

Master 2001

Chapter 2001 2001. A Little Everything

"We need to stop again, the pace is a little much for the brilliant slime." Walker stopped the party again. They had managed to keep up a very fast pace as they traveled. The forest area was a little harder to move through since it was the thickest before they would break out in to the marsh lands.

Therefore, the party had been mowing around larger trees along with stepping over fallen ones. Some places the leaves were so dense beneath their feet that it was hard to walk over the ground in general.

Naturally, this made it tougher for the brilliant slime to move around. Its body was larger than an average slime. Therefore, it had issues bouncing up enough to roll over larger fallen trees or even bouncing on the densely packed leaves.

"If we keep stopping we will let all the rampaging slimes destroy the marshes and then move more in to the continent." Gil's rebuttal to this stop was enough to be fair. He wasn't just thinking about their own pace. He also wanted to keep acting things up a little. Not that his worries were not genuine.

"The slimes there will need to have the angels present handle them more. We are going to hit the lines where we know that slimes are not crossing yet and push them back to the ocean where they will not be able to survive."

Reminding the party of this plan was part of the act. But it was also the wisest idea. The high amounts of water and the toughness of the monsters that lived in the salty waters was enough to resist the dissolving slimes. All that would be left were the cores which would be easily dealt with by monsters or the party. It made sense to use nature as a weapon of sorts.

"It's the same way we dealt with the acid slimes in the dwarven city. That slime breeder is annoying but we can beat him. Especially since we have a slime that he doesn't." Remey was getting really in to this.

The party had expected that Su would be using her taunting skills while they acted a lot. It would make sense that even through some odd spying using slimes, that the slime breeder would feel the effects.

The skills that Su used to taunt enemies would also have an effect on the mentality of the slime breeder at the very least.

Yet, it was Remey that found her own personal joy in saying these taunting things. She was taking her anger out in a way. Therefore, whatever slime that could be watching them secretly, would be leaving all of Remey's words for Envy to hear. It was fairly comical in a way.

The only other thing that stopped Remey was that there were many herbs around. One specific herb was a weak wind affinity herb that they had found. Walker had been surprised that they had not noticed it the first time that they had been on the Sigil continent.

'Twirling sprout

This herb is known as the twirling sprout due to the way that the leaves and flowers grow. It grows in a swirl shape to catch the wind which allows it to spread its pollen more than other plants can. It is why this species of herb will grow in large numbers in windy years.

The wind affinity it has comes from the large amounts of wind mana that pass by it due to the way that it pollinates. Therefore, the moisture and sap that come from its ground and squeezed leaves greatly helps add wind affinity to the potions made with it.

Specifically, by mixing it with sprint tail bush, snaking root buds...

... this herb can be used to create an agility boost potion. A potion that only a very few people can create because of the natural mana needed to be infused within it. Therefore, this potion to boost agility is thought of as an extremely rare and potentially mythical story told by traveling merchants within the Sigil continent.'

Walker's surprise had stopped his steps making everything that they were about to face an opponent. However, when he brought up the all around appraisal of the twirling sprout, Remey and nearly exploded from excitement.

As she was also an alchemist, she had heard the story that there were really potions that could really boost specific aspects of people's physique.

While many alchemists tried to create them, the formulas were considered impossible to make since the herbs used normally would have severe side effects. But, some alchemists claimed that these potions were safe and could be made without a single defect or side effect.

The angels also believed it possible, they just claimed that the older angels had lost the potion formulas. Recently, with the explorations of the ancient ruins that the party knew were the angels' before they had fled to the Sigil continent, carvings of herbs had been found.

Some congruences were found with today's herbs. The alchemy guild had truly been investing in this knowledge. Hence they had come to the myths about potions like this.

As Walker had shared this, she had taken the time to write every herb involved. She would have to find them since she had never heard of at least six out of the twenty listed. She would also have to figure out how they came together. But Remey's newfound strength would help with discovering that path. I think you should take a look at lights.com

"Resting will be very important to our new member. It is still lower level than other monsters. But it is very powerful. Once we make it to the marsh lands, we will have an overwhelming victory against slimes. A slime knows a slime best." Su kept up the act. But she also liked that they were resting more often.

By doing so, she had the time to focus on her senses. She had been using it as a way to sharpen her mind even more before they were in a battle against multiple slimes yet again. She wanted to ensure everyone's safety. She had to be perfectly comfortable with her improved armor and the much more improved twin shields.

The changes in their weight, size, shape, and strength had been enough that Su would feel she had picked up new shields entirely. She had become amazingly comfortable with the twin shields before. Many battles and the closeness that came with using a weapon that fit her beliefs and system perfectly.

With the strengthened and lighter metal, Su had also learned elemental skills to support it. Gil's strong affinity to wind mana and now stronger affinities to other manas came in to play here.

With the high elf blood within him, Gil had a sense for elemental mana that worked in a slightly different way than the learned manas senses most people had. He was much like an elf but shared the human experience of learning affinities and their mana better.

.com He had shared some insight about her skills that he had seen. Especially with wind mana and her charge skills. Su could easily use shield charge attacks. She did so with her shield slam abilities too. The skills had served her well as her battle abilities had grown.

Using wind, Gil had pushed her to use that to make her hit faster and harder. Therefore, the push and assistance from Gil and then Walker using wind mana, led to her learning to use wind charge.

This skill was one she felt could easily smash a slime flat. Even the large slimes would take some form of damage since she had gained a skill called shock. A passive skill that increased the vibrations of metal that hit something. It would irritate the mind of someone she shield charged, or something.

The feeling also hit Su tooo, she would be pushed off her senses if she was not used to it. Hence the meditation.

Meanwhile, this break was a good way for Alice to look in to any small injuries. Or the general fatigue of the group. She had been singing to speed their travel, but now could delve deeper in to the physical wear on the body that traveling had. To a healer, being familiar with who they healed would allow faster healing. A commonly recognized fact.

In stark contrast, Onyx and Midnight had chosen to scout the area. They also used this as an excuse to catch food to grill over the fire. Regardless of how mature they got, they were siblings left to their own freedom. The kind of freedom that always ends up leading to snacks. As far as the party was concerned, they had long accepted it.

Su even encouraged it since she and Midnight always went hunting along the markets when they had the chance. Too many times they had found a great dessert or nice snack for later. It was also why Walker had a decent few of those within his high spatial storage skill.

"Did you notice? We had a little visitor today. It's gone now." Walker stopped the entire group's motions just like that.

Chapter 2002 2002. More Slimes Falling

Everyone was stopped in place. They had not expected Walker to drop this. They had all expected that he would use the mental communication skill that Onyx had been able to help them all learn it had been invaluable at times when they tended to be silent while moving. They even used it now and then when they were trying to just be a little more private.

However, none of them knew the limits of the sin title holders. Especially the slime breeder, Envy, or the other sin title holder remaining. This was all assuming that even the demon lord was not someone that had some form of mental skill that allowed him to her mental communication.

"What do you mean visitor?" Remey's words came out like a gating stone. She was speaking with enough aggression to make everyone feel a little unsettled. They had all noticed that since she had accepted the pure fire mana, that when she acted with real anger, that her tone was mixed with a slight bit of fire mana. This made her words feel oppressive in general as well.

'False finch slime

This slime was made entirely to copy a finch. It is able to mimic the shape, cry, and even the flight patterns of a finch. However, it requires a lot of mana to do so. Naturally, this causes its lifespan to be very short. However, by forcing it to exist using mana from another being, it can be used as a beast that shares vision and hearing with its controller.

This slime is a failed experiment to create a perfect mimic slime. Something that might be considered impossible if not for the ancient records where they were documented as being able to take the forms of other monsters and races....'

"I was using my all around appraisal skill on anything that we passed by. Mostly just because I want to be sure that we have the knowledge to handle whatever else we run in to. But the small brown finch that I saw was out of place." Walker spoke slowly and calmly. He knew for the moment, that nothing was around them. But he had to speak slowly to ensure anything approaching did not speed up and start to listen.

