

Master 211

Chapter 211 - 211.Seeing Ibis

Clara then pushed them to return upstairs and even further to head to the guild master's office. The dissection staff seemed to be in a frenzy with the monsters dropped off. Some seemed fairly unhappy by the burned up bodies, they much preferred the closest to how they normally existed in the wild. They did find some benefit in the fact that they could study the horned rabbit's anatomy under the stress of extreme heat though, many notes were added in this respect.

The artistic door of the guild master's office was already in front of them as Clara had pushed them all the way up the stairs. She wanted to get them there and have a reason to sit down for the first time all day. "Guild master, I have brought the Omnipotent party!" Clara said this while pushing open the door, she hadn't even knocked. Walker and the others hesitated but Clara walked right in and sat on an empty chair, she looked like she would have collapsed in to it anyways.

"Ah Clara, bold as always. Come in come in don't wait there all day." Ibis waved for them to all enter.

"We saw your events in the plains, I am sure you noticed the quest that showed up right after, and I am also sure you are wondering why?"

"Sir. I believe I actually know why. I can remember a story from my parents before they had established the farm." Ibis gave Gil a wide smile.

"Well then, Share it with your party, it should sound much better coming from you whose parents lived through it out on the fields." Ibis sat back getting comfortable while he let Gil take the lead.

Gil was proud to share something he had learned growing up and took the chance, "My parents were not yet able to get their own fields so my mother had been working on the outer fields with a close friend. My father had been away hunting when he came back suddenly. Most of those adventurers or travelers that had recently left the city returned, some hurt badly and others barely able to walk." Gil paused a moment trying to be suspenseful. "They said there were hundreds of horned rabbits coming their way and that there was no way to get past them. Naturally once enough people had reported this all of the guards were dispatched to the walls. The adventurers were also notified but it was not enough time. The horned rabbits had flooded in to the fields eating anything and everything they could since the seedlings had been recently planted. The spring had come early which brought them out of their hibernation almost a month early if I remember the story right." Gil thought another few minutes before something seemed to click. "The farmers fled their fields and found shelter in the walls, for hours the rabbits destroyed the young seedlings before the guards and adventurers teamed up to push them back. The city lost three quarters of its projected harvest. It was the greatest famine that caused a decline in

our population for three whole years." The others looked at Gil like he had become a living history book. The only thing they continued to wonder was why he didn't show this smart side of himself as often.

"Aha yes young Gil is spot on. The rabbits had no food out in the plains because the ice was still thick but they had already started their breeding. The increase in numbers was nothing but a disaster. Naturally they smelled out anything they could eat and left the plains in hordes. Every kingdom bordering the plains had a tough battle against them. Ever since we have kept strict watch for this kind of event to occur again. Luckily Clara noticed the abnormal amount of horned rabbits you defeated. This paired with her wise decision to check the archives lead to her immediate report and my response to use my power as the guild master. " Looking rather proud of himself, Ibis followed this up. "Naturally as the ones who discovered this outbreak however accidental it was, we at the guild will still honor the guild wide quest and reward you for the horned rabbits you defeated." This was great news for them, they had risked a lot for the experience and Walker had even seen it as a big disappointment due to his poor decision making. But now there was another silver lining, they had made some gold for the party which would only help them become stronger. The biggest lesson though was that they had managed to warn their kingdom of a massive threat to their soon to be planted crops. This would most likely extend to the other kingdoms that bordered the plains which would save many more from starvation.

"Thank you for that guild master Ibis." Walker made sure to be as polite as possible since it was such a great moment of enlightenment. "Actually we have reason to visit the king again and were hoping you could attend with us? The events of our travels to Ordist will most likely affect our guild and kingdom together." Walker knew this was not the time to share too much information so only shared this little bit. He still held the secrets of the letters and documents given to him, to personally deliver to the king. This was the utmost security he could give it since it was put away in his inventory skill which only he could access.

"I am certain the king will receive you at a moment's notice, it would seem you have all found out about the other details those travel medals give you. Especially since you know to wear a new sigil right next to them. " Ibis had sharp eyes and had been waiting to bring up the new symbol pinned to their clothing. This party had been building some very strong connections while away. They not only were close with the guild's close friends, the tamers. But they had also become close with the King of Ordist himself gaining his special sigil.

The entire party stood a bit taller recalling the things they had accomplished while in the demi-human kingdom. They were even more motivated now to travel around more and become stronger so that when they ventured there again they could show their new and now old friends how hard they had worked.

Ibis stood up and stretched slightly, "Now let this old man take you all for a walk to meet with royalty." Ibis laughed a bit, "Clara I will leave you in charge, don't fall asleep now." His words went unheard and Clara had already fallen asleep in her chair. "Ahh asleep already, you really work yourself too hard my granddaughter." Ibis almost whispered this but Walker was able to hear this and showed it on his face. Ibis gave him a small wink and strode through the door.

Walker couldn't help but think about how little the party actually knew about Clara. She rarely spoke about herself and had instilled within her a hard working serious individual who truly cared about everything she did in life. But she had not even said for a second that Ibis was her grandfather, The guild master of the adventurers guild was her grandfather and she was the first floor manager. This was a big deal and if the other adventurers knew this she would be swamped with those who wanted her as a manager to get in to the guild masters' good graces. This walos explained why she was able to so boldly walk in to his office without fear.

Walker almost was too stuck on this puzzle coming together that Ibis got too far ahead, he ran after the rest of the party and Ibis after softly closing the door and whispering goodbye to Clara. She always worked so hard and Walker promised himself to get her a gift from the party as a thank you. He would soon be bothering her with more work so it was only fair to thank her in advance also.

The group made it through the guild with ease, even the youngest adventurers knew that markings on Ibis's robes meant he was the master of the guild. They made a path for him to walk not daring to make any remarks, they feared saying anything improper could end their career, of course Ibis was not so cruel but what they did not know would not hurt them. It was good for them to have the proper respect.

