

Master 1541

Chapter 1541 1541. Partial Party Return

The movement in and out of Genesis had been the single busiest aspect for weeks. People had been selling whatever they could to send to the walls while those freed from demon villages were brought back.

Many of the demons had chosen to give up their homes in the demon lands. There was too much pain there. Too many deaths had occurred to make their beds ever feel warm. Therefore, Genesis was able to fill many of the homes that had been built.

What was even more surprising, was the speed at which the youngest demons had started to accept things. Some of the children had taken up habit of asking strangers questions. The reason was simple, they had never been allowed to before this. Now that the demon children were in a place where they would not be killed for bothering someone, they could learn as any child would.

This became one of the single largest reasons that the adult demons began to relax. They saw that the children were not in danger for the first time in their lives. They saw the warm food being handed out. They saw the healers checking up on them. Most importantly, they saw the many races living together. Even goblins and spiders were speaking with elves and humans. Something that the demons knew to be an impossibility.

The soldiers that had been brought to the Genesis jailhouses were those that had been higher up. They had more information about what had been done to the demon people. What had been done for the plans to take the lands. This information would help those of Genesis plan how to sentence and deal with the many demons that embraced the painful system they raised on the suffering of others.

"Su, I am going to head to the alchemy guild. I need to talk to the old man and Trish. They should have been working too hard while I have been gone." Remey was a little pale. They had just returned yet she was going right to the alchemy guild.

"You need to sleep after speaking with them. If you do not, I will come there personally and break every cauldron you have in the building." As much as Remey knew that Su would never do such a thing, she felt that Su would certainly come to yell at her.

"Sister and I will go to check on the hatchlings," Onyx spoke of his abyssal and heavenly serpent students while also speaking of Midnight's students. They had been away for longer than they wanted. There were many things they needed to check up on to catch up and plan the future.

"That's fine. I know they will be in the cathedral waiting for you. I think the little dragon hatchlings also liked it there. I plan to head there after I go home to see my parents." Su gave Midnight and Onyx a soft pat on the head as they left. She felt exhausted from all the rushed traveling.

There was a lot that needed to be written down and spoken about with those that had also returned to Genesis. Luckily, they were all understanding and in roughly the same shape as Su. exhausted.

The battles and the current exploration of the demon lands was going to take a lot of energy. It would take a lot of time as well. Therefore, the leaders were returning slowly after setting up group leaders to defend ascertain places and map them out properly.

Ventus had done a great deal to help the mapping of the demon lands. Unfortunately, that was a rough map. Not a detailed map that showed potential streams, campsites, and underground areas. There was no prediction of how many more ruins there were in the demon lands.

Since Alice had come with them as well, she was following Onyx and Midnight to the cathedral. She wanted to see the high priest and tell him everything she had seen. There was something else she had to handle though. She had seen the many healers that had come from many places. They had helped greatly but Alice had learned a lot.

Many people noticed all of them as they walked toward where they desired to go. In particular, Midnight was gaining a lot of attention. Those that knew her were able to tell that she had grown over the last adventure to the demon land's capital city. The constant movement had made her muscles grow more. For a dragon, the pressure of constant movement was good for them, especially a young dragon like Midnight.

"Sister, the cathedral seems quieter than I remember." The surprisingness of silence was always a larger effect than that of a large sound.

p Onyx, Midnight, and Alice had made it to the cathedral. However, with the many healers and nuns left to the demon lands, villages, and demon city things were pretty empty. Those that had returned were

with those that had been harmed. There were multiple temporary camps outside the walls to help people before they moved in to the city. There were a lot of identification things to work out before the demons became official citizens of Genesis.

"Peace can be nice." Alice saw this as a chance to make things better for the cathedral. With fewer people around she could make some changes to the flow of patrons. When people were hurt, they often had to go through the cathedral for healing. That process was not the most efficient it could be. With her knowledge, Alice was one of the best people to make the small changes that would improve this flow.

Before any of them could look in to this more there was a slight commotion. The sound of claws and slithering came from the back of the cathedral where the entrance to the back rooms was. The sound was easy for them to know. The dragon hatchlings had been eagerly awaiting the return of Midnight since they heard the news that soldiers would be returning. The same could be said for the heavenly and abyssal serpents.

"Alice, two heavenly serpents have been born!" This was exceptional news. It was ahead of schedule and Onyx would be able to see multiple heavenly serpents living and growing. It was proving his goals more and more worth it. He only had his mental communication abilities to thank for this since he was able to hear the joyful thoughts of the abyssal serpents that had just shown themselves.

To say that the abyssal serpent hatchlings had grown would be an understatement. "You have all been working hard!" Onyx could only praise them. Their work to become stronger while he had been gone was exceptional. Through his communication, he was able to hear what they wanted to say to him. They had been constantly trying to improve to impress him by the time he returned.

"You have made it back safely." Ibis and the high priest stood behind the hatchlings and serpents. The pair was very happy to see them.

Midnight didn't have much of a chance. She was tackled by the dragon hatchlings who were having a hard time showing their excitement in any other way. They had not had a great amount of time with Midnight, however, she was a dragon champion. A true dragon champion. The hatchlings could feel within their bones that Midnight was an important figure. It was the aura she gave off having all affinities.

While she had been away, Midnight had not known how well the hatchlings would work toward their goals. Yet, seeing their excitement, she was sure that they had branched out a great deal. The two fire

elemental dragons were the most changed. Their scales were a brighter red and they had a much healthier energy within them. This was dramatically different because of the life they had lived outside of a dragon village with the potential to become rogue dragons.

"My daughter, I am happy to see you safe." The high priest couldn't hold himself back from hugging Alice. He didn't want to let her go. "You look like you're ten feet taller! I swear in the heavens, you are all grown up. You need to stop adventuring or else you will be an adult with a home and family in the blink of an eye." The high priest was a little dramatic but he was a parent. This was the pitfall all parents fell in to.

"The hatchlings have been waiting for you. They could only tell those that newly hatched about the elder abyssal serpent that helped them grow. Even these two little ones have been waiting to meet their older sister." Ibis showed the two heavenly serpents and pointed out some younger abyssal serpents that had just hatched. Almost every egg was hatched now. It was perfect for them to begin growing as a race again

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Chapter 1542 1542. Light Relationships

Walker was sure that Mordant would have been a little more excited than before, yet, he didn't expect that Mordant would be so animated as he was now.

Every time the light dragonkin used their words to attack, they would put off rays of different colored lights. Their attacks were brilliant and easily distracted opponents. This was the benefit of being a light affinity spell sword for the elven race. However, for the dragonkin, it was even more dramatic.

The dragonkin could bring out more than just the illusion abilities within the light elemental mana. They had the ability to bring out the dense destructive power of the light. The result was that their blades cloaked in light would be able to better slice through just about anything.

"The color of the light changes with the strength of the dragonkin. That is somewhat matching light dragons like myself. The only difference is that I focus on the white light which is purer light elemental mana and more similar to the light of the sun." The dragon champion had been very silent so far.

The light elemental dragon champion was the most reserved as of yet. The others had not all been met by Walker, yet he had seen the difference between those he had met and been told about. The main reason that Walker believed the light elemental dragon champion to be reserved was the fact that he

had to fall under Rise's strict rules. She would surely not support a dragon champion that did not follow her.

"They definitely have a lot of skill. It is very different from the darkness elemental mana. If Rise was more understanding I would have my dragonkin come here and train with your dragonkin. There must be wonderful combinations that could be done with balanced manas." Mordant had gained a lot stronger decisions about these things after Genesis. It was only to be expected.

"So, what are you down here and not in the sky with the other light elemental dragons?" Walker had been holding on to this question for a little while. He didn't see a single light elemental dragon touching the ground other than the champion that should always be by Rise's side.