"What concerns me the most, is that this is a slime that can not live long without being fed mana. It also has the ability to mimic a bird that I thought was just a normal finch. Besides that, it also was able to spy

on us. So a living being was created to be a spying tool and nothing more." Walker's fists clenched. He hated that there was someone out there doing something like this.

It was cruel to create a monster just to be used as a tool. It should have every right to live naturally rather than be used to harm others. The tamer's guild existed to prevent this. They prosecuted the tamers that sued their beasts like disposable tools. It was a main reason they had come to exist in the first place.

The slimes had already been forced to breed, forced to become tools, some even forced to fight in situations where they were just meat shields. While this was also a plague of sorts, the slimes had been pushed to places where they would not naturally form. Therefore, they were already displaced in a way.

The only option had been to destroy them. Now that another slime breeder existed, it meant that all of this had a chance to change. The slimes could be brought together in a way that they helped others. That they did not need to be destroyed. That they might have a future to gain some intelligence as other monsters. Was this likely? No, but why would anyone want to toss aside even the tiniest potential?

Ebon could be the one to wash away the negative thoughts about slime breeders. While he was the second known slime breeder, he was also directly combating the belief that slime breeders would be evil entirely.

"Mimic slime. He wants to make a perfect mimic slime. I remember that some of those ancient records say that mimic slimes used to cause entire areas of destruction when they mimicked ancient monsters?" Gil slowly spoke. He matched the way that Walker spoke, but it was clear that he understood the dangers of this happening.

"If we have to face a mimic slime, what is to stop them from copying us. I did not wish any of you to fight against me with violent and killing intent. Even as a slime. Nor do I wish to harm any of you." Su's worries were the fact that Walker was the only one that could easily and consistently use the all around appraisal skill.

Because this was the case, he would be the only one that could point out the mimic slime if it mimicked them. Therefore, they would be in the dark when they were not right next to the real Walker. Especially if it mimicked Walker.

That was also to say that they would be even able to fight Walker or Midnight. They were easily the two most powerful of their group. Midnight was very controlled and delicate now. She had grown faster and more mature than many. Not that it was always easy to see when she had food.

Regardless, she could easily use multiple elemental attacks along with her incredible strength to fight the group causing grievous injuries. Then there was Walker. He was a literal amalgamation of skills and control over manas. lights

If there was a mimic slime that copied him, then it would have access to natural mana. That was terrifying enough. Yet, Walker had begun to comprehend small bits of other more mysterious manas. What could a mimic slime controlled by Envy do with that?

Everyone could sense the dangers in this. "My songs should be for healing and protecting. Not harm." Alice finally spoke up as well. She, along with Midnight and Onyx had been silent while this went on. Their own thoughts on the forefront of their focus.

What would reality ruin Alice, or any of them, would be the fact that their skills were not used to defend and protect others. They loved their lives to ensure that they would be able to make the world better, not worse. If a mimic slime existed and copied then... they could watch all their hard work undone if it ran rampant.

"All things aside, that means that more might be happening." Remey flexed her arms as she prepared to be on edge to fight something. She knew that if Envy knew what they were doing, it was only a matter of time before trouble came their way.

"We just need to keep moving. Keep up our plans. That way we can handle the slimes that come our way. Then Envy will be forced to come out to try and claim the slime for himself." Walker saw the brilliant slime bouncing softly nearby. It was clearly ready to keep moving now that Ebon had managed to send it mana from the shadows where he was hidden by Mordant.

"Wait a second." Gil stopped for a moment. The communication crystal he had was lit up. He was sure that the scouting elves had found something. He was not afraid that Envy would see them using communication crystals. How else would everyone communicate? Especially since it was becoming more widely used and shared with all the races coming together. The angels also sued them often.

A few moments passed by as Gil's face showed more stress and even some anger. He clearly had just received bad news from the dark elf scouts that had moved well ahead with the angels to assist in fighting the slimes already present.

"The angels and the scouts found out that there are seven lord slimes already on the ground. Apparently they fell along with a few hundred acid and decaying slimes. There are even some mud slimes that have been wrecking the root bases for some of the floating grass islands in the marshes." This was not good news. It meant that Envy had heard them mocking him. That he had responded by sending more slimes.

"Then we have to move faster." Onyx spoke up loudly. He and Midnight had been silent until now. But the two were very clear on their intentions. They had taken the lead to make their moves. Onyx and Midnight would scout ahead while the party sped up behind them. That way they could handle any slimes getting nearby. A safer travel path to speed everyone up overall.

This also showed off their own desires. The conversation about mimic slimes made them on edge just the same as others. But they wished to end that potential sooner than later. That way no one they cared about would feel worried about having a mimic of themselves cause others harm.

Chapter 2003 2003. The Angel's Troubles

Speed was now of the essence for the party. They knew that the war between slimes and the angels was growing. While it was not necessarily a war so to speak, it was one of sorts.

A battle that was the prerequisite to a war that is already under way. The party, and Genesis, wanted to take down the demon king, the one causing all the issues that they had to handle right now. Especially since he was clearly allowing more problems to happen.

Envy, the slime breeder, acting out was definitely because he had gained more strength. Definitely because he was no longer being held back to gather materials or certain pieces of intelligence for the demon king.

This was clearly evident since the party found that they were the ones being watched when they appeared. The entire floating city would not stop for them, but the slimes would be rained down on the Sigil continent? The demon king clearly had not cared a moment for the party now. He would have stopped the city to combat them if that was the case.

Furthermore, the two sin title holders underneath the demon king had managed to do a lot for him. There had to be some arrangements by following him. The corrupted mana that had helped to awaken an ancient angelic city along with causing trouble all over the world was a start. The two sin title holders must have gotten affected as well. It only made sense.

Having seven lord slimes appear was already a disaster that the angels had not fought before. They knew of slimes, but like everywhere else in the world, lord slimes were so rare, that most people had never had to deal with them. Even the most experienced warriors of each race had rarely seen or heard them appearing.

But the party had battled them multiple times because of Envy. Now, the angels were witnessing the marsh lands that they had started to expand to as needed become ravaged by them.

The angels had spread out due to their ubiquity. The two empires being forced together was actually changing minds much faster. The main reason, their ability to rebuild the things they lost over many years of fighting.

They had been looking for the lost villages and the other lost floating city parts that they knew were somewhere in the Sigil continent. Many years had passed them by while they lost so much of their own history. Beyond that, they had an entire awakening of young angels that desired to explore their home continent to discover ruins. They also dreamed of visiting the ancient angels' ruins from before the angels had even been known as angels due to the ancient era they lived in on another continent.

Due to this, many of the angels that had discovered the slimes that were not part of the scouting group set up to watch for the floating city, were too young to even think about handling a lord slime. They would not be able to do a single thing to such a powerful monster. Not to mention, that it was controlled by an even more powerful being.

Gil's worries had been made clear after he had received the communication from the crystal. He was sure that there were already injured and lost angels that had been in the area. Many angels had even started to leave toward the marsh lands. The experienced angels that could fight much better.

The shared knowledge from Genesis about how to combat the lord slimes, or slimes in general, was enough to start a fight. But if they could only hold them off, they would lose an entire area of the continent.

The marsh lands were not just a section on the edge of the continent. It was a place that held unique monsters, plants, and manas. The water there, flowed through the marsh. If it was polluted by decay or waste of any sort, nature would clean it through various natural processes.

This was learned through common sense and the elves sharing a lot of their knowledge. The angels also knew of how nature flowed in this way. Nmatrua was able to handle many different forms of abuse because of so many unique plants and monsters in existence. Yet, the slimes were not supposed to be there.

Mud slimes might appear, and the party had managed to see three small ones just within the last three hours of pushing toward their goal. But the acid and decaying slimes were another issue. They would be in swamps or volcanic areas. Places with natural predators or limiting environments. Not here where nothing could handle them.