Gil could swear that the second they left the guild there were more shadows than there should be following them but every time his eyes would focus on one he would find them gone. Ignoring this strangeness he ran his eyes and continued to follow behind Ibis. The guards at the inner gates allowed the, an easy entry and with a wave of his hand Ibis had gotten them into the inner walls of the castle as well. The party was greeted with a very familiar sight but slightly different this time.

Chapter 212 - 212. To The Castle

When they had passed through the smaller training courtyard of the castle a butler had greeted them and asked them why they had come to the palace. "We have business to report to the king. As you can see this party bears the proper identification to request a meeting." Ibis unexpectedly drew attention not only to the travel medals the party wore but also the marking of the king of Ordist and their silver plaques.

"Of course, we shall notify the king sir Ibis. Please follow me to a room for you all to rest." The butler led the, down a hall and to a larger room with lavished furniture. The couches were softer than any the

party had ever sat on before. The coffee table was made from an intricately carved wood that they could not identify. Ibis motioned for an attendant in the corner who rushed off at his signal. The attendant showed up with tea and a tray of small finger sandwiches in just a moment. This was the life of royalty, being waited on hand and foot.

"Now I hope you all remember the basics from the last time we met with the king? I do not expect you to go using a dragon's roar to intimidate those nobles again." Ibis laughing to himself added some sugar to his tea and drinking with a smug expression. He was making fun of Walker so casually!

"Of course we will not be, we have very important business to take care of." Before anyone else could reply Su was already there with a response, her cool demeanor making Walker feel that everything was in their right. She had already started to set herself up some tea and even poured cups for everyone else. They had no idea how long they would need to wait, they had come in without prior notice so they could be interrupting any matter of activities.

Onyx seemed to be enjoying the view of the well decorated room, Walker forgot that he had not been here to see it all the last time they visited the castle. This was indeed a very large feast for the eyes since there were so many handcrafted items in great detail. Midnight seemed much too comfortable finding a spot by a window where the sun was coming in and laying by it, She really had no sense of shame sometimes.

They enjoyed their peace and tea for a fair bit of time before the butler had returned with another attendant, "Honorable guests this attendant shall escort you to the king for your meeting." Ibis placed his cup down and motioned for the party to do the same. With some encouragement, Midnight left the warmth of the sun and headed along with them.

The slight stress at seeing the king and queen again was a bit strong to them but over their past experiences the party was able to steel themselves before reaching the larger doors that lead in to the king's court. The two large doors were opened for them by guards revealing the familiar sight. The king and queen sat upon their thrones showing no emotion, the king's gaze studied the party and seemed to pick apart any differences. His eyes rested on Onyx for a second making note of a new member to their party.

The queen may have been cool faced but Walker had a foreboding feeling that she wanted to see new skills and even examine Midnight's smaller wings. Her eyes had not left Midnight since the doors had opened. Scanning the room Walker realized that there were far less attendants this time around. A few of the nobles seemed familiar but others they had never seen before. Their sudden visitation had definitely changed the king's plans making less nobles and attendants show up than last time. Walker

was fairly glad to see this, he had worries that the more in attendance the harder it would be to tell the king the goings on in the demi-human kingdom.

The familiar face of one noble in particular was watching them very carefully. Markus Raven was frozen as he stared down Walker at the front of the party. His eyes had seen the snake wrapped around his shoulders. The worst part was that he knew Walker had learned of his fear of such creatures. This was the worst possible thing to happen, how could he counter the authority of children if they used such dastardly tricks against him.

"Welcome Ibis, how does the quest to exterminate horned rabbits proceed? Will I need to dispatch troops to assist?" The king was all business, he had also seen the guild wide quest and gathered his own information on the dangers of the outbreak. The famine had been the largest stain on his entire time as king and he did not wish to relive the loss of so many lives.

"I greet you, my king. The adventurers guild has sent one of our strongest members, the vice guild master to the plains to clean things up. Along with the efforts of our other groups a total of one thousand two hundred and seventy eight horned rabbits have been reported as defeated. I currently believe that we will not face any such attacks on the seedlings in the fields again. However we would greatly appreciate having some scouts sent out to assist in finding large groups to send out parties too." Ibis gave his report firmly and efficiently. This was the exact kind of response Walker would have to improve on to get to. The information was easy to follow and understand leaving no confusion to what was happening or needed.

"Then it shall be so, I will have sixty scouts send to assist. They will report to your guild hall under my orders within the hour." One guard by the door promptly left the room to relay this order. "I see you have brought the young hero party with you again." The king made this general statement to see what the response would be.

"Yes, they were the ones who wished for this audience. They recently traveled to the demi-human kingdom and wish to speak to you now that they had returned."

The king raised a hand to his chin, "I see, from the looks of things I believe things went well." The king looked directly at the symbol of king Rorick they now wore.

Walker stepped equal to Ibis and gave a short bow before pulling the documents from his storage. "Since we bore the mark of an emissary from our kingdom the king of Ordist gave us a task for our journey back. We have these documents from King Rorick. We also should share our encounter with a

demon who was intentionally poisoning and selling cursed items there." Walkers's words caused a stir through those present. The talk of a demon doing such terrible things to the citizens of Ordist was very shocking. On top of this the party had acted as emissaries for their kingdom and shared knowledge with the king? Why would they so young be trusted with such tasks?

"So you found out the secondary meaning behind those medals. I do apologize for not sharing that with you but I thought it useful to give you something that showed you were protected by our kingdom." An attendant came and took the documents from Walker. The king did not look through them immediately and instead told the attendant to bring them to his study for later. This was a trick the king had learned after some time. He could look upon these documents in peace and make more sound decisions alone than when influenced by his court.

Walker waited for the attention to focus on them, again and began telling their story from the second they entered the gates of Ordist. Many of the attendants and nobles wore their hearts on their sleeves as Walker spoke. They could not imagine that the king of Ordist had made a tournament to test them in just a day, not only this but had actually rewarded them for their actions.