"I am not the same as them. They stay there. I am a champion. I must take on the duties of my lord in any way. That means I must touch the earth and be where our dragonkin are. I need to keep the village clean and the standards up." This made a lot of sense.

"You work too hard. But that doesn't seem to faze you." Mordant showed that he was a little impressed. In Walker's opinion, Rise's dragon champion was the one in charge over Rise herself. Especially since she just spent the time in the sky.

"What about your champion, Mordant?" Walker wasn't sure why he had not seen Mordant's dragon champion around Genesis or anywhere.

"I have sent my champion and a few chosen dragonkin on a journey. I wish them to see the world a little more before they come to Genesis. It could be the best way for them to fully accept that the races are joining. You should already understand, I have decided that being a solitary dragon village is not the best future for my people." Mordant spoke as if this was something clear from the world to see.

The dragonkin around that overheard this stopped for a moment before averting their eyes. They were in the presence of a royal dragon. They had to ensure that they would not be disrespectful. It was a lot of pressure when they had so many rules to follow when they were near Rise and the other light dragons.

"I'm glad you feel that way. I am very glad for the relationships I have built with you and the other royal dragons. I will bring Rise around eventually, she just needs to see what can be gained from joining hands and what she is missing out on." Walker chimed in shocking the dragonkin again.

"You wish to change our lord?" the dragonkin guardian felt that this was something too shocking to hear. Generations had gone by with the rules not changing in the slightest. Saying that a human of all races would change their royal dragon's mind was insane.

"Yes, she is stuck where she is. It's clear that she had not broken through her limits lately. This place is like a painted picture. It's stuck the same way. I would rather see it as an endless tapestry that is continuously painted. An ever changing adventure novel." Walker felt that he had chosen decent words. But from what he saw, the dragonkin had taken much more from his words than he knew.

"I wouldn't mind seeing the light we have in other places. Most of the dragonkin that raised dragons like myself have never left the village. They stay within the territory if they do leave." Walker heard this from the dragon champion's lips and understood it all.

The dragonkin raised the young light dragons. They were the ones that had the greatest influence on them. Since this was the case, Rise would not have the deepest connection other than being the parental ruling figure. But after the light dragons grew up they were forced to separate from the dragonkin and fly in the air to absorb light elemental mana constantly. It was a somewhat sad story. One that Walker wanted to change.

"You and your fellow dragonkin are welcome to come to Genesis at any time. Even without your lord's permission. I will not ask questions, I will only welcome you. Every single race is equal there. Even a royal dragon like us walks the streets as everyone else does." Walker didn't look away from the training dragonkin warriors. He knew if he showed any look other than seriousness that his words would not be believed.

"It is very nice to walk along that market and enjoy the scents of food." Mordant hummed slightly while remembering this. Hearing that this was the case, the dragonkin and dragon champion were at a loss for words. Imagining such a thing was very hard to do. They had zero knowledge of Walker's city. Of Genesis

"Oh! That was very nice." Walker had seen a sword manifest out of light elemental mana. The dragonkin had stuck out with a slash. But behind them, a sword had remained made of light elemental mana. This one attack shortly after the first real sword attacked leaving a double attack which was harder to block.

"That was called fading sword. It is a move that strikes with physical force first then al force next. It is very good for attacking opponents of equal strength. They do not expect to defend the same attack with different properties in a row." Reaching a conversation that was less stressful made the dragon champion respond much quicker.

"I may have to try and learn that." Walker watched carefully as the dragonkin warriors battled. He wanted to see it again.

"Listen up. The two lords wish to see your fading sword attacks. Use them five times in a line!" The call made all the training young dragonkin freeze. They moved in to lines and attacked multiple times.

"Thank you very much. I will memorize it now." Walker watched carefully as the swords moved. The mana around them took shape but remained within the air when they struck out. Then the mana would move right afterwards. It was about three seconds in between the attacks which was due to the lower control they had over the attacks. Walker was sure that when they were more experienced they would be able to strike almost instantly in two different places.

Walker moved and let the eternal orb change in to a sword. This amazed the young dragonkin for a moment before he raised it and gathered the light elemental mana as well. They watched as he slashed out. the mana stayed with the sword as he moved the first three slashes. Feeling the flow of mana, Walker tried once more.

This time, the mana remained behind but took almost ten seconds to move. Walker tried again and again until the dragonkin warriors saw the mana and his sword move almost at the same time. A small smile on Walker's face when he saw the system respond to him.

"Lord Mordant, is this really how fast Lord Walker can learn things?" The dragon champion worried that if he asked he might get ignored. Instead, he saw Mordant nodding softly. This was just the usual for Walker.

"Thank you for showing me so clearly. I can't wait for you all to visit Genesis. When you do I will come and train with you. I think you and the elven spell swords will get along very well!" Walker returned to where he and Mordant had been watching. His excitement growing slightly.

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Chapter 1543 1543. Call Of Mana

"The fading sword skill only uses like five mana each swing. But with my ability to manipulate the mana around me, I can cut that down to three mana. It's going to be very useful in sword fights. I think the elves will love it." Walker was chatting right to Mordant about it. He felt that it was an interesting skill to share.

"I would not mind seeing that with darkness elemental mana. Maybe my dragonkin warriors could learn a thing or two." Mordant wanted to see every element version of the fading sword. This way he would be able to learn more.

"If we spread it to the other warriors, then it would be interesting. I might be able to make a natural mana version of it." This idea made Walker a little more interested. He wanted to pursue it even more but had to stop because he realized that he had rambled on a little.

"We should think about leaving. We have achieved our goal and Rise will come whether she wants to or not. Her pride demands her to do so." Mordant knew that Walker wanted to be home. He wanted to see Genesis as well.

"If you spend so much time in Genesis, you will have to move your village closer." Walker joked a little but saw that Mordant was making a small smile. His face told Walker that he was actually considering that very idea as well.

"If I do that, I would have more time on the dark elemental floor in that mage tower. I would also be able to see what more you can show me. I want to see where that grand darkness elemental spirit is. I have seen some of the other grand elemental spirits. It is wearing on me that my partner is not at that level."

The dark spirit that always revolved around Mordant popped up from the shadow mirroring the nodding head that Mordant had. They both wanted to see this strength that came from being a grand elemental spirit. It would make a large difference to what and how things would go. It would also show how much Mordant had learned since he had started to experience things in Genesis.

This idea was potentially dangerous. If Mordant wanted to praise another of the grand elemental spirits, Walker knew that he could be treading in to a dangerous place against an elemental spirit with greater influence over the darkness elemental mana.

Mordant was very strong. He had a great control over the darkness elemental man. But in comparison, Mordant was a royal ancient dragon that had been studying the mana for years. The dark grand elemental spirit was literally made up of the darkness mana and had a bond with it much deeper than any other being.

'Quest: return to Genesis for the meeting of the manas

The world had recognized the gathering of the grand elemental spirits. Those connected with them are called by the world to return and balance the mana within the central tower used to attract the mana.

Reward: Major growth in bonds between elemental spirits and any other beings.'

"We are leaving now. Mordant, you will meet the darkness grand elemental spirit sooner than you think." Walker was in a major rush to make this happen. He saw the system prompt him with was radically out of the ordinary. He had never had such a thing happen before. This was a major event that could not be changed. Something that he had never expected nor read about.

"Why? What is wrong?" Mordant became serious, accidentally letting a lot of his mana flow around them. The pressure was great but rolled right off the dragonkin around Mordant had a lot of strength to keep it in check and stop from having any issue. This was why he was able to hold the dragonkin from being harmed at all. Yet, they still felt the power that a royal dragon had.

"The grand elemental spirits are called by the world. That means something happened that brought them together. I bet it is because there have been so many changes in who the grand elemental spirits are. There are a new ones. The others moved on. That probably hasn't happened for a long long time.

