker, get over here and free those people behind the table." Scylla saw the party come behind her and gave them a task immediately. They were the ones that could free the seven demons that were clearly being held as hostages to be chosen as servants.

"Alice, start healing them. I will cut their ropes. Su, can you escort them out?" Walker already saw Su switching to the twin shields so that she could better defend them. He didn't even wait to hear a response, it was already clear.

The seven demons were all terrified until they felt the warmth from Alice's healing. Their eyes showed disbelief as Su took a spot in front of them. This was something that they had never experienced, something that they could say was akin to a heaven blessed miracle.

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Chapter 1513 1513. Demon Captain

"Attack!" The roar of demon soldiers rushing from the nearby building we met by a roar from the three dragonkin warriors that were on the same street. Walker saw this and jumped in to the battle as well. He was using the multi buff skill to help those around him and also making sure that he had everyone healed.

The demon soldiers had managed to get themselves a little more organized since those that had been asleep were now awake. Many of them had already forced their way in to homes to take over as their own.

"Onyx, show them what your tail can do!" Onyx had used the smaller size he had to sneak behind the demon soldiers. In the matter of an instant, the shadows released his full form. The tail smash cracked the stone street as the demon soldiers were sent flying toward the dragonkin warriors. It was the perfect combination attacks between Onyx and the dragonkin.

There was a lot of movement around him the more that the demon soldered woke up from their drunken slumber. Many just attacked right away while a few seemed to have the brains to gather their fellow soldiers. Those demons were the ones that slowed the path to the largest building in the demon village.

However, those were also the ones that were falling from windows as Mordant's dragonkin assassins moved through the homes. Su had been escorting small groups of demons from building to building which also slowed the party's progress. But that wasn't an issue, they were being freed.

"Hey Walker! Coming your way!" Remey punched a demon soldier while his partner charged at Walker. The heads up from Remey made Walker pull one of the two handed hammers from his storage and slam it down.

The resounding clank and crack of metal armor was quiet compared to everything else that was going on. Waker wanted to feel bad for every hit. Every attack that hurt or defeated a demon soldier. Unfortunately, this was not how he was feeling. The further in to the village they went, the more terrible things they found.

The fear on the innocent demon's faces. The homes with doors pulled from their hinges. The attempted businesses burned to the ground. There was much more wrong that the party saw, but it would take them their entire day to report just half.

"Good attack." Remey came up next to Walker. She had just started using her fire affinity knuckles and sparked the alchemy fire that drifted around her. The alchemy fire spirit was an entirely different being right now. The anger it had for what it was witnessing in the village proved that not just a intelligent races could care for the well being of others.

"Remey, are you up for a push down that street to the main square of this village?" Walker saw that Remey was more than warmed up. The alchemy fire was the staple skill she had been improving. If they went to push through now then it would be much faster. Walker also saw that Su had returned from the last run back to the entrance made in the earth walls.

"That shouldn't even be a question." Remey looked down the street at the gathering demon soldiers. She had noticed them a moment ago but now that Walker was directing the focus, she was glad to help take them down.

"Midnight, start a little fire from the sky. I will help you keep it from the buildings." Walker wanted to cause the fifteen organized demon soldiers and whoever was commanding them to break apart. Fire could do that.

With a harsh growl, Midnight was jumping in to the air. She had been flying better and better when it came to takeoffs as her muscles trained for it. Now she burst up from the ground also pushing off of buildings to get just above the roofs.

A single deep breath and red fire was released moving down from the roofs toward the heads of the demon soldiers. Walker used his skills to manipulate the fire elemental mana that was released. This caused it to rain down specifically on the demon soldiers while completely avoiding the buildings.

There were screams from the demons but they were nothing that the party allowed to deter them. These were beings that had terrorize their own people. Monsters that were not afraid to breed more evil. "Let's go!"

The call from Remey revealed the deep scarlet flames that she was allowing to grow. The alchemy fire spirit and Remey were perfectly in sync while she stuck out toward the demon soldiers. The flames wrapped in wisps before strengthening.

The fore affinity knuckles were coated in alchemy fire causing them to appear to have larger spikes. The same happened with the gloves that went all the way up Remey's arms to attach to her shoulder armor. They were made this way to protect her but had become the base for her skills.

It was an intimidating sight to see the alchemy fire becoming partial armor around Remey. She could be called a monster herself in the eyes of the demon soldiers who were currently being burned and beaten down. Their pain causing them to try and flee.

"So that's what she was hiding. She had the ability to make those flames her armor. I wish we could have seen it in the coliseum..." Scylla sounded bloodthirsty while speaking but she had complete control of herself. The adrenaline just made her sound rougher before charging in to the fight beside Remey.

It was a matter of minutes before Midnight, Scylla, and Remey had completely beaten the soldiers blocking the way. Remey had left many with alchemy fire burns in the shape of her affinity fire knuckles.

"I didn't want to show that skill to you all that way, but that was an advanced skill of alchemy fire wrapping. It's called alchemy armor. A skill only battle alchemists can use. Apparently there are battle alchemists." Remey was still breathing hard while Alice rushed up to heal her as well.