The news of how they came across and helped apprehend the demon with general Scylla made some of the commanders of their kingdom's army gain very serious faces. The generals of the demi-human kingdom had often sparred with some of their kingdoms knights when visiting for yearly meetings. Naturally the demi-human's general;s had show fierce strength that warranted great respect. It was big news for even the most elite warriors to have been watched by a general leg alone a young adventurer which was in theory nowhere near the ranking of an elite in the army.

The king and queen listed quietly absorbing the story and waiting for any additional information. Each word Walker had spoken was weighed for truth and exaggeration by them, however they both felt that every word was genuine. "It would seem much has happened for your Omnipotent party in this journey. We are glad you have returned to the kingdom safe and sound." The queen spoke up before the king, she obviously could not contain herself much more.

Chapter 213 - 213. Queenly Curiosity

The queen had lost the cold poker face and allowed her curiosity to show. The King even smirked a bit at this ready to see what amusing things his queen was about to dig up. Walker had expected fully that queen Marian would want to see some interesting skills and even want to try and see the changes in Midnight. Walker decided that before they got dragged back in to the serious conversation it would be best to humor her. "As I am sure you remember, I wanted you to bring some interesting things for me to see the next time you visited, Leader of the Omnipotent party." The look in her eyes showed fierce fire.

Walker stood up "My queen I have a very large amount of things I could share with you, but I must say this breeze is too troublesome for me to explain properly." Queen Marian looked rather confused, as did most of the nobles, even Ibis was lost to thin.

"I can not say I feel the slightest of drafts, are you feeling unwell?" Queen Marian was a bit worried now.

"Well how could you not feel this breeze?" Walker lifted a hand and channeled a single mana in to the air then slapped downwards causing a soft gust to fly through the room. It was not strong but it was enough to ruffle the hair upon everyone's head. "Even the light seems to be playing tricks on my eyes." Walker then used his elemental manipulation to form a bit of a rainbow from the sunlight coming through the small high up windows. The queen was no longer confused but smiling openly. Seeing that there was more Walker could do he smiled himself.

There were decorative torches lit in the room that could serve a greater purpose. " Well my queen I have fooled around long enough. I would like to introduce you to someone new." Walker channeled his mana and pulled the flames toward him. This worried the guards but the king waved them off. The young adventurer was not the type to cause real trouble, the hero title was proof of this. "My queen I would like you to meet you!" Walker had looked upon every detail of the queen's sitting body and manipulated the flames in to a flame doll of her. The flame doll stood and waved at the real queen. "This flame doll may lack the true appearance of your highness but it is fairly interesting. Please go and greet the queen and keep her company while I introduce our newest party member. Be sure to applaud." Walker gave a sly smile as he watched the flame doll follow his orders. The fire still pulled from the decorative torches every few minutes but did not harm anyone or even get too near. The flame doll hovered in the air as if it was sitting like the queen.

"Well hello me, enjoy the young adventurers showing off." Queen Marian giggled gleefully at her new flame companion. The flame doll mirrored her before tuning its head to the party again.

"My King and My Queen, please meet our party's newest member. This is my younger brother Onyx." Onyx who had been carefully observing lifted his head and raised his body a bit. His tongue slipped in and out of his mouth smelling the air.

"It is a pleasure to meet you." Onyx spoke within their minds his greeting which was another shock to the two. They did not expect the black serpent to be able to use a telepathic ability to speak to them.

"Honey, isn't that little snake very polite?" Queen Marian was pleasantly surprised by this new addition to her quickly growing favorite party.

"Oh yes dear, a very nice addition to the young party. I am sure that he will prove invaluable." Having the king approve of her thoughts she turned again.

"Ah Onyx if you want to show off a bit more feel free to show off how you rest. Midnight I know you are very excited to show off yourself. I think your skeletal armor would be perfect." Midnight who had remembered the praise from the queen was quick to move in front of Walker. She gave a look at Onyx who was turning in to ink and becoming a tattoo wrapping around Walker.

Midnight gave herself a shake and white bone started to form around her. The armor wrapping around her scales became tougher. Bone spikes that protruded gave off a deathly sharpness. Her wings seemed to also benefit from this skill becoming a bit more defined, this had been the fruit of her practice before eating or sleeping.

The queen's eyes were popping out of her head, these were two monsters skills that she as a royal would never see in her life. Not only was she seeing an extremely rare abyssal serpent but it was demonstrating a skill it was born with. The dragon was showing off its bloodline skill to create bone armor out of thin air. The look was intimidating, everyone in the room was in awe at the difference between the small dragon that had stood there to the now terrifying looking creature of battle.

"Excellent, truly excellent! You have proven to be some of the most interesting adventurers I have ever seen. You will have my full support whenever you may need it!" Queen Marian had never had someone so open to show off with her. The flame doll at her side was even applauding the new skills she had just witnessed. Most nobles or guests would try to show off and gain her favor, thus it had become one of her favorite pastimes since she was often stuck in the castle. Now that she had found someone who was not promising to show her skills for an immediate reward but instead doing so just because she asked she decided they deserved special attention.

King August managed to call the queen after a few moments, "Walker, how long will your flame creation last? It seems that you may be feeding it too much mana." The king first inquired about his worry. If the young hero was to pass out in the court he may lose some of the nobles backing the party that had accomplished so much. The king had been trying to use his leverage and knowledge on titles to make as many powerful nobles support the party from behind the scenes. Some resisted not wanting to see any power leave their grasp while others took the opportunity to strengthen their bond with the king. Others backed them just because it was an interesting change in the kingdom.

"That is the best part my king, once I use mana to cast and manipulate the flames in to a flame doll it can survive as long as it has a source of energy to thrive on. When it is defeated forcefully though it does explode with a loud back to disorient an enemy." This information on the skill was very impressive, for the guards in the room they saw this as an almost perfect warning system, if an intruder attacked a flame doll guarding the doors then it would not only notify other guards with noise, but also halt the enemy. Many were jealous and wished to ask the young adventurer to leave some as guards.