"The manas were out of balance for a long time after the last elemental spirit ascended to the elemental plane of its choosing. Now we need to fix that." Walker knew that he and Fleur would be at the center of this. There was a lot that needed to happen and he was sure it would come at a great deal of stress. Therefore, they had to leave now.

With the seriousness in Walker's eyes, Mordant understood what was going on. He knew that he had to make a move and grabbed Walker's arm to pull him in to the shadows. It would cost him a lot of

elemental mana to get to Genesis at the fastest possible speed, but with the situation, he had to. It was also very coincidental that he was just pondering the grand darkness elemental spirit.

The dragonkin and dragon champion were stunned they had no idea what had happened and why there were so many people leaving so urgently. The other warriors had gathered when they felt that things were unusual. "Thank you so much for your hospitality. The invitations stand but we need to leave." Walker said this while singing back in to the cool dark shadows. He and Mordant were gone in an instant.

Back in Genesis, the atmosphere was the same.

"I am going I am going!" Gil was rushing to find Remey and Su. he knew that they would be heading for the mage tower because that was the best place to be. He was unsure of what exactly would happen but he knew that Walker would go right there as soon as possible.

"Gil!!!!" The shout was from Su who had her partner on her heels. She had never seen Su run at such a speed. It was very quick that she made the move to get next to him and match his speed. Gil barely had to slow down and wondered if Su was being influenced by the dragon blood even more. She had many changes as of late.

"You are way faster now!" Gil was glad that she was right beside him because he had much less stress when he was together with his family. "There's Remey!"

"I was going to ask if we needed to drag her from the alchemy lab." Remey looked like she had been in the middle of a long potion process. She had bits of herbs on her clothing while she was not at all prepared for a battle or anything. It was a pure alchemy attire to protect her from the dangers that came with making potions.

"You two had the same quest show up too?" Remey was a little shaken but her partner was right by her side. She saw that all three of the elemental spirit p[artners had reacted to the same system notification. That meant that they had also received a quest or at least a feeling through the mana of the world.

This unusual turn of events could shake anyone but was still not enough to shake the elemental spirits. However, more and more elemental spirits were moving through the city of Genesis to get to the mage tower. This was the reason.

The many spirits caused a small disturbance everywhere. Many of them had started to bind with the people of Genesis while also becoming integral parts of how the city functioned. It was strange to see them leaving. Especially to the people who had been lucky enough to gain the skill to properly speak to the elemental spirits.

The elves were the first to move and get to the mage tower. The simple reason that they were more in tune with the elemental mana around them.

Even more impressive was that the guards were already making space. The rune researchers and others that had come to the mage tower were asked to move away. The space became a place for the spirits to meet and the important people to observe. No one had answers just yet.

The mages were next to arrive since they were the next beings able to perceive the changes in the mana. They rushed to see what was happening. Many of them had begun relationships with the elemental spirits to deepen their understanding of the manas they used every single day. It was a very important thing for them to come. They could feel it in their spoils that they had to be there.

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Chapter 1544 1544. Shaking Shadows

Even Though Walker and Mordant had left, the dragonkin warriors had still been in chaos. They had never seen such a being that could learn their moves in an instant. The young dragonkin had to focus on training for years to best use their skills and swordsmanship.

Rise was equally in turmoil as well. She had called on her light dragons to gather the best of the best dragonkin warriors to come with her to genesis. She wanted to arrive and immediately show off the dominance that she and those under her had.

Naturally, this had not come over her champion's head, nor the draconic guardian under him. That meant that they would all be arriving in genesis whether they wanted to or not. Not that they had not desired to go there. They were all actually excited by this.

The temptation of something new and seeing Walker along with what he had boasted made them want to go there and stay. What was even more dramatic was that he had even offered them training sessions against many other warriors. It was something that they would not normally be able to pursue in their own village.

Overall, the lasting effect on the light elemental dragonkin had been left. All that was remaining was to actually meet in Genesis. Rose would ensure they left in time.

It was much the same with the light elves. Many had decided to follow Alma, Gol, and the enforcers back to Genesis. Some had even volunteered the light elemental monsters they had tamed as a ride back. It was why Alma and Gil now found themselves on top of a pure feather crane.

The pure feather crane was a monster raised only by the light elves. This was because the pure feather crane was very skittish when encountering other affinity monsters or beings. Through hard training, the light elves had been able to push this fear in the pure feathered crane away. Now it could resist the urge to fly away from someone like Gil who had a very powerful wind affinity.

It did help that they were accompanied by Horizon the grand light elemental spirit. This ride on the pure feather crane was the reason that Gil and Alma had beaten Walker back. Why he had been able to find Su running through Genesis.

The pair had arrived back to Genesis and Gil had left Alma to handle things with the light elves. He had a new quest to deal with. Zephyr and Horizon were with him. But Gil had been unable to say much to Remey and Su regarding the trip even though they had just noticed the light elemental spirit that was now conversing with Azar and Alvaro, the two newest grand elemental spirits of fire and earth. This meant that Fleur and Horizon were theoretically the only two other than the darkness grand elemental spirit left that had yet to ascend.

Since the pure feathered Crane had flown Gil back so fast, he was still slightly shaken from the trip. The wingspan of a beast that could fly high and fast through the wind currents were enough for it to bathe its feathers in the strongest light elemental mana from the sun. That was how it had grown so large and strong. That was also why the pure feathered crane was a respected monster among the light elemental monsters on the mountains the light elves lived.

The sudden feeling of mana around them made their eyes move to the shadow of the mage tower. Since the sun was starting to set for the day, they knew that the shadow would soon be cast over the city. Yet, when they saw Walker and Mordant rising from the shadows, everyone was still surprised.

Mordant stumbled a little. He had not perfectly recovered from the first time they traveled through the shadows. The burden on his body grew but he would remain the strength he needed to see things

through. He would need to spend a few days on the darkness elemental floor to properly recover all the mana he had used from his stores within his body. But it would all be worth it.

"You all have the quests too- is that a light grand elemental spirit." Walker caught sight and felt the strength that horizon had immediately.

"So this is the nature spirit that calls us to them. How young you are. I feel that you will shine very well though." The words from Horizon made Fleur even more energetic. She had to meet a light elemental spirit very much and the grand elemental spirit looked at her as if she was a valuable rate of pure sunlight. It was complimentary.

The mana that Fleur was also able to absorb around the grand light elemental spirit was purer as well. Fleur was beginning to gain much more from just being around so many grand spirits. It was as if she had been missing these puzzle pieces from her existence for a great deal of time.

"Walker! We will have to have a talk after this. Whatever we are going to do to balance mana will get done. Then you will tell us what in the hell you were thinking!" Gil held a hand out to make Walker know that he was welcomed home even though they were disappointed in him.

"I know you are all upset with me. But I had to go and convince Rise that she had to be here. If I didn't she would become another enemy or at least troublesome to deal with. When she gets here we will finish things." Walker was sure of this. He also wanted to get on with things and made a firm statement to end the conversation.

"Gil, you shouldn't say much. You left us too. You went with Alma to get the light elves here. Then you show up yelling to find Su and myself. You haven't even apologized yourself." This was a slap to the face for Gil. he felt Remey's words sting him slightly.

"Remey is right. You two need to explain yourselves. But for now, we need to worry about what we need to do with this quest." Su was calm but everyone could see the gears turning in her head. She wanted to have this all worked out so that she could push to the next level of understanding. If she was able to better bond with her partner, then she would become much more powerful. Meaning, that she could protect more people better.

"Long story short, we banned some old light elves, welcomed some young ones, and also found Horizon, the grand light elemental spirit. Now we have a quest that we rushed back for. What now?" Gil summed things up without many details. No one questioned a thing as they all suddenly felt the darkness elemental mana spike around them. The shadows seemed to begin to tremble like puddles of water being shaken by a heavy monster walking by.