There were only small burns on Remey from the fire. She had learned to control them much better than before. Now the alchemy fire had almost no chance of harming her compared to the first time she used the flames to wrap her arms.

"Good job, we need to get their captain out here and beat them. That will be the best way to end this all. The demon's morale will crumble." Walker was dedicated to getting the demon captain out of that building. Unknowingly, the demon captain had just seen his soldiers get thrashed. He was also dedicated to crushing his new enemy.

"You dare to touch what is mine! I own this. This is the village I have claimed as my personal belonging!" The scream of rage from the square the group was moving to was clear. It was someone stronger. Someone that was waiting to tear them apart for invading what they thought was theirs.

When the square around the large building was clear to see, Walker saw a larger demon carrying a spiked mace. Brutal was the clear tactic in battle for him. "So you're that worthless captain here!" Su used the taunting skills she had to bring the demon closer. She was not going to take an attack from the large spiked mace, but her tactic was distraction.

"Humans!? That's what came to touch what is mine!? How pathetic. We left your little city standing and this is what we have to deal with? Pathetic, that Pride was never a real general. He should have learned from Wrath and Greed about how to truly handle a battle."

Hearing that the captain idolized Wrath and Greed made them all know where his strengths were. They knew that they would have to handle this idiot differently compared to the other battles.

"You will never own the people that live here." Walker reached out and used some of the residual fire to burn up a small set of barrels along the side of the building. It was a small act in the grand scheme but since the captain seemed to value everything as his own...

"You dare touch what is mine!" The rage from the captain built and he finally sprinted toward the party.

"No no no, that's not a good idea!" Scylla had used the taunting as time to get behind the demon captain. Her single punch out sent him tumbling forward. Right in to the clenched fists of Walker and Remey attacking together.

The third combination was Su coming with a powerful shield bash. They could not let up against a more powerful opponent. That was why Midnight had already fallen from a roof with her claws ready to rend when she landed on her target.

The demon captain seemed to feel this coming as he rolled to the side. There was rage building in his eyes. "I will not let you take what is mine!" The guttural roar from the demon captain caused everyone to stop for a moment. They saw that there was a strange build up in mana around him.

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Chapter 1514 1514. Unknown Power

"Midnight!" Walker could only shout at Midnight when she jumped off the back of the demon captain. She was about to jump forward to attack again. Unfortunately, she was slammed back by the spiked mace of the demon captain.

"Walker, you stay." Alice rushed to Midnight. She would heal her while Walker stayed to keep fighting. The party would have to do without her singing to buff them further.

"You worthless piles of garbage try to take what's mine. Lord Envy said this would happen. He told me that my village would be attacked by the weak after the king executed his plans. I will show you exactly what true power is!"

The demon captain was getting beaten by those he deemed weaker than himself. It was strange for everyone to see just a maddening look come over someone so quickly. The demon captain had completely fallen in to the belief that overall physical strength made him the most powerful. Wrath had

the same ideology to the point that it had driven him to lose his mind to the rage that came with only being physically strong.

But where the captain was different was in his greed. He wanted to own the things that came with power as the sin title holders did. Therefore, when Envy had handed him something to make him stronger, he had put every ounce of trust in it.

The vial that the captain took out from his pocket was larger than the average potion vial. It was similar to the kinds that Walker had seen before. "Those are just like the vials we trapped slime cores in..."

This prompted Walker to use his all around appraisal. He saw something that he knew would cause a lot more damage. Something that certainly would not be making anyone more powerful.

'Volcanic slime core

The volcanic slime is similar to a fire slime or a magma slime. The only difference is the incredible amount of condensed fire elemental mana that makes up its core. They will do so to protect themselves from predators and to combat the explosiveness of the volcanoes they live in. Unfortunately, they have a very nervous nature when compared with other slimes that could be called calm in comparison.

When the volcanic slime finds itself in a strange environment that is not a volcano, it will release large amounts of fire elemental mana causing large flaming explosions. This is why they are considered one of the most volatile slime species. Their core will sometimes break due to these situations. If not, multiple explosions can occur.'

"With this, I will erase all of you. No one will try to take my village from me!" The demon captain opened the vial and swallowed the volcanic slime core. There was a look of triumph while he waited for something to happen.

"Su, use the earth fortress! Now!" Walker's voice came out in a loud scream of demanding energy. He was not just asking. He was ordering it. Su had never heard Walker take such a powerful tone filled with emotion. It was one that she knew could only mean extreme danger.

"The earth shield and earth spirit were in her hands in less than a second. "Scylla, get them out of here!" Walker's yell to Scylla immediately after made her know that this was not just some move to make sure that they were away from a dangerous demon. It had to have more behind it.

Walker slammed both hands on the ground which had started to form in to an earth fortress in front of Su. With his grand elemental manipulation, it changed shape and completely wrapped around the demon captain whose face had become pained. He was feeling the strange changes occurring as the volcanic slime core became active again.

The steam that escaped the demon captain's lips proved that extreme heat and pressure were being released by the volcanic slime core. "Su, it will explode. We need to stop it." Walker had rushed with all his might to get right next to Su. The two were still pouring their mana and stored mana in to the skills.