The king had also thought of this." If you tell your flame doll to only follow my queen's orders and ignore yours will it be able to do so?" Walker was not sure about this either and decided that it would look better to discover this with the entire court present. He had lost all anxiousness from before. The rest of the party were naturally a bit more put off. Su trusted his judgment but Gil and Remey were a but stuck in their own heads worried that Walker would somehow cause another stir with a noble. Markus Raven naturally seemed much more tame than before which also put them at ease.

"We can experiment with that if you would like?" Walker turned to the flame doll, "Please ignore any order that is not from the queen. Even my own." The flame doll stopped and sat completely still, the queen thought hard on this.

"Stand up and raise your right hand." The flame doll was slow but did exactly as instructed. The queen nodded to Walker.

"Lower your hand and come here" Walker waited eagerly as the flame doll was still. Had their experiment worked? Moments passed and Walker was just about to call it a success when the flame doll stopped taking in fire from the torches and slowly burned out. "Ah it seems that since it could not follow my orders since I created it, it got stuck and stopped doing anything."

"That is a disappointment but I am sure you will find great value in it for when you sleep." The king's dreams of having an army of flame dolls to guard their vaults came crashing down.

Chapter 214 - 214. Proposition

"Now that we have had our fun, I would like to ask your party a question. What do you all think about demons now that you have met them?" The king was much more serious, even queen Marian now held her poker face. Walker motioned for his party to speak first.

"My king, I believe that their kingdom has harsh values that cause a large amount of pain, however I do believe they are not all as bad as the stories have made them to be. We have already met one that has been through a pretty rough upbringing that is very pure at heart," Gil used his best demeanor to deliver his thoughts. The sweat on his brow was a thin sheen but his stance was firm, he believed this to his core.

Remey was the next to speak, "I agree with my party member, demons seem to like to play tricks and want to avoid a good punch but that does not mean they are weak. I think they are a force to be reckoned with." Remey was still pretty rough around the edges but her words still had an impact.

Walker was grateful that Su was speaking next. "My king, My queen, I have never had a younger sibling, only an older brother who left home never to return due to their own greed. I long thought myself a single child but recently met a little demon that deserves a true older sister. I had an idea that I could potentially stand as the example of the need in life. I hope that for other mistreated demons that that possibility is also there." Walker had never pried in to the story behind Su's older brother put of respect but now he was much more curious. Even more so he felt that she was going through a change in how she saw herself.

Before the king could say another word Onyx translated for Midnight, "Sister says that she likes her new friend and wishes to make more when she is strong enough to go on another adventure.

" Onyx took a short pause, "I believe in the little demon girl who finds me cute." Walker had not expected the two to speak up as well but was proud of their blunt thoughts that left nothing up for debate.

"And you leader of the omnipotent party?" The king looked at him waiting for his reply.

"There may be those who just wish to cause trouble. There may be a very brutal hierarchy where power is the only thing that matters. And there may be things I have yet to understand when it comes to demons. But what I do know is that just like humans some are cruel and others are kind. I would prefer to give those that can be kind the chance to do so."

Some nobles seemed to nod in agreement while others shook their heads in disagreement. Walker had unwittingly just taken up his stance on the potential war with the demons. "You have a wise heart and that definitely has gained you respect today. I will look upon the documents you have delivered to me with your words in my mind. Thank you for your service to the country, I king August Bernard Diamond welcome you home." The king wanted to make his stance clear that these adventurers were serving

under him, this cemented his standing and their standing to the nobles present. The queen nodded at this showing her own approval.

After this an attendant came to their side and ushered them from the courts. This was also the way for the king to send them on their way. The party wanted to get a little revenge for the surprise of them being emissaries but instead had found themselves to be played like a fiddle. They are too inexperienced in the ways of royalty and have not at all resisted the guidance of the king or queen.

"Hahah I see you are all struggling with those within the court. Give it about ten years and you may be able to see how things connect." Ibis seemed to be in fairly good spirits having seen how things went, this young party seemed to be following in his footsteps when it came to navigating royalty. He had once been lost in the sea of hidden meanings and back door conversations that he had almost ended up engaged to a noble's daughter he had never met. Coincidentally he had in turn met that daughter and fallen in love years later. Ibis saw much of his younger self in these adventurers.

Lost in thought, guild master Ibis led the way back towards the guild, however before they could leave the courtyard an attendant rushed out. Having stopped the party and Ibis in their tracks the attendant quickly escorted them to a side hallway. The party and Ibis who seemed calm as all else climbed step after step upwards in to a tower. The path they had taken seemed to swirl in their minds so much so that without the help of the attendant they did not believe they would ever leave this tower again. Ibis had reached a door in front of him and the attendant had rushed off.

Ibis opened the door and stepped in to a large room with a table and desk full of papers. Maps seemed to spill over the sides of the large table along with many colored flags each depicting different nations. This was by far the most detailed map that Walker had ever seen. His mental archive skill was working overtime memorizing every single detail. With this Walker felt he would never need a generic map again. The desk seemed to have many important documents all marked with their kingdom's seal. Walker wanted to ask where they had been brought but Ibis raised a hand to tell them to wait.

Their wait was rewarded when the door they had entered through opened again just ten or so minutes later. The king strode through the door looking much more worn out than he had before. This seemed to be the true face of the king instead of the tough poker face he always wore when in the court. "I am glad my attendant was able to grab you before you got too far ahead. Ibis you could not have possibly been trying to leave so you would not have to ascend these stairs."

"Of course not King August, I would never dare." Ibis became more casual with the king here making them all feel they were somewhere special where the regulations of the court may not be held too strongly.