,m "So we have been called. How strange it is to see all elemental spirits of my equal again. The names and faces have changed, but at least you are still here little Zephyr." The voice was soft. Almost a whisper. The mana used was not the same as any other elemental spirit. Nor was what walked out of the shadows.

Where moist elemental spirits had rough elemental mana bodies, the grand elemental spirits had more defined bodies. This was due to their strength. But the darkness elemental spirit that walked out was very humanoid with large black wings on its back. It was taller than any of them and showed immense control over the darkness elemental mana.

"Shade! I haven't seen you since I was a newly born wind grand spirit. How are you!" the excitement that Zephyr had was enough to make everyone take notice.

"It has been a long time. As you see, I have mastered my form. I have long desired to move to the darkness plane of existence. However, I have remained so that I may master my being at a deeper level. It is all very worth it as I am able to see a new generation of spirits. Even that light spirit is very different."

"You never met Horizon! I forgot. You should have come when they grew on to a grand spirit! It was so fun. Everyone was there!" Zephyr wanted to catch up more. However, there was a feeling drawing them together. The natural mana seemed to be pushing toward them at a higher rate than before.

"It appears that we are being called even more strongly than before. I believe that little one to be the nature spirit as our center. How proper." Shade moved to take a position in front of Fleur. "It is my pleasure to meet you. May you use my mana well." a small bubble of condensed darkness elemental mana moved from Shade to Fleur. It was a very appropriate gift for Fleur who was in need of more mana to gain strength as a nature spirit.

"That's all of us," Walker mumbled while looking at the quest. He was waiting to see what the world required.

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Chapter 1545 1545. Host Of Light

"It's nice to meet you, Shade." Walker approached the darkness elemental grand spirit that seemed to be a human cloaked in shadows. It was off to see such a developed elemental spirit because it was very different from what Walker had expected of a spirit.

"And you as well. I can feel the natural mana flowing through you. It is very impressive that you are so in tune. Or at least that your body has accepted it so well. A nature spirit and the one she bonds with. Very impressive." The tone is not negative nor judging. It even sounded happy.

With every word, Walker could tell that Shade had developed his mana to create suns as any other being. It was almost as if he was trying to make himself a physical body that was not made up of mana. After having this theory cross his mind, Walker wondered if it would be possible to create another unique golem core. One that could house a powerful grand elemental spirit.

"This tower. It acts as a beacon for all the mana around. It is calling me to join it even as we speak. It is very old. Very very old. Almost as old as some of the other ruins in the world. You even moved it here. Impressive." Shade was very intuitive from the many years he had lived within the shadows. Knowing the world was just part of living in it.

"Yes, we took it from the ruins of the desert elf city. It is the grand mage tower with multiple floors of knowledge to help people learn. We call the runes they use origin runes. After generations of being modified, these are the best we have ever seen. It's clear that after this race went to another place, that the other races fell behind the rune developments and didn't find the best flow."

Shade was agreeing with this. He was very curious with everything he was seeing. It had been a long time since he interacted with the world and those that had sentience. The dark shadows were where he had been developing himself for too long.

"Walker, can we figure this out now." Gil got Walker's attention. He had to come back to the main task at hand. He had become too distracted by the new grand elemental spirit that they had not met.

"Sorry, the system hasn't said anything else. It just wants us all to meet and balance the mana using the mage tower." Walker was a little lost as to what this meant.

"Something is missing! You are all bonded and we are not!" Horizon saw this clearly. That was what he believed to be the issue. The very reason that things were not proceeding.

"You believe a bond with another being is what is causing this? I feel the call of the world just the same. A call to use the pure darkness mana to influence the mana in a single burst." Shade did not feel this was required. However, he could tell that he was unable to just release the mana as the world desired. It was blocked in some way from leaving his mana body.

"Stay here, I can feel the right being. Someone born with light in their body. They are very different from everyone else." Horizon was gone just like that. Walker could only wonder what was going on.

"If Horizon proved this to be true. I will accept a bond with someone that I deem proper. However, not many mortal creatures can accept the being I am now." Shade saw the challenge in this. He had altered and refined mana to such an extreme level that many who were not of a high darkness affinity and also understanding of the darkness mana, would have adverse effects on their health.

"I will trust that Horizon knows what he is speaking about. I will rest until then." Zephyr was a little tired out after talking so much with Horizon. She knew that things would be even more eventful once they were able to proceed.

The city had already become affected by the grand elemental spirits gathering. Many people had begun to hear that the heroic party was working with them to balance mana. It was easy for such rumors to spread especially when the guards had to say something to help calm people down. Therefore, when people spotted the waves of light moving through the city, they were not at all surprised.

It would have been foolish for people not to expect the light elemental man to gather toward the cathedral. There was a crystal there that helped the healers help others. The crystal also relied heavily on the light elemental mana to make the healers and nuns more efficient. Just benign there, people would be influenced by the healing aura.

"You don't have to rush there so fast. You are here to recover and rest! I will not let you go to that mage tower and exhaust yourself even more." the high priest didn't want to see Alice looking weak and sickly again. After the adventure and battles of the demon lands, she had returned in a rougher shape than he had ever seen her. She had even insisted on trying to improve the cathedral so that the demons and soldiers returning can be healed more efficiently.

"You should wait for them to finish things there. You will hear it all when they finish. I will even go with you to their mansion to meet with them." This was the worry of a father who had been constantly worried about his daughter the entire time she had been away on a dangerous journey. Now that she was home, he was not willing to allow her to run in to another unknown situation. Even if it was in line with her desires to be a healer.

"You! I can feel it. You are way more in tune with light elemental mana than any other being here. It is literally in your blood. It courses through your veins!" The sudden voice that echoed through the cathedral made the high priest and Alice stop. She had been about to argue with her father but was stopped.

The light that was floating in front of them took shape. "I should say something. Humans like him normally introduce themselves. I am Horizon. It has been a long time since I met someone with your blood. You look like humans though. So weird. When you talk, does the light dance for you? It must! I can feel it!" so much of the rambling from Horizon seemed like nonsense.

"Excuse me. But why are you here?" The high priest was not sure what to think of this situation. He knew that the elemental spirits that had been in the cathedral had left. They went to the mage tower. So how could a speaking one be here?

"I need a partner. Just like the other grand elemental spirits that equal myself. If I don't I can't bond with the world and help fix the manas running rampant. It would help a lot of places you can't see from here. So, how about it? Make a deal with me and I will help you increase your control over the light even higher than your race normally can."

"You are not taking my daughter anywhere-"

"Your daughter? How is this your daughter? You are human and she isn't. That's too funny. Well, wait. Maybe she had human in her. That's odd. But it's even better. You can be the only one that can be my partner. Make a deal with me!" Horizon had already decided. No matter what he had in mind, he would not accept anyone else.

Feeling that there was more to this, Alice was a little skeptical. She had been raised as a human. She looked and felt human. How could she not be? How could she trust a being she had never met before? However, something tugged at the corner of her mind. She wanted to know more. She HAD to know more.

"I will. But you have to help me heal people." There was a single requirement that Alice had. A single requirement that stopped her father, the high priest, from stopping her. He saw that the core value he had taught her made Alice focus all her energy in to healing. She would even ignore the strange words of this elemental spirit to pursue it.

"Perfect! I am the grand light elemental spirit Horizon. I will promise to be with you until you reach the end of your lifespan!" the light became much greater before it formed rune patterns in the air. They fell upon Alice attaching to her arms and legs. Even spreading up her neck before she took a deep breath. Light showing in her eyes.