"It's fire, right? Flames or an explosion? That was a slime core in there. I can help, I know I can. Just let my alchemy fire spirit block what we can." Remey hadn't let Scylla pull her away with Pnyx, Alice, and Midnight. Instead, she had pushed herself to get right next to Walker and Su.

"Just leave and get to safe-" Walker's voice was cut off as Remey channeled all of her mana in to the alchemy fire that surrounded her arms. The alchemy fire spirit started to pull at the fire elemental mana around them.

"It's not just alchemy fire I figured out." there was a rumble as the pressure from the volcanic slime core had begun to fully release the mana it had stored. It had awakened to find itself in a dangerous atmosphere. One that was not at all the volcano it originated from. One that made it feel on edge and panicked.

Stop this attack!" Walker gave up and focused on the attack that would come from the fire elemental mana escaping the slime core. Su did the same and so did Remey.

While this happened, Fleur left the eternal orb. She knew that she could help. She knew that she could do more. It was the interruption of natural mana that had forced her to show herself now. Instead of directly helping Walker to pull at mana, her ability to feel the mana at a deeper level had shown her a path to make this all go away. To fix it and save those she was fond of. To save the person who she was bonded with and would rise to become a world spirit with.

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Chapter 1515 1515. Accepting Nature's Guidance

Mana was something that literally made up an elemental spirit. However, they were more than that. At some point, they used the elemental mana that made them create something more. Something that powered every living being above even natural mana.

This became the voice they gained. The voice they learned to use with the elemental mana. The voice that allowed them to speak with other elemental spirits and become stronger. Finding such a voice was rare but many of the older high elemental spirits had it.

The next step would be for a high elemental spirit to become a grand elemental spirit. Something that could require a lot of time and elemental mana of a specific kind. Or, it could require something more. Something that improved this thing that made them intelligent.

They would need a stronger soul.

Fleur was not sure how she knew what she knew. She knew that she had come to be after multiple elemental spirits had agreed to come together in balance to be partners with Walker. She had an innate connection with him after this. She was without memories but full of pride for who she was and the choices that she had made before she was who she was.

These feelings had made her take the time to understand Walker and the reasons he desired to become stronger. The things she saw were what she felt nature was. There was a lack of speech that she chose. It was better to remain silent and enjoy the nature she felt was part of her. The mana that made the entire world turn.

This natural mana had more to it than she knew though. It was connected to a greater network of living beings. She was not the forest, nor was she the last nature spirit to exist. She was just one of many in the great history of existence. The small whispers that connected natural mana to different things flowed through her. The more she understood about natural mana the more she would be able to change and influence the world. That was the essence of a world spirit; what she strived to be.

"Earth and fire. Rise to be blessed by the world." the words that Fleur spoke were something that she was not fully able to comprehend either. She felt that a greater source of natural mana had come to her. Had come because of the interruption in natural mana being caused.

All of those present knew that the massive amount of fire elemental mana from a volcano did not belong in the demon lands. There were lava lands. They existed and the fire mana would spill in to other places in nature. That was how it should be. But not condensed mana from an extreme part of another environment.

This imbalance allowed for the natural mana to surge and fix such a balance. " The position of grand fire spirit will be renewed. Show your might; Azar. Rise and show your solidarity as the next grand earth spirit; Alvaro."

The words that Fleur spoke were not simple. It was more than her making these names. It was something so powerful that the natural mana itself reacted to them. It was the work of nature itself flowing through Fleur before she reached out her hands to bring the earth spirit and alchemy fire spirit's manas towards her.

In a single connection, Su felt that she was one with the very ground she was manipulating. The earth dwelling shield crumbled in to dust as her spirit mark changed. The ground moved up to wrap her completely as the spirit mark patterns of earth melded with her body and the earth walls became layers of protection surrounding the demon captain.

Remey was wrapped in a brilliant crimson flame cocoon. She was feeling the burning of a new spirit mark taking shape all over her body. The fire elemental spirit feeling the mana coursing through the new connection. The fire elemental mana being held back from exploding in violence from the volcanic slime core.

Walker could feel all of this around him. His connection with Fleur brought many visions to his mind. He saw the previous grand fire spirit leaving to ascend to the fire elemental plane. He saw a vision of an earth spirit melting in to the earth through a strange patch of soil. This was the ascension of the earth spirit that had come to Genesis. These visions were brought to him through Fleur's spirit marks.

"I refuse to let you blow this place up!" Rmeey roared in pain as the flames burst away from her. She was coated in alchemy fire as if it was her armor. The tendrils that rolled off seemed sharp and hot at the same time.

Su stomped and the dirt fell from her. She wore armors of solid stone. But there was a difference. The scale patterns mixed with the earth spirit mark patterns. "You will never get past my shield!"

The two caused a profound mixing of mana, both earth and fire. It fused with natural mana and in an instant, the explosion that shattered the earth was forced upwards. The earth walls constantly replenished as the explosion released more mana. The flames jetted toward the sky with Remey's control.

'The world recognizes the new avatar of fire and the new avatar of earth. The grand elemental spirits have been named. The grand fire elemental spirit; Azar. The grand earth elemental spirit; Alvaro. Rejoice in the balance of nature.'