"I see you are all very curious, This is my private study, as you can tell only those with my permission can even get here let alone leave. I wished to speak to you in private. I am very impressed with what my spies have told me of your activities while away." Seeing the looks on their faces he knew he needed to elaborate. "It is very normal to have spies in other nations even when friendly with them, it is mostly to gather gossip and other information. I know of a few from the demi-human kingdom here in our very own country, one is even a member of my court. It is a fairly common occurrence." seeing that they were still confused and curious the king took a seat at the desk and gestured to the table with all the maps. "That is the entire continent that we know of. There are many different races, some of which you have already met. I as king see you as the title holders of this kingdom. To me that means you will all rise in power whether you like it or not. If even a single one of you had said in the court that you wanted to go against the demons then the chances of it actually happening would double. We as a kingdom are close enough to the demons to know things are on unsteady ground. They are constantly at odds with demi-humans and the elves hate that their entire race exists. Our kingdom has played moderator up until recently. I say this because they have cut off communication and any information gatherers had been forced out of the territory. This had put all three kingdoms in a state of unease, this stretches farther however. Those in the dwarven land and even the mountains of some ancient dragon kind have reported rumors of demons trying to involve themselves in affairs." The king looked strained. "I would like to ask your party to travel to these kingdoms and represent us to try and keep the balance of peace. My reasoning is the title you all hold. I do not believe a hero is just the hero of humans but of life itself." The king had some wise words and adequately shocked the party. Ibis had taken a seat and was smiling smugly, he had known this was coming all along.

Chapter 215 - 215. Future Journey

Walker was not sure what to say in this situation, the hero title seemed to have brought them to yet another intense decision. "My king-" Walker was interrupted by the king's wave unhappy with how he was being addressed. "King August..." The king nodded accepting this. "Aren't there better choices for this kind of mission? I know the kingdom should have some with emissary systems."

"That may be true but by sending one with the title of hero we could show that we not only trusted the kingdoms to safeguard our valuable title holders but furthermore that we have the best interests of all in mind. Heroes are known for being righteous sending an entire party worth would inspire their citizens to assist us." The king looked at each of them equally. "You are all young, the future of this generation. Not only will you represent a way for those with the dreams to rise up to soar but also to rest at ease knowing that there are those who stand against the wrongs in the world." These were some hefty words that weighed on the party.

"Oh you are starting to stress them out, that kind of speech will only make them worry. Look you all are very important to the king's political game, a hero in name alone can spur many to action. Thankfully you have all been seen doing exactly what a hero would so far, save and protect citizens of the world. This had just been reinforced by your actions in Ordist. The king only asks you to expand your horizon and go on bigger adventures.' Ibis looked back at king August, "Now what was the place you would like them to venture to in a few months?" Ibis had already expected the king to over complicate his meanings and patiently waited to translate.

"Ah yes, thank you Ibis. Like your guild master said I would just like to ask you to head to a specific place in a month or so. As you know we are entering spring, many kingdoms are the same. With the spring comes the flooding and rain storms that cause trouble for many." The king stood and moved to the large table full of maps, "Here is our kingdom, since we have surrounded ourselves with out fields we can see far around us without problem. Other kingdoms have other such environments. The forests take in the rain and grow intensely. The elves have many troubles controlling this intense growth but are very used to it having many nature based systems. The case is different here." The king pointed north near the foot of the mountains. "The dwarves have to worry over flooding mines and treacherous monsters that are able to thrive in the new water filled areas. This would all be the normal seasonal challenges but for some reason there have already been a few strange monster sightings." The king seemed to be worried.

"I can take it from here, my guild did the scouting for these locations." Ibis had sent a select few specialized in scouting to check this phenomenon out. "These two kingdoms have documented two new species of slimes that seem to have come from nowhere. Slimes as you know usually freeze during the winter and are dormant but during the rainy season defrost and thrive. Usually they are not a problem and easily disposed of by younger tier parties. But there were sightings of a purple slime that seemed to rot and kill any plants it came in to contact with. The thought was that these came from the swamps and moved in to the forest for food. However when the slimes were captured and brought to the swamp they immediately became agitated and left the area. Furthermore they are very different from the normal green decaying slimes that live in the swamp, we have a suspicion they were bred and left in the forest to run amok." Ibis stroked his beard letting them grasp this before continuing. "This is similar in the dwarven mines where normally grey slimes that eat metal ore survive. Instead there's a yellow slime that secretes acid. It is dissolving any ore constantly. Both of these locations have had strange sightings on different times weeks apart of a person with horns, a demon."

"So you think a demon somehow managed to get two new slime species and left them in the places they would cause the most damage." Remey was standing a bit taller showing off her intellect at seeing where this was going.

"Yes that is correct, We can only fear what would happen if either slimes grew out of control. Even more since they seem very drawn to the specific areas we believe they have been controlled by this demon that has been sighted. I as king would like to issue a request to slay slimes in the elven forest. We have

contacted their kingdom and received permission to send a party there, Unfortunately the dwarves are too possessive of their mines and refuse out aid, The elves on the other hand will always welcome a helping hand hunting a demon. Your party can not only carry our medal to represent our kingdom but also fulfill your hero title by helping to eliminate a threat that may destroy the sun hollow forest and even more so the elven kingdom." King August had again laid heavy words upon their shoulders, however this time Remey seemed to be immune to it.

"If we take this can we get access to any of the research done on these new slimes? I have a friend who would find it very interesting, we could make some great potions with new slimes." Walker connected the dots, Remey had a passion for alchemical potion making, she may only have made simple things but with Walker's help she saw the potential to do her own experiments just like she saw the old man in the alchemist building doing when she was younger.

"Of course you would be allowed to have them, we will even add in some rare slime samples from various other lands. If that would help you in your endeavors." The king saw this opportunity and wanted to maximize it, Remey had given him too much to bait her with.

"Walker! Say yes." Remey glared at him and knew he had to accept this. Gil was sighing in relief for once Remey was not directing her anger on him at all.

"King August we are interested, you said we would leave in a month? Is this because of the rules for who can travel in the depths of the sun hollow forest near the elven kingdom?" Walker was always curious about the elusive elves. They were much more solitary due to their longer lifespans and focus on nature based . Most would not even leave the forest their whole lives.

"Exactly that, no as king I officially request your party to help in this matter." The system heard this and quickly generated a quest.