The same system quest appeared in front of Alice and she understood. With a single hand, she grabbed the high priests' hand and started to walk through the cathedral door. She had to bring him and explain. She could feel a lot more about herself than ever before.

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Chapter 1546 1546. One With Shade

"Hmm, a being like you is the only one that will not suffer upon binding with myself. It is a sad moment since I do not intend to leave this world just yet. I desire to gain my own being before I am to ascend to the darkness elemental plane..." Shade had been in deep contemplation while looking at Mordant.

This was the only being that was able to properly handle the insane amount of darkness elemental mana that Shade had. Even then, it would come at a high price for Mordant since he was still not able to handle a grand elemental spirit that had incredibly dense elemental mana stored over the course of thousands of years more than Mordant had lived.

"If you do so, I will be considered one of the strongest darkness dragons to exist. But It would be betraying the dark spirit that has been around me for most of my life. Even I have not bonded properly with it yet, but I desire to." the dark spirit heard Mordant and moved out of the shadows. It was focused on him with all the energy it had.

"That can be remedied. It is just a high dark spirit. I will welcome it to join me." Shade had not absorbed another elemental spirit before. It was something that only the lower elemental spirits did to become higher in the ranking of elemental spirits. Not many at his level would consider this unless it was required.

"That wouldn't change him...would it?" Walker was surprised to see Mordant letting down the tough walls that made him a royal dragon. Seeing the emotion in Mordant's body language was eye opening.

"No. we would become a perfect fusion. Only those that fuse to become stronger lose memories and reset to what they change in to. I and this one would remain the same but with shared memories. If it has truly been with you for life, then I will know you better than any other upon this plane." Shade didn't want to lose memories either. He had valuable knowledge from existing for so long.

"Out of all the elemental spirits I have met and read about, I have not seen any that have controlled their body like Shade. Mordant, you have my support in this if you feel more comfortable with it." Walker knew that Mordant needed a little encouragement. As the nature royal dragon, it made sense that Walker would be the one offering this encouragement.

Everyone had calm expressions while they watched Mordant consider these things. However, it appeared that it was not up to Mordant at all. The dark spirit moved in front of Shade and spoke one word. "Yes."

"Then that is what we shall do. Unlike the nature spirit there, we will be the same but slightly different." The tendrils of shadow that reached out for the dark spirit were soft and not at all dangerous. They made everyone feel that the darkness elemental mana was often misconstrued as more dangerous than it really was.

Not many people realized that the decaying effect from darkness elemental mana was beneficial. Nature needed it to break down things and help welcome new life. The shadows were why people could see the light. It was part of nature and was not always causing harm. It was a very positive mana that could create a bright future for many. The dark elves knew this well but they had not been around to share this knowledge as widely as other elves had their own mana.

Watching this happen was something that many felt was a gift from the world. The fusion of mana in to a deeper and purer form was something many had to spend generations doing. Mordant was proof of this since it was a dragon's highest goal.

Even Walker and Fleur felt the natural mana react to such a process happening in front of them. What surprised them the most was that when the shape of Shade began to reform, it was even more defined. There were more characteristics showing that he had taken on a slightly draconic form to copy the things that the dark spirit had seen its entire time with Mordant.

"How you have grown...I have seen you for many years. The shadows you reached out for were our home. The place you hid, the place you welcomed, and the place we saw. I am impressed. You never shunned me and now that I have lived that time...I am still Shade. The world named me so. But I will be your family now. Just as that nature spirit is also his family."

Shade still spoke in the same cool manner. However, there was a swirling smoke like shadow that appeared around him as he reached out toward Mordant. The connection between them blossomed as Mordant felt the familiar mana of the darkness spirit he had known for years. He had not realized that they had already begun forming a bond just by gaining strength together for so long.

The feeling of darkness elemental runes appearing along his scales was welcome. As if they had always waited to be there. As if this was part of his body that he had been waiting to gain. For a darkness dragon, he was now able to say he had reached the highest understanding of darkness elemental mana that any darkness dragon had ever reached. He would be a figure that every darkness dragon could look to with honor in their hearts.

"How do you feel?" Walker took a moment to look and sense the mana around Mordant. He looked the same as before. His dark scales hid the marks that had formed due to the bond with a grand elemental spirit.

"I think I feel complete. It had been a long time since I noticed my friend looking at me from the shadows." Mordant took a deep breath. "We just need the light grand spirit, correct?" There was a serious and calm look that made Walker feel that Mordant had greatly improved his determination. Walker could tell that Mordant would be an unshakable ally in the future. Even if he was not In Genesis, Mordant would surely come to assist things.

"I'm here." The sweet and pure voice that Walker would be able to hear through any means of chaos or crowd appeared from behind him. Alice had rushed dragging the high priest with her.

"Alice?" Walker was not sure why she had come at such a pace. However, when he sensed the dense light elemental mana coming from around her, he knew what had happened. "So you are the one that Horizon found." Everyone that knew Alice smiled knowing that it made a lot of sense.

"I did! She is more than any other here. The perfect being to mix with my light elemental mana. Much better than the light elves I spent so much time around. I thought one would be born that matched my mana. But she was here the whole time!" Horizon coaxed the other grand spirits towards him. He was very energetic.

What Walker still didn't understand was why Horizon was so open and bright. Most high light elemental spirits rose to float above others to remain higher. But Horizon was open and bright, becoming a focus with his energy and method of movement. It was a very different form of light that he brought.

"We can talk more later, alright?" Alice was giving an expectant look to Walker. She clearly had a lot she wanted to say and after Walker said this, she nodded slowly. Her mind was full of many things she wanted his help to understand. Horizon had already muddled her thoughts.

"Let's enter the tower..." Remey felt a pulling force that made her want to go inside the tower that she had not trained much in. even the grand spirits were reacting to the slowly gathering mana.

"Come on Fleur, let's go." Walker felt that the mana around them was being given by all the elemental spirits called by the world. It was a happening that would cement Genesis as the center of mana and the best place to study it in the world. Something that only natural mana could possibly do.

The unbalanced mana that the world had due to everything that had happened with grand elemental spirits ascending seemed mirrored within the elemental floors. They were still dense with mana but had uneven dispersions of it.

When each of the spirits and their partners reached the floor that matched their mana, they stopped. They felt that they were exactly where they were meant to be. The only one still climbing the tower was Walker. He and Fleur felt that they were going higher than they had before. Above the top floor which waited for the person who could be considered the grand mage of the mage tower to take a rightful place.

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Chapter 1547 1547. Recognized Balance

It was clear that the mana the elemental spirits were bringing toward the tower was having a great effect. Once Walker got to the top of the tower, he was able to look out over all of Genesis and sense the mana coming toward it.

What was even more evident was that the mana was being condensed and balancing the elemental floors. The runes that reached the top of the mage tower were glowing brilliantly while releasing more condensed mana in to the air. This was how the tower was able to influence the entire city.

When Walker and Fleur were near the central point of the tower, they found a single rune that was more intricate than any of the other runes. This was something that Walker had not sensed nor seen anywhere else in the mage tower.

"This looks like a natural mana rune. We saw them in the ancient library." Fleur nodded agreeing. She was feeling the force of the rune trying to mix the manas that were traveling around it. However, there was a blockage. The mana was not easily mixing together.

"Wait, this means that the mage tower has still not been operating at full capacity..." Feeling that this was more than just a theory that he had, Walker began to sense the mana more closely.

Fleure combined with the eternal orb and it floated over Walker's hand. He could tell that she was trying to bring the mana together in to natural mana to send back out in to the world. She was also using some of it to help her gain strength and take a more solid form. Seeing that Shade was able to manipulate the darkness elemental mana in to a more solid and detailed body had made Fleur very curious.

"As a nature spirit, you can bring the mana from all the grand elemental spirits together. That's why we can help the most." Walker was saying this mostly for his own encouragement. He knew this would cause a lot of stress.