The world spoke through everyone's systems. To everyone's very being. It was a pleasing motherly voice that made everyone feel that they had witnessed something closer to nature than they could even comprehend.

When the meted walls of stone were revealed and the smoking remains of what had once been a demon captain, there was no one to witness it. Remey and Su had fallen unconscious with the spirits retreating to the spirit marks. Walker was following suit with Fleur resting on his chest. Nearly devoured of mana.

But there was one last whisper from the natural mana moving toward Fleur. 'you shall rise to be the one that balances this world.'

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Chapter 1516 1516. Three Grand Spirits

"Get up already. We have more to do." The gruff voice of Scylla woke Walker, Su, and Remey up. They were not very responsive until they felt the song of Alice affecting them.

"What the! Wait- I." Walker was sure he saw a lot happen. He had strange dreams of elemental spirits and nature. But what was ingrained in his mind the most was Fleur's voice. The voice that used natural mana to speak to nature as an equal.

"Fleur...you're going to be the best world spirit ever." Walker couldn't help but whisper this to himself. He could tell that Fleur was exhausted. She had been used by and used the natural mana herself. Walker could easily read the system notifications to understand what had happened.

"Walker...My partner, his name is Alvaro." Su had seen the same images in her kind as Walker in relation to a faraway earth spirit under Genesis melting in to the earth to ascend to the earth elemental plane.

She could feel the slightly sore new spirit marks all over her body. She could feel her affinity with earth elemental mana stronger than ever.

"I knew my partner would be the best. Azar and I will take the world by storm. A fire storm!" Remey was pretending to have more energy than she actually did. She still had some contact with the alchemy fire spirit which was now the grand fire spirit.

There was a feeling of closeness she finally had with fire. This feeling had been growing the more she and the alchemy fire spirit had worked. The more familiar she got with the flames the better her skills had gotten. Now she knew that she was right where she should be. It was the same as becoming whole. Not just for her but for her newly named partner; Azar.

"You two... this is amazing. Fleur finally used the natural mana to bond with the world. She was able to answer the world and make two grand elemental spirits with the mana that the world sent her. I think, I understand more about how the world works." Walker could tell that he had touched upon something with Fleur that not many people could understand.

"So you too will just ignore me and the elves that felt the mana you released? You can't even bother to look up at everyone? You have been unconscious for three hours. Not only did we need to defend you the entire time, but you did not help any longer with the taking of this village." Scylla was a little annoyed but mostly because she had no answers yet.

"A lot happened." Walker finally looked around him to see Midnight, Gil, Alice, Alma, and Onyx with Scylla looking down at them. He had to take a minute to explain it.

"Do you remember the grand earth spirit that came to Genesis when it felt the mana there? It passed on to the earth elemental plane. The fire spirit that also passed on earlier than the earth spirit too. They both gave up their names. Fleur contacted the natural mana and somehow other world or nature spirits. She gave Remey and Su's partners names. She was the conduit that balanced the mana again. It was spectacular. It felt..."

"You mean there is a grand earth elemental spirit here!" The stone elf lost his cool the moment that he heard this. He and the dark elf were curious as well. They could feel the changes in mana along with the dense mana around them in the village they had just helped take.

Looking further past them, Walker realized that many of the stone elves that had come from behind them had gathered there. They all felt the intensity of the earth elemental mana. "Yes, my partner Alvaro is trying to rest though. Just give him time. He needs to understand himself first." Su stopped anyone from pushing. She knew her partner needed rest to adjust. They had just done a lot all at once.

"Remey, you too?" Alma looked at Remey with a surprised expression. This wasn't because it was Remey, but because there were now three Grand elemental spirits in one place.

"Yes! They are my two fellow Grand named elemental spirits now. I haven't ascended to a different elemental plane so this is great. I can see them right here." Zephyr had left the spirit mark on Gil's body to see this for herself. There was a unique connection between the grand named elemental spirits.

From the mana, she could feel their existence. She also knew that they were resting to recover their mana. However, this was not all. There was a little mana that reached out to her and from her to them. The natural mana between all of them was the key that had welcomed them to the state of a grand elemental spirit. It was something more. Something deeper than what a normal elemental spirit would be.

"You are pretty happy with that. Now you can chat with them. Not that I think Su's partner will chat much. Always so quiet. But maybe Remey's partner will talk." Gil teased Zephyr and received a stuck out tongue from her in return along with a small blast of wind to ruffle his hair.

"You said the village was taken already? Was anyone hurt?" Walker looked at the stone that had melted in place where the volcanic slime core had been.

"No one was hurt. You three just used a lot of mana. Well, maybe not. You three just had a lot happen that overloaded your minds. Each of you looked like you were having a lot of crazy dreams." Scylla was still clearly worried about them. She had lost her annoyed tone and was watching them carefully. Her eyes would not let anything escape her.

"I will just tell you. It was the Envy title holder. He has to be the slime breeder. He gave a volcanic slime core to the captain here. Instead of making him strong, it caused a massive explosion. It was a brutal lie that nearly destroyed this entire area. Fleur connected with the natural mana to force the defense against this." There was a disgusted tone in Walker's voice. Such a lie had nearly destroyed this large village.