' Royal relations: slime trouble

The king of the Crystal kingdom has asked the party to investigate the source of new slime species causing damage to important ecosystems.

Requirements:

Travel to the deep sun hollow forest in one month.

Slay and investigate the new slime species.

Discover the cause of the slime invasion.

Build connections within the elven kingdom's deep Hollow forest territory.

Rewards:

Slime samples from various species.

900exp

Additional rewards determined at completion'

The system laid out exactly what the king had intended. This quest was generated from King August requesting something, therefore Walker was surprised to see that additional rewards could be added after completion. The experience was also high seeing that the party would be gaining new species of slime remains and experience, They would also be one of the few parties that had experience fighting the, meaning the adventurers guild would most likely have them teach a class or fill out an informational document.

"King August, we have received the quest. We look forward to departing in a month, is there anything else we would need to know before we leave, we have a lot to prepare for now." Walker was rapidly building a plan to train, grow new seedlings, and work on everyone's gear in the coming month. This all needed to be started so when they left to research this new slime species and their cause they would be in top condition. He also had the goal of unlocking the heroic leveling system at level fifteen. Remey was currently the closest to this.

"Yes, before you leave I will give you documents to share with the Elves that patrol the deep Sun Hollow forest, They will most likely stop you to warn you as you enter. My letter with the seals of both elves and our kingdom will allow you entrance. Now get on your way, I would hate to ruin your preparation, my

queen and I are eager to see you grow stronger." At these final words Midnight puffed up her chest knowing that she would show up again to impress them. She was very happy being in the presence of the royalty that always seemed so interested in her greatness. Her ego was taking off.

Chapter 216 - 216. Planning A Garden

Ibis exchanged a few letters with the king then left out the door to lead the party. On the other side of the door they found the same attendant that led them up waiting to show them down. There was nothing to block them as they left through the castle gates, many soldiers seemed to be escorting various nobles in and out, it would seem the king would be very busy due to the news he received about the demon causing trouble in the demi-human kingdom.

"I would like to spend more time with you youngsters but I have a feeling you have a lot to do. Off you go back to Amethyst mansion to get yourselves ready. I will send you all a little something to welcome you home." With that Ibis moved off walking much faster than they expected him capable of. Walker was still. Thinking on how things would progress this month when he further remembered his desire to stop at the cathedral and see Alice. He was also remembering the VIP auction ticket, he wondered if he could find something very unique to purchase. There was also the monster materials from the greater ice imp along with the snow from the snow golem that when melted would make a pure water perfect for potions, he was willing to bet that some would sell at a very high price. Walker knew he should not dwell on money so much but with the extra gold he could afford to boost the party's safety by purchasing more materials for gear along with light and darkness crystals for Onyx and Midnight.

While they walked, Walker decided to start things out, "Gil when we get back can you ask your mother to come and chat for a bit? We have the new seeds for her and also the other seeds we received from Immortal king and the others we've picked up as we went."

"Sure thing, we should be planting seeds within the week if we want to have a good harvest this year." Remey seemed to perk up hearing this, she knew that they would be growing plenty of medicinal herbs as well.

"We will need some planted near the alchemy workshop, there are herbs that need to be picked fresh to be best used." She aimed these words at Gil to make sure her point was getting through, she wanted everything to be perfect. Unfortunately Gil was distracted thinking of the fruits that were soon to grow that he could feast on. Cating him like this Remey decided to torment him with punches the entire walk back. Su seemed to find it fairly comforting to be back in the city walking the streets without worry.

Luckily as they got to the gates of the mansion Gil did not have to even run off to look for his mother, she happened to be in the gardens preparing plots and an area to walk through already. Most of the snow in the garden had either been spread out to melt faster or completely removed. This was a habit

from when they were in the fields that his mother had kept because of how much earlier the plants could start to take root once the soil had warmed up. She saw them entering and gave them a wave. Su, Midnight and Onyx went inside to find a fire, Su seemed to want to go and chat with her parents a bit since they had really not spoken at all when they had returned.

"So now that you are all back what are your big plans? Not going to sleep for a week I hope!" She was joking around enjoying the sun that was shining down in the garden while she had been working. Gil was much happier seeing the mood she was in working for herself instead of toiling away on crops that would be required to be sold to the kingdom for their survival.

"Mom I haven't told you about all the things we have brought back for you!" Gil seemed to act much more child like when he was excited to share these things with his mother, Remey was holding back a laugh since she did not want to tease him too much in front of his family.

"Me? What could you have possibly found that you want to give me? Actually...it must be food you want me to try to grow? Ever since you and your father found those wild blueberries you have been bringing me the most random things you think I want to grow." With this Remey was unable to hold herself, the image of a small Gil running to his mother holding armfuls of wild fruits or plants was just too adorable.

"Pfft no of course not its just something we found in the demi-human kingdom." Gil became way too bashful at the question. Walker noticed that Gil's mother had been using a rake to tear at the soil on the ground, however he had no idea how she managed to do it. The ground was still very frozen!

"Ah you're curious huh? It's like that skill some earth mages have where they can shape the ground but a bit better. I can use specific farming tools to grind up even the toughest spoil to prepare to plant seedlings, now is the best time to get it ready you know! As soon as the first rains start this soil will soak it up and be ready to provide for any little seedlings I wish to nurture." Gil's mother looked very pleased that Walker was taking an interest in the garden, she had always wished her son Gil had more of a green thumb but had taken more after his father. That did not mean she did not love him, just that she always felt lacking in the terms of passing down knowledge on skills. She was nearly blind to the fact that she had constantly taught her son how to properly define whether a plant was suitable to eat or not by explaining qualities and characteristics. This was the key to all his knowledge on foraging within a forest or really any environment.

Walker pulled out the various seed and fruits they had. Gil's mother had an excited glint in her eyes seeing these, she beckoned them over to an old stone bench she had dug from the overgrown thorns and bushes previously. "Place down your treasures here let me take a good look." She wanted to waste no time, seeing the fruits she only could give Gil a knowing look.