"Look ahead, we have angel soldiers resting." Su prepared her shield as she saw that the soldiers had damaged armors already.

They were all wearing bright green armor. It was not the healing green of some healer's skills. It was the green of wind mana condensed in a unique way. Not necessarily a striking color, but one that the party knew well from some of their interaction with the angels already.

"Stand and report!" the leader of the angels noticed the party immediately. They knew they were coming. It was clear that those in charge of angel squads had been prepared for the party to arrive. Especially since they were considered the ultimate back up right now.

While everyone in the party made a motion for the group of angels to relax, they were clearly too on edge for that. lights

"It looks like you had trouble. Please rest so I can heal you." Alice did not wait a moment. Su was right by her side with some bandages to help the angels who clearly had burns from some form of acid slime.

"Thank you very much. We were here for a brief time, but needed the time to return to our senses." The leader took a few breaths as his heart calmed. Meeting one of the leaders that was going to end this trouble they had never faced before was a big deal for them all.

"We encountered twenty yellow slimes. We used water to cause them to slow down and lose size. Unfortunately, as we battled, we discovered an odd occurrence." this was where Walker focused more. Odd occurrences were never a good sign. Especially since they already had their fair share of odd occurrences with the slimes before.

"The slimes were not shrinking as much. One of them even was without a core. It was impossible to defeat it until we realized we were just fighting controlled slime bodies. The cores were forced away."

Forced away/ what do you mean/ you knocked them out for the slimes but didn't beat them?" Remey was ready to fight, but she did not like what she was hearing.

"No, a large slime with multiple tentacles of slime were attached to each slime body. The cores were within it, like it was protecting them. But the slime was a deeper yellow. I assume it's still acid, but not the same at all. More defensive."

"I think I know what might be happening. Some slime can absorb others. They do that naturally. But these slimes are under control of the slime breeder. It is causing them to not break down the other slime cores and protect them instead. Forcing the slimes to go against their own nature. It's cruel, but it makes things much harder for the soldiers like you fighting them. The brilliant slime with us should be able to pierce even the lord slime's body. It has powerful light attacks."

"We will assist you as we can. If we can use the wind slash skills we know to attack or boost the light projectiles, we will." The leader immediately took this as encouragement to offer assistance. They wished to fight back more. They might not know the real plan, but they had been told to trust the party if they met them. No matter what.

"Then we will bring you with us. We can have you spread out to the edges. It will help force the power slimes toward the center where we can defeat them easily." Walker said this out loud. He was sure that another slime had been watching them. Especially since this group of soldiers had been resting here for a little bit now. They Were the perfect targets to keep watch of. Ones that worked with the party.

"I should have potions ready to beat it too. I strengthened them to work even better." Remey's excitement to toss a potion at a lord slime and see how it worked did not fade. She had the entire alchemy guild make more potions like this along with all the healing and mana potions. Not to mention some affinity potions to help the soldiers handle their mana better in general while fighting.

"Then we will heal all of them and head out." Gil also had his arrows at the ready. He did not want to waste any more time. They had a lord slime nearby. It was definitely after the group of angels they had just found too.

Chapter 2004 2004. Find That Slime

"I can't reforge any of your armor. I have no idea how it is made originally, and I lack the right materials. The acid damage is also a little too deep in it..." Walker's sorrow for the pile of armor pieces was too great. He knew that he lacked the higher class skills to reforge it all.

"That is not an issue. It is better that you can bring it somewhere that it can be reused instead of being left behind in the wilderness." the angels all felt this way. They knew that Genesis would have someone that could recycle the armor.

Most of the angels also had to keep new injuries covered in bandages. The damaged armors would cut in to their bodies or they would worsen the healing injuries. As much as Alice had wanted to heal them fully, she had to understand why she could not.

Just like Walker, she had limitations. If she healed all the angels that they had encountered, then the angels would be too tired to continue. Accelerating healing like this was something all healers could do. But it used the body's natural energy. Nutrition too. It all was used to heal.

Therefore, the angels were healed and bandaged. It was why healing in multiple steps always gave the very best results. Or using potions would be more beneficial for injuries that needed a lot of healing. It was why healers still had potions too, they supplemented each other. Especially now that the alchemy guild worked well with everyone.

After Walker managed to kick aside the thoughts of how he should work more on solo forging to create and fix things, his mind went back to time.

"We have the time for now to make our way toward where they saw the lord acid slime using the smaller acid slimes to fight. Between us, we can easily make an opening so the brilliant slime can pierce through the bore. Then we just have to wipe away all the slimes. By then, that slime breeder won't have anything left to throw at us. He's a one trick pony.."

With this, the party began moving. The angels also split off. They were following the plan to direct slimes from the edges of the area that they were faced with the lord slime. That way, the party could easily handle all the slimes in a quick moment. After that, they could easily fight in to the depths of the marsh.

"I am worried a bit, the slimes already pushed in to the forest. We are an hour away from the marsh still." Su's speed had picked up making everyone move.

"Sister and I spotted signs of acid slimes eating away at the trees. They don't do that..." Onyx and Midnight had scouted well ahead of everyone. They had managed to find some things that did not look right whatsoever.

The acid slimes shouldn't be trying to harm the trees or anything like that. They should be eating away at metals as they would where they normally existed in nature. But here, they were being controlled and forced to eat at wood and other natural plants. It was a very bad thing since it would certainly lead to them suffering or dying outright.

"That just means we need to handle them faster." Gil took the lead this time. He did not like the sound of the slimes eating away at the forest they were cutting through. But his sudden burst of speed brought him right in to an oncoming slime.

"That yellow slime lacks a core too." Su's eyes spotted it right away. The yellow acid slime had a small tendril of slime connecting it to something far off outside the trees. But the slime was not necessarily coming for them. It was rubbing its body on the trees and absorbing small sprouts from the forest..?Intentionally damaging everything.

"Disgusting!" Gil dashed ahead yet again, but this time, he used a dagger he had dipped in Remey's basic potion to slash the tentacle attached to the slime.

Immediately, the part of slime body was neutralized. The tentacle had been severed and it could not immediately reattach to the slime body that it had kept ahold of. Therefore, the slime body fell in to a puddle of acid slime slowly eating away at the leaves on the ground. Remey quickly poured a potion on to it so that it would not be a risk to anything or anyone.

"We are moving! We need to follow that slime tentacle so we can get to the lord acid slime. It might be affected by chaotic mana." Walker had a theory that the lord acid slime was destroying things and forcing the weaker slimes to do what it wanted for more than one reason.

It was Envy telling it to do this, yes, as a slime breeder, he had control over this. But beyond that, there was the chaotic mana. This would make the slime more apt to fight anything and everything around it.

Slimes already had a natural tendency to absorb things in their body as food or general sustenance. But with chaotic mana, it would be more easily manipulated to do so. Especially since the slime breeder clearly wanted destruction as a whole.

"Another two slime bodies being controlled there." Remey spotted them but ignored any chance to attack. She could feel that a bigger challenge was nearby.

Just a second later, the party heard some yelling. The elves were baiting and tricking the slime bodies to follow.

"I think that they are blind without cores on them. The tentacles are like feelers instead of actual bodies controlled by something." Gil could feel his theory was spot on. Just the actions from the slimes were perfect. But they had not realized that the slimes were retreating.

"I think that it knows we are coming. Be ready for that to change. The slimes will be able to see us if we get near the main lord slime. That means they will be more violent." Walker's warning brought Midnight in to a snarl. She did not like this at all. The slimes were already annoying because she had to be careful not to get covered in parts of it. They could ruin her scales for a long time.

When they all came to a sudden stop, it was apparent that they had underestimate the changes in the lord slimes. The brilliant slime was also considered small by comparison.