"Even worse, I think that they have more than abandoned all this land. Envy was gladly about to destroy it all. Volcanic slimes should not be here. They belong in volcanoes where they are born and nowhere else. We need to get to the capital city. We have to figure this out." Walker was extremely dedicated now. He could only see devastation if they did not solve these problems. Things seemed to be getting worse and worse.

"I agree. That is not good in the least." Scylla was making fists. Walker was sure that she was ready to use her full strength and attack everything.

"Then we take the strength of multiple grand elemental spirits and strike them. They are going against the natural order of the world. They are creating hatred and corruption. They are destroying their lands. We have the strength to save those they have hurt. We need to go now." Alma burst out with her own desires. She was more motivated now that she saw that the world was reaching out to them more than before. This was a sign that the world itself wanted to see the natural order return.

p "Brother, sister and I could feel the natural mana through you. We know that you felt a lot. If you need us, we are here." Onyx and Midnight were right next to Walker at this point. They were worried and Walker could feel it.

"Don't worry, I am fine. But thank you all for looking after me. And Alice, your healing songs were just as beautiful as always. If I could wake up to that every day...well, I would be in heaven and doubt this was anything but a dream." the words made Alice turn away. She couldn't just look at him after he said that so shamelessly.

"Then we move out. Sounds like we can't just stay here. While you three slept here, we had more soldiers show up. The larger villages have become the focus. The small villages were mostly abandoned or loosely controlled. Most of the demon army seems to have been mages. That means we come together to get to the capital sooner." Gil had been in contact with the other groups through the harpies.

"Good. we will recover as we travel there. Pass on the dangers of the demon captains to the others. We need mages ready to create similar defenses as ours. There have been no other issues, right?" Walker knew that the larger villages were about to be or were being taken. As long as the mages knew this, they could defend against Envy's attacks.

"Already sent a warning that there were potions with the demon captains that could cause a lot of damage. I have good eyes you know." Gil held out a hand and helped Walker up. He was ready to push them forward to do more. To free more people.

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Chapter 1517 1517. New Allies

The notice of strange potions that were not potions traveled through the communication lines at extreme speed. The harpies were proving their superiority to other communication methods. The communication crystals couldn't send enough details and came at a high price. This alone was the major drawback to using them. These different groups would need so many that they would use too much mana activating them.

There was a great commitment of the harpies to become a properly represented race. Their desires were slowly but surely paying off as they met every group in the line. The groups of multiple races working together showed them and the others that they were not monsters. Harpies were a race that deserved a space like the goblins and the grey haired spiders that had fought to be more than what they were.

That was why, when Walker and the others saw that the harpies were heading toward them in a group of six, they knew that something was happening. Their message had already been out for an hour, but it was enough time for it to spread and come back.

"Brother, the harpies say that the other groups encountered the same. One even encountered an abandoned village with ten potions. They lost the village but found more demon soldiers with power obsessions." Onyx was able to communicate this message faster than the harpies could land and pass the note. Therefore, they didn't need to stay long with Onyx's help.

"That's not good. If there are demons so obsessed with power that they are consuming these so called potions, we need to get to the source." Walker was worried that this was spelling much worse events to come.

"That's not the problem we should be worried about. We should be worried about why all the demons think they need to take their villages and have the most power. Wrath was the same. Power hungry. It can't mean anything good." Su made a good point that this dynamic was radically different from the way the demons had been in the past.

The borders had always dealt with demons and demon soldiers. Yet, in the past months things had gotten worse. More brazen. The demons would lead more attacks and more of them were fleeing their homes. This could be a sign that worse was happening in the demon lands.

"I think there might not be a demon lord." Alma's theory stopped everyone from moving. They had just barely stepped outside the village before the harpies had come to them with notices. The harpies were even still waiting to see what they had to say since their group had more leaders in it than most.

"I know it sounds odd., but would the demon lord just give away the land and power he had? No way. But what if the demon lord lost power? He could throw the demon lands in to chaos while he regained it. Pulled his powerful troops close and let the others stay weak." This idea didn't sound too crazy. It was a solid theory.

"But what about this Envy title holder? Envious people are rarely loyal. They would take this demon lord's position if they could. From what few interactions we have seen and I have been briefed about, Envy is able to control enough to take down a weak leader. I believe there is another plan. Something that makes the demon lands and these soldiers useless." Scylla trumped Alma's idea but saw the merit it had. She would not throw it away so easily.

"Onyx, have them send word that there is something strange happening and that every demon soldier needs to be apprehended quickly before they get a potion or anything. They might just be pawns to keep us at bay. There's something more." This would slow the groups saving villages but it would save lives.

In the grand scheme, it was better to have more unharmed troops make it to the demon capital than less. They had to be able to make it there to claim the demon capital and save the people. They also needed their strength to properly imprison the demon lord along with the last title holders.

Before Walker could watch the harpies fly away, the world spoke.

' The Harpy race has proven their right to be recognized as an intelligent race. Through desperate times they have acted as an integral part of every race. They had integrated themselves in to a role that no unintelligent monsters could claim, The world smiles upon the Harpy Race.'