Without much guidance, he knew that the odds were that the mana from all the grand elemental spirits would condense to make mana that they would have to combine. The world had a high amount of mana and in an unbalance, it would naturally cause some troubles.

By creating a dense amount of natural mana, it could diffuse in to the world slowly fixing the unbalanced caused throughout by the grand elemental spirits ascending one after the other. Walker knew that it wasn't the spirits actually ascending and leaving that had truly caused the issues. It was the incredibly dense and uncontrollable mana that flowed from these elemental planes when they descended.

Without the grand spirit there to control and guide that mana, the mana had run rampant causing changes in the weather. While things were not dangerous in any way, over time nature would take an effect. The world would reflect the influence of an unbalance of mana. That was one role the elemental spirits played. They balanced mana throughout the world just by existing.

Feeling the mana suddenly spike, Walker knew that everyone had begun sharing the mana that the grand elemental spirits had provided. As grand elemental spirits, they had extremely dense mana that they stored to strengthen themselves.

The fusion of this elemental mana fell on Fleur and Walker who could use their bonds and the eternal orb to make it fuse better. Having the experience to mold and modify the mana was exactly why Walker was able to sense the mana flowing through the natural mana rune on the top of the tower.

There were many flowing shapes that began to form around the mage tower. The creators of the mage tower had carved them in to the space around the tower to better diffuse the mana it gathered. Now that Walker had unintentionally activated them to their full capacity, a rainbow of mana began to show itself.

The entire city of Genesis began to feel the uplift in mana. Many people that had been working stopped to enjoy the influx of mana that calmed their minds and bodies. That made them feel closer to the world and their own souls.

'The world feels the call of the grand elemental spirits. The mana flows.'

This system notification went out to every sentient being. It was a warning that the mana that had become unbalanced was being influenced. Such a notification would never go out to the world if it was not necessary.

The massive influx of mana made Walker fall to his knees sweating. There was too much for him alone to handle. Everyone felt the same on the tower floors before they had to use their unique elemental avatar skills and titles.

Mordant and Alice were the two who had not done so before making things harder on them. They had not felt such a connection with mana before. It also changed the way they were currently viewing the

world. Their senses showing them the ways that their mana could flow and fuse with other manas in nature. It was enlightening.

Meanwhile, Walker and Fleur were being forced to catch up to where the other grand elemental spirits were. Walker had only gained the title young sage. He was not as adverse in the natural mana as anyone else was in their singular elemental manas. They had at least focused on the single one for longer or been closer to the spirits in some way longer.

Fleur was struggling as well. She was absorbing large amounts of the natural mana that she and Walker mixed so that she could reach a proper strength to release condensed natural mana. The result was that she and the eternal orb were storing more mana. Walker felt that the spirit markings on his body were also changing slightly. Becoming more defined. Becoming a better representation of how natural mana flowed through the world.

As if something in his mind and soul was unblocked, the natural mana flowed through the adjusted spirit mark fluidly. Fleur left the eternal orb showing off a body nearly double the size. She looked more fairly like. Less of a sprite floating about.

Her defined features painted a picture of beauty in nature. The different colored elemental manas flowing around her created different patterns that created her body. "Are you ready?" Walker felt that it was time. They had so much mana waiting and the world itself seemed to be subtly guiding their senses.

Both Fleur and Walker held their hand over the eternal orb and natural mana rune. The burst of natural mana spilled out and in to the sky. Walker knew that it would stretch far and wide nearly unnoticed by most people in the world.

The natural mana was hard to sense but would have a great effect on the world. The sudden loss of mana made Walker feel dizzy. Fleur was much the same but she could still remain focused and functional as they felt the soft snow of mana spread around them. The high natural mana would allow for the elemental manas in areas where a grand elemental spirit had ascended to disperse properly.

'The world smiles upon the grand elemental spirits and their avatars.'

'You have gained the title; Growing sage. This title has released the title; young sage. This is due to the level of understanding in natural mana. The world will aid you in the growth of your understanding slightly.'

Walker saw this notification and knew that he and Fleur had been able to sense things as a team perfectly. That they and the others had made a difference for the future. The world had seen this and rewarded him. He was also sure that the others would have some form of benefit as well.

'Quest: return to Genesis for the meeting of the manas- completed

The world has recognized the meeting of manas and the new grand elemental spirits. They have taken their rightful places as pillars for elemental balance.

Reward: major growth in bond between elemental spirits and any other beings.'

The following system notification made everyone in the world stop. Because new elemental spirits had taken their places, it was a very important step for the world to change. Those that didn't know of what was happening were suddenly filled with a small amount of natural mana that made them open up to the elemental spirits being reawakened across the world.

This understanding awakened natural instincts that made many feel they were closer to mana. That they had found deeper meanings they had long been blind to. The balancing of mana had only happened a few times in the history of the world. Always when new grand elemental spirits were taking the lead. This being the case meant that the world was recognizing the natural flow it desired for itself.

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Chapter 1548 1548. An Odd Pair

After things had calmed down, Walker was able to look at Fleur more closely. He was surprised to find that she was the size of an average child. She also had larger semi translucent wings that she wasn't moving to float around. The mana that made up the rest of her body was mimicking clothing and a human form which was very impressive. Not only had she learned something from Shade, but she had used the high mana density to help her change her form.

"You look very good Fleur, wait until you surprise everyone!" His encouragement made her very happy. She was clearly smiling before she melted back in to the spirit mark to rest. Walker wished he could just

lay down and sleep on the roof of the mage tower. Unfortunately, he had to make it back down to the lower floors and see how everyone else was doing.

Before Walker left the roof, he glanced at the now dim nature rune that was there. He wished that he could bring the ancient library and mage tower together. They would work very well together to uncover more mysterious. Walker also noticed the mana elemental spirits leaving the mage tower area now that their reason for going there was gone.

Slowly but surely, Walker descended the elemental floors. He caught up to the others who had started to leave before him. They looked exhausted. Remey didn't even have the energy to speak in witty terms. Su was dragging her feet. This was to be expected since they had recently bonded with elemental spirits.

Surprisingly, Alice seemed very awake and functioning. Compared to Mordant, Walker expected Alice to be exhausted since Mordant had many years of experience with darkness elemental mana whereas Alice had less experience with light elemental mana.

"You are going to speak with Alice, right? I want to make sure we all go to rest. But Alice looks stressed out." Gil came up to Walker. He knew that he had to update Walker on what he had done in reference to the light elves. It wasn't the time for it though, there were other things they needed more like rest.

"Agreed. We should all rest well. The world called on us and the grand elemental spirits. This is clearly a tradition that happens when certain requirements are met within our world. It was not too major but helped every living being. We deserve to have time to think on this." Mordant felt that he needed to take time to put his feelings in to order.

While some people had grasped the things they felt differently, Mordant felt it even greater than others. The world had unblocked some things that had been missed by sentient beings when it came to mana and elemental spirits. Now that Mordant could feel this he wanted to take the time to go over everything he knew about darkness elemental mana. He also had Shade by his side. He had many things to learn about the grand elemental spirit that his partner had bonded with.

Without a word, Su and Remey had headed toward the mansion. "Alice, would you like me to walk with you to the cathedral or to the mansion?" Walker saw Alice considering this. She could tell that the high priest had felt the mana change and moved back to the cathedral because he could tell that she was safe.

"The mansion is closer." Alice was clearly in her own head. Walker just took that for what it was and fell in to step with her.

"I am glad you made it back safely. I am sorry for leaving. Mordant and I went to convince the light elemental royal dragon to come here. I hope that you can meet her even though she is not very open to other races." The thought that Walker had was simple.