The large yellow slime was darker in color. Its larger core also showed off the size and strength that it had. Each smaller slime core seemingly rotating around its main core. But the size it had was where things stood out. The lord acid slime was large enough that it had burned away three tree trunks along with all the leaves on the round around it.

The small tentacles came off it toward slime bodies being pulled back toward the lord slime right that second. Yet, the party expected whips of tentacles or acid to shoot at them. The mana was enough to cause issues from those sorts of powerful attacks.

That wasn't happening though. "I think that it is too dense to move much. That means we can attack it as we want." Gil's theory was quickly proved wrong as the slime began to slowly roll. "Or it is too heavy to move fast..." Gil fired an arrow for good measure.

When the arrow was released, nothing special happened. Gil was using it to test the lord slime, not attack it with full force. He knew well that if the attacks he used caused an explosion or any violent reactions, that the slime body could be splattered all over. It would, in turn, cause the acid of the slime body to burn away many things, including them.

The moment that the arrow hit the lord acid slime, it stopped. It didn't pierce in to the body, but stopped, sticking right to it. Then it slowly started to break down. As the acid brought it in to the body of the slime. "So it is much tougher. That means it condensed its body already..."

Remey remembered that the slimes could condense their bodies sometimes. The lord slimes could naturally use a skill that slimes were known for when they were powerful. But to be able to do so to create a dense armor was a troublesome idea.

"Midnight, can you distract it while the brilliant slime prepares? Everyone else can manage the slime bodies. Take the potions you have and destroy the smaller slime bodies." Walker had orders already. Alice also backs the brilliant slime up so that they could help it make a light spike. They needed to drive home the apparent strength of the brilliant slime. Make Envy wish he had it. Make Envy want it so badly that he came down from the floating city.

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Chapter 2005 2005. Slime Hunting

Gathering light mana was not hard for anyone. Well, for Walker and Alice that was. When onyx joined in as well, they were able to guide light mana directly to the brilliant slime. All of them had their own versions of understanding that came with their experiences with light mana.

Alice was able to use a more calm version of light mana. One that came through her voice and the whaling effects that she normally used it with. This alone was a level of light mana that many would struggle to grasp since it was often not meant for defense or for offense. It was nourishing.

This allowed the brilliant slime light mana that increased its own abilities. It allowed it to replenish the light mana that it was gaining from the other much faster. a very good ability to have when one was about to fight.

Since the brilliant slime was also in need of light mana as a general means of surviving, it was very energetic when noticing that it was being assisted. It could sense that Ebon was pushing for it to grow. For it to show off its strength. That alone improved the mood of the slime as a whole.

When the air gained the light mana density from Walker using natural mana as a bonus to it, there was only one thing that it could do, show off more.

The light slime body condensed making it tougher. This immediately caused the small acid attacks that caused the slime bodies controlled by the lord acid slime to fall away from the brilliant slime like nothing. Just that amount of density was enough to make some people jealous. Specifically, the angels reached the groups as they fought.

Onyx's light mana begging passed toward the brilliant slime was more viscous. This came through the way that he used it. To create light armor that was able to stand up to the darkness mana he used as well.

Then the fact that Onyx used it as sustenance along with attacks made the light mana better for attacking. While different forms of one particular mana was not something hard to grasp, the control for them was. This came from years of experience or having that affinity deeply carved within them.

The brilliant slime relied entirely on light mana aligned with Ebon's mana too. Therefore, it started to alter its body and core upon receiving these light manas used for different things. It was as if it was being handed the tools it needed to be all that it could be.

The materials, herbs, and process used to change it from a colorless slime were amazingly being used now. They had their manas and nutrients dwell within the core of the brilliant slime. All the lingering

effects were being enhanced. It was like a general potential buff since so much ideal mana was being added.

When The light spike was created, Su took notice and used her twin shields to help separate more of the smaller slime bodies being controlled. The broken tentacles could only shrivel away because they also had the basic potions poured on them. Su had sneakily poured the basic potions over her shields so that she could cause damage while defending the others. A very wise choice.

Gil's actions had followed Su's. but he had managed to coat the arrow tips he fired. Using some hollow arrow tips with acid and basic resistances, he was confident that he could break through the dense yellow slime body of this lord acid slime that was boosted by corrupted mana.

Proving correct, he was sniping the tentacles causing multiple lime bodies to be left without any control. The slime cores under the lord slime's control clearly suffered because of this. Small racks being created on the cores as they could not even be attached to their own bodies any longer. Just more nutrients and strength to be used by the lord slime.

Midnight's fire breath appeared to also have an effect. She was using small blasts of fire breath to iristract and cause the lord slime to become more chaotic in its movements. It was already being attacked and whittled down slowly but surely. However, it was now abused by a dragon that could easily burn off the defensive dens body it created. While the evidence of this was small, it was easy enough for Walker to spot.

Things only became more dramatic as the lord slime began to attack more often with tentacles. Its slow moving speed becoming faster because it had less body to move. But it had still not even gotten close to what the party could do with their own agility.

This was because they had strengthened themselves a lot. Especially Remey. She had been able to easily get closer and dash ahead. Her body already strong enough to resist any damage a basic potion could do to her fists or anything she wore. Therefore, she used her fists coated in the potion to pierce the slime body.

This delivered the basic potions right in to its defenses before she retreated to do it again. The slime body losing chunks that melted away before the potions were completely neutralized along with themed pieces of the slime body.

These were devastating attacks that came from the knowledge and skills that improved between Remey's alchemy and fists. They managed to come together here to allow a better attack for the brilliant slime that only had to use the mana shared with it to attack.

While the incoming attacks did not pierce the dense and powerful slime body the lord acid slime had due to the additional chaotic mana infecting it, the core was unscathed. Only the cores of the slime under control had cracked.

As some of them broke, the lord slime just dissolved them as a way to get stronger. To return some of its lost strength. It was somewhat a sad thing to witness since the party knew that the slimes had never had a chance to grow naturally. They had been born, created, forcefully enslaved by Envy to do whatever he desired. Even fight amongst themselves.

When the light spike shined brighter than the sun above them, everyone retreated. Walker used a little control to help the brilliant slime guide its slight spike. But the density was much more than enough.

"Stand back!" Su slammed her shield down in front of Alice, Onyx, and Walker. The other backed away while the brilliant slime attacked.

Like a flash, the light spike shot forward. The brilliant slime dulled as it also slowed due to the loss of mana all at once. But the attack was too fast for the lord acid slime to counter. To even prepare against. Even with it being controlled by Envy remotely.

The chaotic mana also somewhat slowed it. This was chaotic mana. Even with envy controlling it, the lord slime was left in a maddened state to a degree. Therefore, the lord slime did not resist the attack.

With the light spike piercing through the body, everyone had expected that it would pierce the cut through and through. But surprising all of them, the light spike stopped within its slime body. Instead, the slight spike exploded in to thousands of smaller light spikes. It shattered all the slime cores. Destroyed the slime body. Completely broke apart any toughness left behind by the lord slime's body at all.

This strength was well beyond what was expected of the brilliant slime. Well beyond the capabilities when they had boosted it. Therefore, Walker had the revelation that the brilliant slime's important and skills were well above what he had imagined

He understood that the higher control that the brilliant slime had over light mana clear was on display for them. That they had all missed to what degree it was better. To what degree it was stronger.

They had been baiting Envy, talking up how weak his slimes as a slime breeder would be compared to the brilliant slime. But they had not even needed to do that. They had already gotten a slime that was overall much better. They had just failed to truly understand at what level this was.

The brilliant slime could grow too. It might be at the form that it would stay at. But as it became better trained in its skills, it would be stronger. As it was able to create light slimes, it would be more adapted to combat with assistance. It might even spawn lord light slimes or alternate forms of light slimes.

All the potentials that it had were hard to grasp for Walker as he began to conjure water from the air to wash away the massive amount of acid slime body around. He would only be amazed with everyone else.