"Mom, if you could grow some of these fruits I think it would be really nice. Walker's mother can even use them too so it will help both of you level up and experiment with something new..."His voice trailed off in the end trying not to prove his mother's point.

She slapped him on the shoulder, "Yes yes I know Hilda would love some new fruits, have you seen those pies she baked with apples. I can only imagine what she could do with these." She took the fruits in her hand, she slit the kiwi open and pulled the tiny black seeds from them. They were smaller than grains of sand but seemed to stay in her hand without any chance of falling or being lost. The seeds on the strawberries seemed to fall off in to her hands as well. Watching her expertly gather the seeds was something every farmer in the fields could do with their system, it was very common. However Walker had never witnessed this and to him it was very amazing. Remey had seen alchemists do something similar when preparing herbs for potions. They would try and save seeds so that another generation could be grown for the next batch of potions. "Now watch how well my speed dry skill makes these little seeds ready for planting." Gil's mother held them openly in her palms, the seeds seemed to give off a bit of steam in the chilly air. Their color faded a bit and soon they looked to be perfectly dried seeds that had been stored and prepared for the spring. It was a skill only Gil had ever witnessed out of the three of them.

"These other seeds are more potion ingredients, this dragon fruit can be used by Midnight or special classes to get stronger so I hope you can help it grow in to a bountiful tree. This is the rare angels wing it can greatly enhance potions and I have heard it normally grows in high altitudes, I hope it's a good enough challenge for you." Walker smiled seeing that this really seemed to get her fired up. Walker grabbed the small pouch and pulled the drawstrings open, "These seeds are a gift we received, they are mostly extinct plant species. I have no clues to what they can be used for but I am sure we can make a big splash in the world by growing them"

Chapter 217 - 217. Extinct Plants

Walker's words had brought an excited smile to Gil's mother's face, no farmer she had ever heard of had brought a plant back from extinction. "Do you know what they are called? I would love to be the mother of these forgotten species." She wanted to snatch the seeds and start growing them this minute but wanted to have Walker give them a good look since she knew he had an appraisal skill.

"Well don't let us wait, we don't know what the seeds are either you have the appraisal skill." Remey was impatient and gave him a few hits to the shoulder trying to get his butt in gear. Walker looked at Gil for support but found he was also excited to know what plants these were.

"Um well give me a minute. There are four different ones. I will read what the system tells me from my all around appraisal skill." He mourned his sore shoulder for a moment before separating four different looking seeds and used his skill.

' Oozing vine seed

This seed is the last remaining of the oozing vine. This plant is known to grow in dark places loving the natural darkness mana. It's flowers are completely black and extremely poisonous to ingest. They can be ground and used as a very strong pain killer when spread on an open wounds

Weeping willow tree seed

This seed will grow in to a large tree with branches that seem to fall to its side like tear drops. The tree blooms in the spring with soft white fuzz, the pollen is very potent. The strong pollen has a relaxing effect on any that breathes it in and will clear the affected's mind. Many scholars once found great enlightenment through using this pollen causing the tree to be hunted to extinction.

Blood fruit seed

This seed is the last remaining of the blood fruit bush species of plant. The blood fruit used to grow in many places all over sunny areas. The fruit produced is a very small red cherry like fruit. The fruit has the unique ability to assist in the replenishment of the body's blood. This species was over harvested by researchers.

Spirit lily seed

This seed is known to exist in multiple aspects of the world. Growing in water this lily is often found in untouched forest ponds. This will grow translucent leaves and flowers making it seem to be a spirit or ghost. Any part of the plant can be used to create potions that boost al attack for a set limit of time. They are extremely hard to grow and absolutely detest being touched, they will die at the slightest injury to their stems or leaves. They only grow from the root up and after blooming will release three seeds.'

This was a lot of information to take in, these plants had all been forced to extinction and were thought to be completely lost to the world. Walker understood why some of them had been over farmed. The blood fruit sounded like it was invaluable for medics, or healers to have with them while trying to treat injuries. The oozing vine also must have similar uses.

The weeping willow sounded like it would have been highly sought after by those with crafting or artistic systems. Seeing that Immortal king had told them that it used to grow in the ancient ruins before they were ruins was a great attribution to why their research in to immortality must have had leaps and bounds. Falling in to a state of enlightenment to pursue new ideas and forms would be extremely advantageous.

The last seed was more easily explained, this plant was simply too delicate, how could something that could die from the slightest injury to itself even survive in nature. Not only that but it could only produce three seeds after blooming once? The appraisal also said it grew from the root, so in theory would that mean it could bloom again if it was able to grow unharmed?

"These all seem very promising. I really want to get my hands on the spirit lily. I have never heard of a plant so soft and strange, If I can get it to grow in that little training pond in the field we could have a rather mystical view to witness when we eat. Oh I can just imagine the looks of it in the moonlight." This image settles in all of their minds the second she said it. Translucent flowers and leaves blowing in the wind under the light of a full moon. One could even say they saw spirits dancing over this.

"I believe we could have the most unique garden in the continent." Gil spoke up, visibly excited by the prospect.

"Well first things first, I will need to start some of these out growing. I can use my rapid growth skill to get their roots established. These blood fruit bushes would make a nice hedge for around the walls...The oozing vine can grow up the trellises I wish to place on the walking path around the garden." Gil's mother was already setting up a mental image of where things would be placed. She had the ability to influence how they would grow due to her skills and knew that she could properly guide the vines in to the perfect shapes to hold an archway. "That weeping willow seed would be nice by the pond for some shade, and by the bench here for drinking tea. I have so much to do now!" She grasped the rake and took the seeds in her hand. She had rushed off to another corner of the garden before they could even get another word in. This seemed to be a trend lately in people going off or dismissing them too caught up in their own world.

"Well mom will get everything growing just fine, you just watch in a few weeks we will have plenty of new plants taking root and brightening things up. I can't wait to eat new fruit all the time." Gil seemed

to catch the virus from Midnight that caused her to only think about food. Walker and Remey gave each other a look before Remey hit Gil square in the shoulder.