After he showed Rise how to change her ways and accept others then he would be able to share his knowledge with her. Therefore, she would be able to share her knowledge with them. The best person to learn from her would be Alice since she had the light elemental affinity. There would also be the light elves but that was something Walker had yet to fully learn.

"No, I'm glad you are safe." Alice reached out for Walker's hand. She was moving slower and slower while thinking about things.

"Nature mage. My new avatar has a lot to think about. Would you like to know what I saw?" Horizon did not hesitate to speak to Walker. There was an unsurety as to why Horizon had just come out to speak with him but Walker had a feeling it was the natural mana that emanated from him and gathered toward him.

"If Alice is alright with it." Walker would not listen if Alice didn't want him to hear what Horizon wanted to say. He respected what Alice believed and felt. If he didn't then he was a terrible person as far as he was concerned.

Since Alice was still confused, she nodded. If Horizon was the one to explain things in his own mix matched way then Walker might be able to translate things. It could make it easier for her to also understand. "I am ready to listen then." Alice gripped Walker's hand tighter. The stress she felt was a little more than she wanted to handle.

"She had the best affinity for light out of all the beings in this place! I told her multiple times that I didn't expect to find someone of her blood here. She's the only one with blood from that race still left here. Shade would know them better though since he saw them when they were born. He's way older than me." Horizon giggled a little while telling Walker this.

"You mean...well, you mean that Alice isn't human?" Walker was not as surprised by this as he could have been. He knew that he was also less and less human every day. He had bonds with natural mana and dragons. How could he be perfectly human with this? Add in the abyssal serpent bind and now he was going to have a lot of changes in a few years.

"Human? Of course my avatar is part human. How else would she age this way? But those of her blood always speak and the light dances. They usually had wings. Angels are strange. But I haven't seen one for years. Especially after their war. Split them right in two. That's all I really know though." Horizon seemed slightly dejected before returning to ramble about how Alice had the perfect blood to withstand light elemental mana in a dense form.

"You mean those old books about angels are real? Wait, war? What else is there to know? We need to learn everything. If angels are real then they were the ancient race that-"

"I only know that much. I am old too, you know. I have seen many things. I stayed where the light was and at one point it was with the angels. But I did not speak to them. No grand spirit at that time would care about another race. We had to gain mana and work to guide nature. A much busier time for us elemental spirits. Now we don't have to lift much of a finger until now." Horizon was a fountain of knowledge if Walker could organize him. But there was no such luck.

"We should go find Mordant and Shade. So you want to do that? We can rest first? We can get more answers. I am sure I can find..." Alice seemed a little mystified. She wasn't even hearing what Walker had to say. Angels were a myth. A being that no one actually believed was real.

The demons were real, spirits, merfolk, pretty much anything but angels. How could they? Any old text described them as beings that understood the world better than any other. Beings that stood above every and all race. But even those were stories. Angels had never been seen or proven to exist. No bodies or living ones ever to be seen.

"Well, I know why you are always so amazing. You are literally one of a kind. An angel sent from the powers that be." Walker joked and pulled Alice a little closer. "I guess you and I will be an odd pair. The nature royal dragon that started off as a human and the part human part angel that can heal and make the light turn in to anything."

The short and blunt explanation made Alice snap out of her mind a little. She found it funny that they were now an odd pair that didn't seem to make sense. She knew she had been found on the cathedral

steps and that the high priest was her father. But what else was she missing? Alice wasn't sure if she wanted to know.

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Chapter 1549 1549. Split Race

Mordant had attempted to go to the elemental floor to absorb dark elemental mana. He wanted to replenish the mana he had used. In the matter of a day he had used so much mana that he felt he was not the same dragon. Unfortunately, when he tried to enter the mage tower he found that he was much more exhausted than he had expected.

The bonding of a spirit mark took a toll. It cost a great deal of the being's personal mana to perfectly meld on to their soul. The reason Mordant and Shade had bonded so well was the fact that Mordant had such a high affinity for darkness elemental mana. There was also the addition of Mordant's partner being part of Shade now.

The only possible place for him to go was the mansion. He walked there through the streets seeing people out and about taking the rest of the day off since there had been such an interesting happening. May gossiped about the mage tower and what the gossips were being told. It was lucky that Gil had taken the time to explain to one guard what had happened and that it was a natural phenomenon.

What struck Mordant as odd was that he found Alice and Walker in the front entrance. It was very clear that Walker had sensed Mordant coming and had waited. "What seems to be the problem? the bond went well and so did the meeting of manas." There was worry that Walker had found out something bad. However, it was not at all what Mordant expected.

"We actually want to speak with Shade. His memories of the world might have some answers. Horizon said that Alice has angel bloodline within her. She looks human but has the affinity and ability to bond with him because of that blood. Shade might-"

"Yes, the angels and their little war with themselves. Forget the monsters that controlled storms and destruction. The angels were weak little things until they grasped the mana of the world and more." Shade rose from the shadows and spoke. He had been watching. He had the memories of Mordant's partner. He would never let a tired Mordant go unguarded. It was part of his bond.

"So it is true." Alice couldn't help but mumble. She had partially hoped that she was just an ordinary human. "Things are complicated now."

"It is not much of an important subject. You are blessed with such a bloodline that persisted. I have not seen those flying beings for many years. They fought each other and split up finally letting the monsters they struck down reclaim their territory. Then they disappeared. It was much easier to relax and absorb mana after that." Shade seemed like he didn't like that there were many races or sentient beings around anywhere. He seemed to be a recluse like Mordant was when gathering mana.

"Wait, so they are the ancient race that created the tower and the library!? The mythical angel race that everyone said was just an imagined creation by artists?" Walker stumbled through his words. Even Mordant was just standing speechless.

"Ruins? Tower? Who cares what they made? When I first found them in the dark they were hidden things with small wings. They learned about mana and fostered monsters as their beasts. Later they argued over theories and split apart. That was when they left my dark caves alone and I could remain at peace." Shade was very minimal in his knowledge but it was key.

"Why do we have to be tired and need rest!? This is huge. We have been trying to assemble all these pieces about the ancient race. Now you say that angels actually existed?"

"Well, the demon race exists and that could easily be deemed as a strange myth. Beings with wings and horns that can easily become monsters, grow wings, and become radically different demon variants within their own species. Why not angels?" Mordant understood that sentient life in the world was not simple. It was over complicated and a massive mystery of nature.

"We need to translate their rune language and find some history about what happened. We know that they split because of disagreements in theories now. That means that the mage tower and the library were the two locations they went to become the split race moved somewhere else. Ascended or maybe left..." Walker had too many theories of his own and wanted to find proof. This was a huge lead.

"NO!" Alice stopped Walker with the loudest shout she had ever given him. "You need to sleep. You need to eat. You need to take a break." Her tone of voice said that Walker had absolutely no choice. If he wanted to do anything he would have to rest first.

"Thank you Shade." Alice gave a soft nod to Shade.

"Very polite. Horizon chose a very good avatar. I am older than most, my memories are not clear. Especially after melding them with another spirit's precious memories. That does not mean I won't recognize what the mana feels like. You have the affinity of an angel but that is all. Your voice may cause the light to move but you are not the same. Human as any other." Shade left them while Mordant just stood silently before realizing that he wasn't needed at this moment. He could sense the room.

"Come on, I will make us some food and tea. We can go read something in the library. Relax and fall asleep in front of the fireplace." Walker took Alice's hand and pulled her away. He pretended not to see the small smile on her face.

Not only had Alice feared that she would be seen as different but also that Walker would not accept her if she was different. She realized this was all foolish though. Even one of the oldest elemental spirits, beings, that they had ever met was able to shrug off that she might have a little blood from an ancient race. How could she let it rule her so much?

While they did this, Mordant made his way to the room that Walker had given him. It had a very large bed and was very luxurious. "That wasn't everything you remember. You have a few traits that took over when you and my partner became one." Mordant didn't even need proof. He just knew.