This caused the harpies to fly oddly for a moment before they reclaimed their wits. There had been a slight change but not as dramatic as the goblins and grey haired spiders that had fallen unconscious as they received their revelation, the key reason was that the harpies had been living with the demi-humans for years already. They had gotten as close as possible to being a race without actually being one.

The caws of excited harpies lasted a moment before they drifted off in the sky. They had been recognized because they had trusted and joined the other races finally. It was an act of trust and respect to join them in battle. Everyone in the armies knew this. Everyone that was near a harpy looked at them with true respect.

"My king will be very proud. He has waited for this day since the harpy queen came to settle in our home." Scylla looked back toward the wall. She knew this would happen one day. However, this was the best day. This was a day that had started the path for freedom of another race. Now they would be able to stand with the other races and say that they were there when they freed the demon race from oppression. The harpies could say they stood as equals with all the other races to help others.

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Chapter 1518 1518. Land To Sea

"Every single day there is another reason to celebrate Genesis. We have another race to welcome to the representative. Another trace that we will share strength with. Another race to stand with us." Walker felt like his heart would burst. Good things seemed to be happening every single time that bad would come to push them down.

"It's like the world has been waiting for all of these things to happen. Whatever the world's will is, it has been waiting." Alma and the elves following them all had this feeling.

The elven races were more in tune with and mana. They believed that the will of the world was strange and always present. It gave everyone the tools to live as they needed. To follow paths that would bring them joy. This moment was a picture of how the world had given the harpies the chance to become a race as they always wished. That the harpies deserved.

"This is why I love you. The elves believe that every single thing is there to grab and learn about. There are differences and bad history between the elves and other races. Even each other. But look at this. They welcomed harpies, goblins, and spiders in to their families now." Gil was getting emotional as well. Alma could just nod her head in happiness.

"Enough with this. Use that motivation and let's get to this capital city. I doubt it will be as sweet as what you feel now. But that sweetness can get you where we need to be." Scylla snapped everyone back to reality. The first one to accept Scylla's words was Midnight.

The reason was simple. Midnight felt that they had found the perfect time to band together. Her pride as a dragon that protected so much with her family was at the highest pique thus far. She was able to stand in front and charge head first toward the enemy. How could she dishonor the very blood she had in her veins but not doing so?

"You are right. I feel the same way Midnight." Walker placed a single hand on her head. He could feel her drive and knew that Midnight was still growing at a miraculous speed. She was always becoming more than she was with every second of time that ticked by.

"Brother, the harpies also had information from Ventus. She has gone deeper to map more of the demon lands toward the capital." Onyx had waited for everyone to take in what had just happened. He knew that they were ready to hear the rest of the message.

"What do we have to work with? Tell us." Remey and Alice had been walking alongside each other prepping some bandages with healing potions. Alice refused to let Remey walk away without some. She knew that Remey might abuse her newfound fire power and hurt herself. The soaked bandages would be the best way for Remey to heal any burns she gained through battles.

"The demon capital city is larger than we thought. It also looked like it was built by mages to be hard to travel through. Almost like a maze of forges and training areas." Onyx had received this from the harpies.

'That would make sense. They value the strong more than we do as demi-humans. That alone would make a capital and race dead set on constant improvement. It's literally grow stronger or death in demon culture." There was a small part of Scylla that was impressed. A culture that lived by the strong was impressive. But their methods were despicable.

"That will be a challenge. If it is a mass of stone forges and training areas we have to watch for ambushes. But it also means a lot of vantage points for our own mages and archers." Gil was thinking about this from a long range battle point of view. It would be ideal for him.

"There's more, the city seems to have its gates open. That's all we have. No guards patrolling and open gates." everyone could feel the worry in Onyx's mental communication. He clearly had some issues with the situation, it was screaming traps and danger.

"Whatever it is, we are still going. We can be sure that every group of soldiers, mages, cavalry, tamers, everyone knows. They won't let the fear of a simple trap take away their desire to free a race. Especially after the harpies have been recognized." Su spoke what everyone was already thinking. This thought pushed them all to move faster. For Alice to sing her song louder. For all of them to push to get to the meeting point they needed.

The other groups were acting in much the same manner. They were moving toward the demon capital with their resolve intact. However, this was very different for the merfolk and aquatic demi-humans. They had begun to round the water currents of the oceans to make it to the other side of the demon lands.

"Reporting in, the current and giant sea turtles have brought us to the closest beach from of the demon lands." The merfolk soldier that spoke to Leon was giving the update he had been told to give.

"Good, I need the tamer and the demi-human commander here. It will be time to go on land soon and up any rivers we can find." Leon was tired. He had remained awake the entire journey ahead of all others. They had been moving through rough waters and even a small storm to make it to where they were.

The waters had been full of danger but by bringing the giant sea turtles with them that had been tamed and raised by tamers and merfolk, they were able to get there safely. The large monsters that giant sea turtles that scared off smaller monsters. Now they would have to say goodbye to them and push in to the demon land's rivers. They would be coming from the opposite direction of the other land troops.