Chapter 2006 2006. Rotting Nature

The sudden end to the battle brought the angel squad close to see the results. They were amazed that the brilliant slime had attacked with such strength right away. Especially since the party had already backed it up in previous statements.

It wasn't that they did not believe the strength that the party had. However, they believe that every member of the party would be taking a more forward battle style. Not relying on the strength of a newly formed slime.

This didn't bring the angels' opinion down though. Instead, the captain of their group had another opinion. "You brought the brilliant slime because these slimes are too weak to trouble you and it's the best way to let your new ally grow faster. I understand now. We will strive to share the same mentality in the future once we have repelled the enemies here."

"It's the hard work together with our new partner. If we are strong alone, we are just alone. Genesis is all about bringing together." Walker's insanely positive response struck the angels much more than they expected.

It had been generations of fighting. Generations of fighting their own fellow angels who had different ideals than the places they lived and grew up in. Now that it was considered over, they had a chance to be unique with the same ideals that they heard from Genesis.

Genesis forces had already moved toward the angels. Many of the first merchants had come to the Sigil continent to showcase things that would help the angels grow together and repair their lands. Beyond that, a few of the stronger adventurers had taken long term positions there.

Exploring the Sigil continent and remaking maps with more details was a major event for the adventurers and the angel's futures. Along with that, there were the similar ideals that came with rediscovering the entire continent. What monsters lived there? What herbs now grew here? What ruins could be uncovered to rebuild historical records?

"We can't just stay here. Remey already poured a bunch of potion and you made the water rain around here." Su kept them moving. She snapped the angels out of their own awe which immediately sent them off to their next task. They knew well that there would be more slimes nearby. Hopefully none that were controlled by anything like another lord slime.

"We are just about out of these woods and in to the marsh lands. See the silt here? It's mixed with some sandy mud. The smell of salt water and fresh water mixing too." Gil's senses and eyesight had become more focused due to gaining some pure high elf blood.

While this might not sound like much, he was already much sharper with his senses due to his training with elves and being an arcane archer. Now, he had managed to apply this training to an improved body that was closer to nature as a whole. Therefore, it was much easier for him to notice the changes in the area as a whole too.

The slightest changes in soil was enough for him to discern changes in where he was and was not going. "Good spotting, we pushed ahead a lot more to get to the slimes and end that lord slime. Brilliant slime, come over here. Onyx will carry you. He can take his larger size now that the tree are spreading out more."

Walker saw that Onyx wanted to help the brilliant slime too. Alice was right there behind the slime too. She was singing softly. This was drawing in the light mana around to allow the brilliant slime to rapidly recover. It was definitely growing stronger.

Besides that, the mental communication that Onyx was having with Ebon proved that the brilliant slime was in a very positive mood. It had understood the buffs and assistance it was getting. This had dramatically improved the young slime's mentality. It also clearly increased its overall understanding of what it was. How it was growing.

"Then we are racing to the most affected area." Remey did not bother to hesitate. As Onyx showed off his full size, even larger than the last time the party saw him, she ran ahead. Gil caught up using some of the tree branches to boost his speed. It was amazing seeing how well adapted he was already to the changes within his body.

"Midnight, they are not going to get ahead of us." Midnight growled in response to Su. They both unfurled their wings and took to the air. Su had learned immensely from Rise about how to use the wings that appeared when she fully accepted the status as half dragon. She had even trained with Midnight to both strengthen their abilities to fly through tougher situations. Especially taking notes from the harpies who were naturally born to fly.

As they moved, Walker stepped in to the air as well. He was gathering mana because he could sense the more chaotic mana ahead of them. He had greatly improved his abilities to sense mana. Therefore, he was able to grasp the chaotic mana much better. This in turn, made him want to draw more natural mana toward him to better counter it.

The eternal codex changed forms to suit what he needed. A large one handed staff with multiple metallic floating rune carved rings came to be. The central orb at the top rotated with natural mana as the focus. But the other manas that he had scratched the surface of were also rotating around it. Each step Walker took radiated a little natural mana other than affecting the air as the skills he used normally did.

The speed that Walker drew in natural mana was enough that it showed all around him. The wind started to pick up, and even the earth well below him showed slight signs that it was moving along with the water in it. He was not surprised by the level that this had changed. His strength was greater along with the eternal codex being an amazing improvement upon the eternal orb. His perfect tool, weapon, extra limb.

Yet, when the party broke free from the forest and saw the scene in the marsh lands, they were shocked.

The damage was much greater than they had realized. Acid slimes, decaying slimes, and a few more were ravaging the area. lights

Squads of angels and a few from Genesis were in battle with them. The lord slimes standing taller and being attacked by the larger groups. But the smaller slimes did not seem to end. There was specifically a larger purple lord slime gathering the broken bodies and pieces of slime core from decaying slimes. Then it would somehow stitch them together with chaotic mana before sending them out to destroy more.

Massive patches of tall marsh grasses had already been destroyed. Some smaller pools of water were turning brown and black with rotting things. It would be incredibly toxic for anything that tried to live there.

Here and there, monsters would burst out of the march trying to fight back. They were even ignoring the angels. The natural instinct to protect their home lining up against the slimes who the angels were also fighting. Even nature knew how to work together to protect itself.

'Major quest- destroy the slime plague

Requirement: defeat the slime breeder, the sin title of Envy, a true monster

Reward: 100 heroic points, 15000 experience points, world announcement.'

The quest was for everyone. Even the angels were alerted. Even the Genesis forces were alerted. They all knew that this was a quest to protect more than just the Sigil continent. It was something that was coming from the world itself to deal with a threat to the flow of nature.

"It's time to go all out. Let's use the brilliant slime to crush all of these-"

"Crush what? You found a way to use a slime against me? Do you not know the title I have as Envy? do you not understand that I take slimes and raise them as the perfect extension of myself!"

The voice caused every slime to vibrate and change forms. Those that could go berserk had just begun to thrash out with tentacles. Some began targeting the weakest soldiers and rolling at them. Some flames even burst up as flame slimes came to be. They had seemingly been waiting.

"Ah, how pathetic the little heroes are. They believed themselves strong because they were able to scratch the surface of one thing." the voice echoed again as ten clear slimes seemingly melded together. But they quickly melted as a whistling wind took over.

Walker looked up to see a mass falling. Something he was trying to use his all around appraisal on. That was until he realized that their bait had worked. However, the bait had also brought something more with Envy.

"Stop looking all worried. He's a bigger target with that slime." Remey cracked her knuckles. She was ready to deal the damage they had witnessed ten fold in return to Envy.

Chapter 2007 2007. The Ugly Side Of Envy

The massive slime body that fell to the ground was certainly a lord slime of sorts. However, Walker could tell that it surprisingly lacked a main affinity.

The acid and decaying slimes were very much the known calling card for Envy at this point. Everyone in the Genesis alliance knew of these two species of slime used against multiple races to cause damage and general havoc.

Envy himself was a very thin looking demon. Two large curling horns that wrapped back toward his head again. Then his sharp tail had what anyone would assume was a stinger. His skin was dark red, it made him appear as if he was an imp and not an actual demon.

"So you can actually show yourself. I thought all you could do was send slimes to fight for you because of how weak you were." Remey's immediately taunt made Envy's face wrinkle with anger for just a single moment.

"And I believed that you would remain a meat head full of just muscle. But luck allowed you to gain weak little skills in alchemy. Your lower species must be so proud of you." Nothing Envy said was a compliment, however, not a single member of the party moved forward just yet.

The two opposing sides were looking at one another carefully. Judging for weaknesses. Trying to find the best way to strike down the other.

"So? You came to surrender?" Su decided to press the issue now. She wanted to force Envy to show a greater weakness.

" Yes, YOU, may surrender yourself to me. I can feed you to my slimes and create a better version of slimes." Envy smiles showing off sharp teeth. Yet, Walker knew well that he was already moving to attack them.