"Yes. there is more. If the angels are still around they will cause trouble. They may not all have ascended to other planes of existence. Some of their blood is not an issue but if there are purer angels around then they will gladly stand for their beliefs and cause wars. There are many reasons the monsters changed over time. Nature being one reason, the angels' minds being another." Shade gave this last warning before he refused to speak again. Mordant just lay down thinking of all this before he decided to meditate. To clear his mind.

While the mansion became quieter, Remey and Su also slept. They had many visions of fire and earth in their dreams. Gil had also managed to make it to the mansion along with Alma. she had demanded a full explanation of what had happened and where he had rushed off to.

Many of the elves and the mages had spoken about the balancing of mana. Many had gained new insights in their studios. It was a grand change for the world but mostly for Genesis. They all knew what originated in the city and why.

"The light elves that came with us are going to try to build their own territory as the other elves are. I want you to come tomorrow. Also, I will invite Alice. Having the grand light elemental spirit there will

help them learn more. Change their ideals and what they were living in before." The strict rules were what Alma worried about. The light elves were in a large culture shock.

"I promise I will. But you and I both should sleep first. Days on end without sleep even though our levels and bodies can take it is not good. Look at the ivy wrapped around your arms. It is starting to turn brown. That means you are not able to properly focus on it right now. You told me that." Gil did not budge. He would make sure Alma was taken care of first.

"I will rest as soon as you and Zephyr promise to help tomorrow. Promise me that you will keep working to unite the elves with me." Alma saw Gil smile and nod with her. He wanted the same things as her. Tomorrow would be a big step since every elven race was together for the first time in many generations. The elves would be fully united.

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By the time everyone had rested and eaten, the Genesis building had become full. Every representative and elemental dragon had managed to make it to Genesis. Ventus was alone with time whereas Terron had brought multiple dragons with him who had already discovered the underground portion of the city.

"I am sure that everyone has been waiting to hear what we have found in entirety. Especially since some of us left the battle and city for some time." Walker felt that he was going to be asked everything so he had to sum it up faster.

"We already know that the two ruins and those in between were related. After speaking with multiple grand elemental spirits, we know that it is more than a theory that the race that created the ruins were angels. Some may still exist in the world now while some descendants exist." Horizon and Alice had come specifically for this reason.

"So the records are proven correct. The humanoid race that flew through the sky after crawling from the earth." Terron mumbled slightly. The dragons had some records about this but it was still seen as mythology. He had memorized it because of the beings coming from the earth directly.

The demon lord used the ancient circle at an immense price of mana to teleport somewhere far away with Envy and Sloth. Those remaining sin title holders are responsible for the slimes and we are unsure of what Sloth may be capable of. It is not a good sign." This was the crux of the situation. Their enemy had escaped.

"The dragons are already preparing for what that weak demon may be doing. When we find them, I will burn it all to ash." Ignus was not having this. He desired a full victory.

"If that demon tries to gain the power of wyverns we will have some trouble. They may be one of the few monsters that will directly confront us even though they are of weaker blood." Current was also thinking about this. It was why his dragonkin had begun training at a higher intensity.

"We are not sure of his entire plan. However, the elves have finally come together and will be holding a ceremony that has not been performed for many generations. Do not worry, the elves will be more powerful. We will come together to defend this continent." Alma spoke up from her side of the table. Gil was right beside her. They would go to the ceremony after this.

"The same thinning is why Mordant and I went to antagonize Rise. She does not want to accept everyone because of her own reasoning...That being said, I will change her mind. I will work hard to show her what she can gain from Genesis and this alliance. I know the other royal dragons will assist." Terron and Ignus looked at Walker like he was asking the craziest things. However, the other royal dragons nodded.

"Since we are speaking about races coming together, what of the two human cities that live near the oceans? The one in the demon lands at the cliffs and the one past the desert in large beaches?" Leon had wondered this. He knew that these cities were more isolated. They did some trade but were not related to anyone.

"I believe we can trust those to King August. He may have rushed him to his city but we know he will reach out to them after Markus reports back." The king of the deep cave had already worked this out. "Meanwhile, we dwarves will prepare greater weapons. After the mana meeting we have had many breakthroughs." The pride was immeasurable.

"Golems are being produced at a higher quality, multiple spirit bonds with fire elemental spirits, and the elves have started teaching us more about the mana we bend to shape." These factors were increasing and improving technology rapidly.

"Agreed the bond with elemental spirits are increasing. That being said, we all should see that we have found the best possible time for growth. I desire the training of the Genesis united army to become

structured to a higher degree. It is time to have a live in army of all races." Scylla and King Rorick echoed this. They wanted to see the races come together better.

"That sounds ideal. The demons are going to be making homes for themselves, the elves will be united, the harpies, goblins, and spiders are also growing, and with some dragonkin coming to join us for training...well, we have a lot of moving parts. We will be able to foster warriors that no race has seen before. Not to mention when mages come to terms with the knowledge here and the ruins."

Many of them were already considered this mass of battle growth Genesis would have. Walker had to admit when listing out even a small portion of it, he was stunned.

"The adventurer's guild is also growing exponentially. I have gained members from all races. Even some demons instantly started to apply due to their desire to see the rest of the world they have been hidden from. It is the largest the guild has ever been and I would like to be separate from all country rule. It is clear that the guild will be able to work with and respect laws. That is not my goal." Clara had silenced the entire room with this.

"The goal I have is that we will be able to continue to respect the kingdoms we are in while not being forced to do anything under a ruler. Genesis is the perfect place for our headquarters because there is not a single ruler. We can be free to avoid wars and not force members. They are also free to join without penalty."

"That is not anything we worried about. As far as we know, the guilds all should have that goal. The alchemy guild will be the same. I am sure that the crafting guild will mirror us. Along with a world bank of some kind." Remey had considered this as well and knew that Genesis would not disapprove of this. It would be a massive reason more people would come to live in the city.

There were nods from all around the table. Everyone accepted this. "Since we are going to another city, we will be going to the home of the grand cathedral. That means the highest priest, the pop, is there. He has the highest healing skills and the oldest logic about those that praise the light of the heavens. The healing records there could increase many things for the healers learning. I can not make the journey but you will take the next head of the cathedral with you when it is made."

The high priest had been mostly silent. He had not wanted to introduce the new head this way since he had yet to hold an official ceremony. "My daughter has chosen another path. She was my first choice as the next head of the cathedral. This was my bias. However, the cathedral raised three who were clearly the best. Only one did stand out more. Lilianna.

Lilliana had the highest skills of healing while perfectly understanding why and how the cathedral worked. We hold prayers for the heavens, or as some say, the world. We help everyone without discrimination. Lilianna also possesses the rapid healing skill which puts her training as a healer many steps above others."

The high priest had fought himself over this decision. Therefore, when he saw that many were nodding and supporting him he had a realization. Many had heard of his choosing and slowly testing the three. Those who met the potential high priests had already thought of who they would see take over.

"That is great news, I will definitely come with my family when you make the announcement." Walker supported it wholeheartedly. "That leaves a few things left, the translation of origin rune language that the angels used, how we are tracking where the demon lord is exactly, and even more, the building of a navy to leave here and go to where they are."

The big topics that Walker brought were on everyone's minds and papers. They had all been considering the dangers of the vast open ocean. Many monsters without reason existed which was why ships stayed close to beached. Traveling out in to the deep was also a risk that they could encounter monsters that existed only in open skies.

"We will begin some building to test such things soon. The water elves and merfolk will assist us." The dwarves had two plans already in the works. "We have the ships which we will improve and the golems models after dragons to work with. It will take time." The king of the surface spoke of this since he was personally going to be dealing with this along with the king of the middle.