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Chapter 1519 1519. Up A River

Leon was sure that he was making the right call. He had a lack of information on the state of affairs when it came to the land. But he did have the communication crystal messages. The demon-human soldiers had heavily relied on them so they were passed out before everyone left for their army marches.

This proved very useful because Leon knew that dangers had become worse over the time of the village's liberation. Not only were there demonic monsters to worry about, but the demons were

destroying their own lands now. It made all the soldiers under Leon worry more about how they could help.

"Listen up, I have the scout's map of rivers." Leon held a map up. It was the gathered information from more than thirty scouts that had risked their lives to get.

The waters along these rivers were home to many monsters that could kill an individual merfolk, tamer, or demon0human. But they had the skills to get close to them and discern if they were worth the risk to explore.

"I have three entry points that we can take. One had a lot of waste coming from it. It is thought to come from the nearby human port city. We will ignore that. They don't have to worry about the demons because of their unique cliff side homes." The commanders were in agreement with this. Their goals were not to find a city that didn't need help. The age place that was untouched due to the location of the city and the fact that the demons had no interest in it at all.

"That means we have this larger river. There will be many monsters in it. We will have to fight our way up river to get to the nearest village which we believe is here." The time in the foreign river would be the challenge. They were not familiar with the monsters there and that was dangerous.

"The second river is smaller. But we have strange plants surrounding it without any signs of monsters. It is believed that we would all perish if we went down it. The plants aren't damaged by any predators. They could mean they are the predator themselves." Leon had seen the underwater plants that consumed entire beings. They were living plant monsters the same as the land had.

"Then we go through the large river and stay tight in formation." The demi-human aquatic troops had the best formations for this. They had traveled rivers before and had more experience than the merfolk who had open water experiences.

"Our tamed monsters will follow whoever we need. The large river gives them the space to battle compared to the smaller two. That's all we have to say." the tamer in charge of the other tamers held a lot back. He was a little annoyed at the merfolk due to the last incident between tamers and the kraken spawn.

Fortunately, this was not a timer directly involved. Just a friend of a friend that was a little on edge. But this was a battle to free a people. He couldn't just let his prejudice win him over. He would stand by his beliefs and save someone before condemning another.

The decision was made. Leon took the lead as the spearhead of the group. He had many soldiers behind him that were ready to face whatever enemies they came in to contact with. The demi-human soldiers were spread out on the outside since they had the most experience and could handle the combat the best.

The waters were slightly warmer than the open ocean making everyone a little more on edge. The high temperature usually allowed for more growth of plants and monsters. This would make more trouble. However, they saw none. There were no signs of fish around since they had entered the mouth of the river.

"Stay on alert. There has to be a few monsters around if there is nothing to be seen." Leon made the announcement. They would stay under the water to avoid attracting the other monsters. This was a simple method that many merfolk used in the ocean as well.

"Sand in the water! Be on look out!" One of the soldiers near Leon gave the warning. He had seen a large amount of sand suddenly burst up from the bottom of the murky river water.

The soldiers all stopped their motion using only a little strength to stay in place and not get washed back down stream. "Get ready!" One of the tamers shouted out in panic. They were all able to hear and communicate using their unique skills as underwater specialists. Their systems were perfect for this.

"I know this type of monster. It's similar to a piranha that lives in dense jungle rivers. It's called a flesh eating karp. They are smaller than regular karp and fast." the tamer that spoke motioned for his tamed electric eel to move closer to him. "They eat anything they can. Kill them on sight."

The flash of silver and brown scales was all that Leon saw as one darted out at him. He was well trained with his spear and easily skewered it. However, the scent of blood drew the others out of their hiding under the sand.

"It's a swarm. Defeat them all!" The water was in turmoil. Many of the flesh eating karp were attacking at once. The flashes of silver and brown scales that went by were all they could go on. None of them seemed to stop moving.

"Damn demonic monsters. Tear them down!" The order went out and Leon felt some of the soldiers with water related al skills begin to work together. Ice spikes formed under the water causing some of the flesh eating karp to impale themselves. But what was really impressive were the water elves that had come along.

The water elves lived underwater in lakes. They had the abilities because of their unique elemental affinity. They did not have gills but they had the ability to filter air from the water with . They also had the ability to use the water as their weapons.

The currents in the river were fairly soft for such a large moving body of water. But this helped the water elves create bending currents like whips. The skill outside of the river would be a simple water whip. However, in the water they became forced that drastically controlled the current around them. They sliced the fish in to pieces over and over.

"This is how we do things in the elven waters. It has been too long since we stretched like this!" a few of the older water elves felt great pride to be out in the world and fighting against those that had caused their pain. They would give everything they could to get the entire army to where they needed to be.

" good work. All forces move out!" Leon was hoping that everyone else on land was meeting easy challenges like this. Easy because they were prepared. Easy because they were winning. However, he was not going to say it out loud. He couldn't risk taking the luck away. But one thing was for certain. The aquatic forces were on their way.

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"We have gotten close enough. This will be the last camp set up before the final march toward the demon city." Scylla knew that she was stopping many people well before the city. Yet, she had the expertise here. No one would question her.

"So we just stop here?" Remey wanted to charge all the way through to the demon capital city. She couldn't risk waiting any longer. Things had gotten worse. There were slimes all around them that they had to constantly deal with the past hour alone.