In a split second, Walker used the multi buff skill with a large amount of natural mana behind it. This boosted their abilities significantly while also drawing in more elemental manas.

"How sad. Your little leader is only focused on the natural flow of the world. It's a prison that limits you and how you can grow. We have followed a grand leader to learn new ways to break the mold. I will show you!" Envy looked as if his eyes were filled with an endless madness.

Walker had already realized that Envy was not a demon at all any longer. The form he had... was not his. It was an imitation of what he had been once upon a time. The all around appraisal had just proved this as Walker used it on Envy and the slime he stood as a whole.

'Slime breeder Lord, Envy

Due to the unique slime breeder system, chaotic mana, unique title, and years of self experimentation, this being is considered a monster among monsters.

Using their own body as fuel, the mind was forced to be confined within a slime core. The body was altered and grown to become an adaptable slime body with the intention of being a mimic slime that could breed any form of slime species.

While this is still unfinished, the monster was created and it owns some intelligence. Unfortunately, due to these experiments, the natural adaptability that comes from the sin title of Envy, were lost. Not the slime body is adaptable instead.

Various manas can be absorbed and used to create chaotic attacks mimicking those of corrupted slimes. The strength, defenses, and agility of the slime body are greatly enhanced. The only weakness being the slime core housing the mind of Envy.

If left alone, it is possible for a massive collapse to occur causing an elemental explosion of chaotic mana. If balanced, the potential for an immortal mimic slime to exist is high...'

Walker could have read more in to it, but in the split seconds that he did read the all around appraisal, he was appalled.

Not only had Envy used slimes as experimental subjects, he had done so to alter himself. So much so that using chaotic mana he was considered by the world to be a true monster among monsters.

Worse yet, if he failed, there could be an explosion of chaotic manas that would surely cause untold damage. But success was worse. He would be an immortal slime that could mimic others. That meant their skills and untold atrocities committed for many years.

Onyx came in to amazing play here. His mental communication sent all the information that Walker had just read from the all around appraisal to the rest of the party. It drove home the immense importance that they now faced during this battle. Failure meant more than just losing their lives and a few years of evil existing. lights

The ground trembled as slime tentacles whipped up. The slime body that Envy stood in had taken on some earth mana to use the earth beneath him as a weapon. But Walker had sensed this. Su as well due to her innate strength when it came to earth and her partner being a grand earth spirit.

With their reactions, the attack of the earth slime tentacles and rock shards did nothing. Not a single one hit any of the party. Su had easily defended Alice and Onyx while Midnight was unfazed due to her skeletal armor and personal shifting armor.

"Recall the brilliant slime!" Walker shouted out to Ebon as he saw multiple dragonkin appearing from the shadows along with other assassins or rangers.

With a deep breath, Walker released stored natural mana in a vicious dragon roar. The skill caused the slime body that was part of Envy to shiver. It also haunted everyone else on the battlefield.

In response, multiple dragon roars echoed from nearby as the manas all round grew rapidly in density. This was met by the royal dominator dragons with roars of their own. They were pushing toward Walker while flying, but also sharing their manas with him to allow the party more mana to use in their attacks.

With this welcome boost, Remey sparked a flame all around her. The slight stop that had come from Walker's loud dragon roar boosted by natural mana had not stopped her at all. On the contrary, it had spurred her a little more. So much so that her newer features showed themselves much clearer.

The flames that burst up around her took the forms of wings, horns, and dense fire scales around her. The change in her race to a draconic flame soul humanoid was perfectly showing off how strong she really was.

Darting forward, her fist hit the slime body causing a massive chunk of slime to be incinerated. The reaction from Envy was instantaneous. He drew in fire mana and multiple tentacles of fire slime body whipped at Remey to defend. However, she was not some common flame wielder. The tentacles of fire slime that touched her became incinerated just the same as the body she had struck.

Due to this, Envy quickly adapted and used water to make an opposing elemental strength. This forced Remey to retreat. However, Gil was waiting behind her. Su had set up her shields to be able to defend him better. He could have dodged or used his speed, but with Su defending him, he could fire more arrows in a row.

Specifically, he anticipated Envy to adapt since the information that Walker had about Envy had been shared with all of them. Knowing that the slime body could adapt and change, Gil had used ice arrows. They pierced right in to the water elemental slime tentacles trying to chase Remey. The result was the water slime body freezing on contact and being unable to move the same way. It was just enough time for another arrow to hit it with earth affinity attached to the arrowhead.

This caused a spike of earth to pierce upwards and break away the frozen slime body. Clearly, Envy was getting angry by all the counters to his slime body. The thin figure was showing much more anger the longer this happened.

When the next set of tentacles slammed in to the earth to attack, everyone jumped back leaving room for Onyx to lash out. He was at his full size and using the light and dark armor he could create from light and dark manas. He had even grown stronger in his ability to shape them creating sharp blade at his tail.

This slashed through the slime body creating a hole in the front dense slime body. Just enough for Midnight to leap in with a devastating dragon breath attack. This in turn allowed Walker to greatly boost the attack with his natural mana and Alcie to also create a light shield with her song to reinforce the defenses as multiple shards of stoneshot up from the ground as the earth slime tentacles attacked.

"Fine! I will slaughter you all and take whatever you think is so damn valuable as my own!" it appeared that envy finally snapped and showed exactly why he had the sin title of Envy.

Chapter 2008 2008. Not Over Yet

The chaotic mana gathered around Envy immediately. It was clear that the taunts the group had made already sat within Envy's mind to constantly wear away at him. But now, he was finding that his slime body was being easily beaten.

Every time he adapted the tentacles to use different elemental slime forms and attacks, he was countered or faced a perfect defense. It made him feel that he was not at all gaining what he had come for. He didn't even see a single sign of the brilliant slime any more.

That alone, he also noticed that there were roars of dragons nearby. Not to mention that the slimes he had sent in to murderous rage nearby, were being killed faster and faster. Hundreds of his bred slimes destroyed in minutes.

Because of the anger induced by the party, Envy had yet to realize that he was completely within a trap set for him. A trap made by baiting him with a slime he could not make and had not made which was actually much weaker than he even knew. Not that the party would have let him figure that out.

Yet, right this moment, Envy was bringing all the chaotic mana that was around and within him. The slimes directly nearby sacrifice themselves but charging in to him. Due to this, the party was forced to retreat.

They could have released multiple attacks or a wide range attacks that could stop all the slimes suddenly charging at them. But that would have hit the other forces fighting nearby. It would also make the area generally harder to fight in for everyone.

Not that the party could take their eyes off the massive slime taking a different form in front of them. Envy's body had proven to be the partial mimic that they already knew it was. He had not real body any longer. He had become a slime core with a slime body. A grotesque experimental monster. Everyone felt their skin prickle as they witnessed this proof.

Multiple different forms of slime tentacles spread out from the larger slime body that envy had become. Yellow acid slime tentacles. Purple decaying slime tentacles. Brown earth slime tentacles. Blue water slime tentacles, green wind slime tentacles. Even a few deep red fire slime tentacles.

They all branched from a body where the manas were attempting to mix but constantly pushing one another away. "I think he tried to copy you Walker. Natural mana, but instead ended up being full of corrupted manas." Gil was spot on.

From what Walker could sense, the manas that were attempting to meet the core within the slime were completely chaotic in nature. They could not ever become natural mana because it would greatly go against what was allowing the slime body to even remain as it was right now.

"It's also using the mimic skills it has to keep copying the forms of other slimes. I can tell, it's like slime bodies were slammed together but they are not able to actually move the way they should. Like a puppet moving on strings. You just know it's wrong." Remey's insult appeared to have been heard as one of each tentacle attacked her. This was Envy's first real attack.

Hitting Remey though? Not a single chance. She was too quick. That and Su was already making her way in line of the tentacle attacks. The twin shields resist the multiple elemental attacks due to the strengthening from the wandering blacksmith. Adding that to her light shield skill? And Remey felt that Su had just slipped in front to help them ensure they were healed.