"Yes. we need the forces together. More importantly, we need rest. How many soldiers behind us that have joined us do you see with extra energy?" Scylla knew the limitations of long marches well. She knew that every soldier would need a lot of rest.

"She's right. Look at how exhausted the five groups that joined us are? They are not the same as us. We have been used to constantly pushing our stamina." Su was on Scyllas' side. So was Alice. They both planned to take the time to help the soldiers rest properly.

"Good. Remey, Su. stay with me. I want the two of you to sit with me and have a conversation. Gil, you too." Walker was sure that he needed to speak about the grand elemental spirits before this battle. Things would not be easy.

"We will get everything ready. Just leave the supplies you have here." Alma and Scylla chimed in to let Walker know that they understood what he had in mind. They would be needing every trick they could possibly get. That meant the new skills that came with the grand elemental spirits. The skills with clear drawbacks that could only be used once in a battle."

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Chapter 1520 1520. Sit And Talk

"So, we need to gather elemental mana for our partners?" Remey knew this was a possibility. She was used to the fact that her partner needed mana. But she had never had to exhaust both her and the alchemy fire spirit's mana. Now that it had grown and was named Azar. "Azar might need more rest. I still feel the new spirit marks are off."

"I know. But we can help with that. The natural mana is what connected us. I can tell that with more natural mana I can help settle things. Gil should understand the feeling too. He should be able to guide you two a little more."

"I had an idea that you wanted me for this." Gil could tell that the spirit marks on his body were better settled than what Su and Remey had. Their spirit marks were still slightly visible whereas Gil's spirit mark was invisible until in use. That was the difference that came with the advanced spirit mark for someone named as an avatar of a named grand elemental spirit.

"I can still feel the earth around me. The mana is everywhere. It's just hard to grasp. I feel like it's even harder to feel other elemental mana though. I know I can because of my bonds with my system and Midnight, but I'm not sure I will be able to grasp them as easily as earth."

Walker had expected this struggle for Su. "I have trouble grasping all elemental mana at the same time. Calling on natural mana is ten times harder for me. Natural mana is the combination of all mana. It's not my affinity. You have earth affinity now. That's what happens with your relationship with Alvaro. But you also have affinity for other elemental manas. You can learn them and by fusing them you will have better strength."

The idea that Su would be able to use elemental mana in attacks other than small things was great. She wanted to try and do more with it but knew that her body would need to adjust first. "So Su will be able to make lava shields and maybe even other cool things? Will she be able to use wind and sand to make shields against arrows?"

The points and ideas that Remey brought up were very inspiring. Su had just started to think about the future of her skills. With this, she would be able to plan out her growth better. "I think I will be able to. I have seen the wind act that way for Gil and Walker to combine elemental manas. But I know I will never have the control over other elemental manas in comparison to my strength with earth."

"That's exactly it. When I gained my control of wind and my affinity enhanced, I felt that it was harder to make other elemental arrows. I even struggle with overcharging them to make more powerful attacks." Gil pulled the arrows out one by one. The wither spike arrows were still his main choice. They had multiple elemental manas within.

"This is the wind arrow, see how it reacts to me just holding it?" The wind seemed to move around the arrow slightly. It was enough to move the grass in the ground where Gil was placing it. "That doesn't happen with the fire arrow unless I really focus. My mind needs to be clearer than with wind." The fire wither spike arrow didn't show any reaction until Gil had touched it for a few seconds. Then a small wisp of steam came off it where it burned grass.

"Midnight struggled with other elemental manas too. She had an affinity for darkness elemental mana at first. That was the easiest kind of fire for her to use after we trained. The black flame breath was easily made in to the decaying flame breath. The other flame breath attacks are harder for her to use and not to the same strength. They have been catching up though. She doesn't think I see her training

them." Walker knew that Midnight would secretly train these skills. Especially when she took the night watch with Gil.

"Now, focus on the elemental mana around you. I am going to try to pull natural mana around us so we can recover. Then I will need to rest myself." Walker sat cross legged so that he could fall in to his perfect meditation.

The focus he had was only on the natural mana around. With the natural mana, he knew he could pull all elemental mana. Due to Gil, Remey, and Su being near him, the earth, wind, and fire elemental mana would be drawn more than others with the natural mana. It might even cause the natural mana to split in to the elemental manas that make it up.

"Alma, they have found three grand elemental spirits as their partners. Three. And a nature spirit. What are your thoughts?" Scylla had watched the four speak and begin to train. She had felt the elemental mana around them and know that they were recovering. But she was curious about the elves' perspective.

"I think they are more than we understand. It's odd. If anyone else were to come together like them, nothing would happen. They have some strange luck and mental drive to become more than they are. It's natural that the elemental spirits are drawn to them. They would be idols in the elve population if they were elves." Alma was very honest.

"They are missing darkness, light, water. That's it. If they manage to get those grand elemental spirits on their side, I can imagine that they will be a team of creation. A team of sages. Even demi-humans have tales of sages." Scylla looked at the four while wondering what the future held after this battle. She trusted it would be miraculous.

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