"Brother, Midnight is ready to use a light attack as a distraction. Alice is helping her gather the mana while I can make an opening for Remey to deal with some of the acid and decaying slime parts."

This idea was enough. The party could make openings so that Envy would be distracted. Walker knew well that piercing through the slime body would be tough, therefore, they had to wear away that body and weaken it.

As Onyx lagged out with his tail, Remey dashed forward with multiple potions in hand. She used the flames around her body to heat them. Right to the point that when she tossed them, they burst open in a cloud of boiling potion and steamy potions.

The two caused Envy's acid and decaying slime body parts to melt away in chunks. It caused an immediate crazed attack from other tentacles.

Gil fired water affinity arrows to put out the growing flames from the fire slime. He knew well that maintaining the environment around them was enough to allow for a safer battle. But also because it gave Envy less space that he could see Midnight preparing for a major attack which would completely distract Envy.

As Alice had pushed a lot of light mana toward Midnight, it helped her condense a light dragon flame breath that she had trained along with Su and Alice before. This was a combination attack that relied on the draconic might that Midnight could wield.

Since Envy was already being pulled in multiple directions due to the different attacks from Onyx and Remey, let alone being countered by Su, expecting Midnight to attack with a powerful dragon breath attack was not on the list of worries. Not that his intelligence was lasting in this monstrous slime form.

As Midnight released a beam of powerful light mana, the slight flame like appearance was all that could define it as a dragon breath fire attack. Not that it at all had any of the kind healing effects that Alice's light often had. Instead, it gained the purifying effects.

Most people would not expect that to do much, but against the decaying slimes? It was a very good attack. The entire section of decaying purple slime body was destroyed leaving a massive chunk of the slime body Envy had made for himself fall apart in to a pool of useless slime. He couldn't reattach it. He already called over nearby slimes to use them in battle. He had no means to heal right now.

Beyond this, he had not noticed Walker changing the eternal codex in to a spear. A spear with darkness mana radiating through and around it. "Mordant, it's time for you to show what a dominator dragon can do."

Pulling his arm back, Walker used all his force to throw the spear along with push against it with natural mana to boost the attack. However, he had called out to Mordant for a reason.

The darkness mana that Walker channeled within the spear form of the eternal codex had not been to add a decaying effect that darkness mana could have. It was to allow Mordant the ability to better control the spear form of the eternal codex when it was thrown.

Mordant was the only dragon that had the ability to make it to the battle almost instantly. Not to mention that he had been lurking in the shadows as a trump card. As the hidden power that could erupt out to help with the killing blow to envy as a whole.

He could use the newfound strength as a dominator dragon to harness the mana that Walker gathered. Even when boosted with natural mana, the darkness mana that Walker could have controlled was easily grabbed by Mordant's control.

His hulking darkness dominator dragon form was intimidating enough. Yet, Envy couldn't comprehend that as Mordant's shadow pushed the spear in to the center of the slime body. Piercing the slime core that should have been the reason that envy was unable to be beaten. The slime core that Envy thought he would be able to live forever and always adapt to every single potential issue in life. He had been wrong.

"I would have had it all." These words seemed to echo through the now silent battle ground. The last words of the sin of Envy title holder who had done countless evil things with the slime she bred and forced on to the world as destroyers.

The slime body fell apart instantly. Mordant looked at the cracking slime core which appeared to be slower in breaking. However, the eternal codex had just pierced it and fall out of it before returning to Walker with Walker's control. The slime core itself was not completely smashed or broken yet.

"Don't relax! The chaotic elemental manas are going to burst out. We need to control it!" Walker jumped forward as he noticed the royal dragons arriving just in time. The battle had been short in the

span of minutes overall. However, that was just the trap they had perfectly set. It was not the battle of chaotic manas that they were not about to face so that a massive area would not be corrupted by the chaotic manas.

Chapter 2009 2009. Domain

The sheer amount of chaotic manas that were leaving the breaking slime core that Envy had made his body in to, was too much. All this corruption would spread to the entire area as the all around appraisal had already said it would if envy became unbalanced and failed to become a real balanced mimic slime breeder.

The reason that it was even worse now though, was that the corrupt mana would do more than just spread. It would destroy the potential of the nearby land of ever being balanced within nature again.

That fact alone was enough to cause a high amount of stress to move throughout every single force here. The dominator dragons being the ones that felt this pressure the hardest.

Each and every single one of them had a closer relationship than any other to the elemental manas that they represented right now. Especially Current who had just advanced.

Current had been the last to arrive. He had to purify the water mana within him and around him while remaining within the very water he purified. That step had been required by his process of being a water dominator dragon. Not because he was impure, but to ensure that every single aspect of his body perfectly adapted to the purer water mana that was forming a core within his heart. It was a very important safety measure.

However, that very process had allowed him to sense the water mana all around him much better. He could tell that it was trying to exist as it should be. But to him, the mana was literally screaming out as it was forced from where it existed naturally.

All the dominator dragons knew that manas were bound together through nature. Through existence in general. Water and wind manas mixed together all the time. The same with light and wind. Light and earth. Earth and water. And so on. This was what made everything and anything possible. The mixing of manas.

Yet, when they all sensed this, they realized that the very manas melded together were being forced to combat one another. The true aspects of what it meant that the manas were corrupted was right there for them to sense now. Sense at a very clear and indisputable level.

"We need to bring the manas back together to stop this chaotic mana from causing more corruption. From destroying this entire area!" Walker shouted out again as he used the eternal codex to draw much more natural mana toward him.

The other also reacted. Gil, Alice, Su, Remey, Midnight, and Onyx all took positions around Walker. They were sharing their skills, mana, and whatever else they could with him so that he could fully attack the slime core that was cracking more and more with each second of corrupted mana it released.

They all knew that envy and pushed the slime core to the brink as he had channeled manas through the slime body to alter it in to multiple different slime forms. It had been incredibly unbalanced. A terrible way to maintain a body. They were already lucky that it had not caused an explosion of corrupted mana right there.

The fact that the corrupted mana had been forced in to some odd way of control also did not help. It had been made much more dense within envy's body right away. That way, it had made things much worse. Causing the slimes that Envy had controlled to run rampant and also become corrupted themselves.

As the dominator dragons moved forward, they used the strongest skills to control manas. The purer manas that radiated from their bodies made waves around the entire area.

This sudden pressure forced every single other being away. Monsters nearby rushed away sensing the draconic might that could easily crush them. The joint angel and Genissi forces were also pushing back. They knew very well to remove themselves. It had been part of the meetings they had when they had come here. They knew that they could not wield the right skills to help here.

The only ones of the forces that remained were mages or healers. The ones that could buff and send manas toward Walker's party. This was not much, but it began to add up as more of the mages coordinated. More of the dragonkin started to help as well. It was all coming together in a way that allowed the party to work better.

The dominator dragons wielding so much mana was something that should have driven Walker past his limits almost instantly. However, he had a sense for natural mana better than anyone else. This was all due to his relationship with natural mana.

He had created natural mana from other manas while studying how manas worked overall. From there, he had been part of creating the eternal orb which had become the eternal codex. The one and only item that was created to be able to use natural mana and always have natural mana within it.

Then he had the powerful bond with Fleur, the only known nature spirit. Let alone one that was well on the path to be known as a world spirit. But even that future was changing now that the spirit race was a recognized race by the world. This meant that the natural mana and bond was infinitely more important to him.

All of this cleared Walker's mind as he understood how the manas came together to balance out the chaotic mana in the slime core breaking down in front of him.

To channel all this mana that was condensing through the eternal codex, Walker changed its form.

Two gloves made from the eternal codex appeared on his hands as massive amounts of natural mana flowed through them. Walker's mana was severely depleting. He was worried that all the corrupted mana that was already escaping through his fingers was causing more issues. But he could sense something else too.

The same feeling he had when using the dragon domain skills. They came with a unique feeling. One that would be best described as comfortable over everything else. It was a literal way to make the manas meld together properly. To fuse together as they should be. By manas, it was better to say, the affinity and the user of the skills manas. They would be all around in the entire domain skill allowing damage, defense, and strength overall.

Walker took that feeling and used it with the immense mana that he was being handed from the dominator dragons. The eternal codex had improved greatly on what the eternal orb could do. The fine control of mana in general was causing Walker to be able to less stressfully manipulate everything.

As a burst of natural mana spread around Walker, the slime core began to crumble faster. Along with multiple waves of natural mana balancing the corrupted mana in the entire area. Burned spaces that

acid had broken down or decaying slimes had ruined were being repaired. The smoldering embers of where fire slimes had attacked also appeared to be regrowing in instants.

Even the air seemed to become more lively as the entire area was filled with extremely dense natural mana that was more than what any of them had been around even before.

'The skill, nature dragon domain has been learned due to the extreme amount of natural mana being created through the efforts of multiple dominator dragons and the guidance of one being at their center.

Nature dragon's domain- requires high amounts of mana depending on size. All manas must be used in equal balance.

While this skill offers absolutely no backing in attack or defensive powers, it is a truly blessed force that can even influence the life mana naturally in the world.

It is able to help calm all manas that this domain comes in to contact with. Due to this, the corrupted, chaotic, akdhef, and elajfjffv... manas will become peaceful. Damages from various effects of these manas will be repaired to some degree based on the strength of the natural manas created within the domain.

Enlightening has a small chance for those that use elemental manas or natural manas.

Wounds will be healed while within the nature dragon's domain along with personal mana being received at a high rate. It is an ideal training domain...'

There was a lot more to the skill, but if Walker were to look at it, he would find that there were mixed up words. Things he could not understand. A clear example of the things he had not learned yet. That he could not comprehend until he was stronger.

But this nature dragon domain was causing the slime core to rapidly break down in to nothing but dust. The corrupted mana was calming down immensely as the denominator dragons felt the weights leaving their backs.

Chapter 2010 2010. Awakened titles

'Major quest- destroy the slime plague- completed

Requirement: defeat the slime breeder, the sin title of Envy, a true monster

Reward: 100 heroic points, 15000 experience points, world announcement.'

Walker relaxed a lot when he saw the quotes complete. He felt that they were all facing a massive issue here.

When it came to the way that Envy fought, it was barbaric and untrained. It was also clear that Envy had been experimenting on himself but not out in the world experiencing things. This had all come from the fact that he was a slime breeder.

He created the slimes. Manipulated them. Forced them out in to the world to be able to fight for him. He had no real experience. Now real strength but for theta he had altered his body to do. The slime core that had crumbled was the only evidence of strength that envy had.

"Envy wanted the strength of all the slimes and knowledge to be his. He even tried to take it and make himself part of it. But he never faced a real opponent because of that. He never trained or made himself stronger." Gil's negative opinion on this was all truth. The entire party knew this.

As the royal dragons changed their forms and stood around the party, they also shook their heads. "I hate that this monster caused so much trouble and was so weak." Terron was the one that felt the most annoyed. He believed that Envy had been a false strength. Someone that sent soldiers without having real power.

"That's very true. He was always hiding himself behind others. The slimes, the demon lord, and other sin title holders. I believe it was good we finally stopped him. All he did was cause a plague of slimes that could not even act on their own any more than they should." Su was glad to get this massive worry over it.

The more that everyone thought about it, this was somewhat amazing. The battle had not been long. But it had cost a massive amount of mana to be able to counter what Envy has changed himself to be.

Especially when it required the might and purity of manas from the dominator dragons to be able to properly counter the corrupted manas within the slime core.

However, it was also not that major. They had ended this battle and Walker had used a skull that managed to help the nature around them heal. Even the newly grown grasses and recovering bushes were months ahead of what they should be if they had to grow back without help at all.

"You awakened the nature dragon's domain that time." Ventus was proud. She was proud that the nature dragon they had all welcomed in, while human, was able to awaken a skill that had not been seen from generations when it came to the dragons. She also had spoken just to state the fact out loud. As if she had not fully grasped the understanding of it until she had spoken it out loud herself.

Before they could ask Walker more details about the nature dominator dragon the world had the announcement that was promised. The announcement no one knew what would happen with, especially since they had all seen a different quest, to be fair, some of the nearby forces were still fighting and dealing with remnant slimes.

The only slimes that remained, were the weaker and further from Envy in distance slimes. They were the ones that had not been able to near him when he called to sue them as fuel for his attacks. For his brutal and blatant disregard for nature as he used multiple forms of slime body to attack at once.

'The world has seen the freedom of all but one sin title holder. The sin titles are being reborn elsewhere. May the holders be blessed instead of cursed.'

The world announced this and it felt that this was a little more dark than what everyone expected. However, that was just that. The sin titles were never going away. They were part of the world. Part of a balance that everyone needed to accept at some point. Not a single person could say that they wanted everything with titles to disappear. Because that was the only way to just get rid of the sin titles. It would be to erase all titles. All accomplishments of great precedence.

'The virtue titles are being awakened due to the returning balance. The manas being balanced allow for the virtue titles to return to the world as they should. Celebrate those who have achieved a title of virtue or a lesser title of virtue or sin.'

The idea that there were lesser titles also meant something big. Many people already had lesser titles. They were titles that could be gained from doing known actions. While they offered almost nothing of a boon, the world still got them out to encourage everything to grow more through the system it was just part of the world. Just not an important one to mention.

'Titles will become more significant as the manas balance.'

The last sentence offered by the world shocked everyone. Titles were significant in some ways. The hero titles were major. They were so major that they could help certain people change their systems entirely. Many people would wonder just how it was possible or how things could happen like this.

Beyond that, the fact that titles would become more important and significant meant that the lesser titles would also be more important. Not that anyone was sure what this would mean. However, with a gasp, everyone noticed that Alice was somewhat glowing.

The light mana around her had burst up in radiance. She was also clearly seeing system messages that the rest of the party could not see. The party had no idea if she had just gained a title or what was happening, but Walker could sense that it was only good things.

From what he could see, Alice was always a kind person. She would stand against negativity and grow more to help everyone even at the cost of herself passing out from lack of mana constantly. This had happened so many times while she grew up in the cathedral, that it was common knowledge.

The high priest had managed to help her grow as if she was one of his own children even though he had not had children of his own. This raising had allowed her to see the worst injuries, but also the ways to save them. Her performances had allowed her to heal many people through her singing.

She had learned to hold herself back from even speaking a word or humming. This way, she had all of her mana saved so that she could save herself the mana to help others. She had also been able to learn other methods of helping people. Wrapping bandages, preparing clean water, and supporting other healers within the cathedral to save people.

This had made her the one and only, so called saint of singing and healing within Genesis now. Many people looked for her as a guide to what one should do if they wished to help. A literal template for how

a healer should live and breathe. Beyond that, she had managed to become very close with Su because of this.

When envy had fought, she had taken the chance to use her singing to heal and pass on light mana as much as possible. She also used her best songs to buff everyone. Not a single person was debuffed by her, even the monster they fought. She was protecting people. Shields of light, buffs to make them move faster, and even ways to heal their wounds as they happened.

All of this showed that she valued every single person alive. She wanted them to be safe and sound so that they could return to their families. So that they could return to their dreams so that they could push themselves to the point where they could see a bright light in the future of all joined forces together. So see peace.

'The title of Charity had been blessed on to one being that has been raised and loved by those who save, heal, and protect. This title has found its first title holder.'

The world had announced the first virtue title holder. It was a major event. One that everyone knew would have happened at some point. But it was nearly instantaneous with the virtue titles awakening.

"Congratulations. You finally have proof that the world knows just what kind of said you are." Walker said this as a little teasing joke since he was so proud. But he had no idea how true this was now.