"Let's get inside, I feel like we will need to get our other goals taken care of see we can all help plant in a few weeks." Walker refused to leave it all on Gil's mother at the end of the day, he also wanted to gain a few planting skills, they could be very valuable when he was trying to gain medicinal herbs for potions. Remey would undoubtedly also want to help since she was more or less the expert in the party on herbs for teas or potions. "By the way Remey, we should visit the alchemist building tomorrow, I want to see if your friend there would like some of the snow golem's body. We might be able to trade for some other herb seeds."

"Oh he would kill for some of that, we can get much more than just seeds." Remey seemed to become much like a devil in that sentence, she would really extort that old man for everything she had. "I also need to stop at the orphanage since I just got back, I have plenty to share with them." She seemed a bit sad at this, she had been thinking about her siblings a lot while on the journey back. Luckily they had been plenty busy and she was distracted from such thoughts.

The three made it inside only to find that everyone was all in the dining hall fighting over a table full of food, it would seem they were having an early dinner to celebrate their return properly. "You three really needed to take your time huh? I made all this food and only Midnight had the kindness to come and compliment it. Onyx you really are such a dear to let me know how she like the taste of my roast chicken." Hilda was patting Onyx on the head, Walker had not even noticed Onyx had left him to go inside. This was something Onyx seemed to be very good at and it was only more evidence to how well his species survived in the shadows.

"Mother we had to report some things to the guild and the castle, they even asked us to leave again in only a month! We will eat all your food before we are stuck with dried meats and breads again!" Walker tried to butter his mother up since he had felt rude not coming in earlier. Gil smiled, now Walker could look foolish getting some scolding from his mother.

"Now I was told by Su that the guild would be bringing me something that you had all hunted?" Walker was reminded of the horned rabbits being dissected and quickly confirmed in the system that the gold was added to their party account. This meant that they had been dissected, Clara had even sent a message saying that the monster materials were going to be delivered at no charge to the mansion. She really worked hard!

"Exactly, Su beat us to the punch. We defeated a lot of horned rabbits, I thought you would like to try out some new recipes and smoke the meat. If i can remember right you have a bunch of spices you have

never had the chance to use in your cooking? Well now that you don't have to rely on orders to make a living you can test anything out you want!" Walker had also become excited by the food. He had caught the virus too.

Chapter 218 - 218. Orbs

Hilda looked happily at Walker, she was proud that her son had been thinking so much about her and her dreams. "That sounds like just the kind of things I would like to do." She ruffled his hair, "Should I test the spicy peppers I found in the market? They were too strong for my clients but now I can give them a proper attempt. They have been dried for a while but will be excellent roasted with a stock..." She became lost in her plans, she had memorized many recipes and wanted to start writing these new ideas immediately. Walker could only imagine how many cookbooks would be written and added to the library, he made a mental note to add a new shelf for her to place them on. The library would be gaining a cooking section next to its potion making section.

"Walker! Get over here and eat! Your mother baked an apple pie!" Garret dragged him to the food, with out any hesitancy her

The night went on fairly calm while the party told stories of the outbreak and how many horned rabbits they had seen. Lisa refused to leave Walker alone until he had told her every detail about their stay with the rabbit tribe. Walker had the feeling that she would have been telling Otis he had cute ears to his face. Garret was much like Lisa but he insisted about knowing all the details to what the tamers headquarters were like and what new beats he had seen there. This was definitely where Lisa had gotten her love for stories from.

Before they had all wen their separate ways to sleep Walker asked Su if she wanted to head to the alchemist building with him and Remey the next day. She was unsure why until Walker said that Remey would be going to the orphanage after so he and Su could go to the cathedral to help out. She had agreed easily wanting to go and be of use, Walker also explained the uses of some of the seeds soon to be grown in the garden and that made Su even more excited. She could not help but wonder how helpful they would be to those injured and brought for healing.

With that the morning came quick enough, they weren't planning on leaving early so Walker chose to head outside and practice his elemental manipulation. With the knowledge that he could better manipulate the elements with clearer imagination and focus Walker wanted to make a breakthrough on the light element. Partly because he had promised he would have more to show Alice when he saw her next. Also because he had realized just how far away he was from properly using it .

Maria had shown another use for the light element which was to bend it around a person and make them invisible. Doing this was a lost concept to Walker who did not even understand how it was

possible. He had barely even used the light element to try and blind an opponent. This being said he thought he may be better off trying to find an alternate use. The forest was most likely a shaded place that required some light, using a fire bolt there would be a very poor choice as it could cause a massive fire. This reasoning made him want to have some form of light creation or spell to keep their surroundings lit at night or even during the day.

Walker first used some mana to create the little rainbow he had done before. Using it as a guideline he memorized the colors and tried to make them form in to a sphere. He imagined the rainbow forming a circle of color that spread light around in all directions. His mana started to be consumed a bit more by this and when he opened his eyes next he saw a fluctuating mass of rainbow the size of his fist. It was much too unsteady and was pulling at his mana too fast. Walker released his elemental manipulating and closed his eyes again to think more deeply.

Feeling that he had tried too hard to direct every single color of light in to one source Walker tried to remember how the shapes Alice created with her song moved. They were indeed a rainbow color but he could remember that some were more white or red. The hue changed as they danced in the air. Even the flowers she had created were not completely one rainbow color but many in each individual one. This thought brought him to a conclusion, If he focused on one aspect maybe the light would be more stable.

Walker used his elemental manipulation to again pull at the light mana but this time imagined only a bright yellow ball of light forming. Noting that only a single mana seemed to be consumed in this he opened his eyes to see a marble sized ball of yellow light floating in front of him. He tried to add mana to it but instead of growing bigger it split in to two little yellow balls of light mana floating in front of him. This strange action was not at all what he wanted it to do, it seemed that the light elemental ball did not want to get bigger at all but instead only wanted to stay that size.

Testing this theory Walker poured five mana in to it and watched as five more balls of yellow light joined the other two. Each single mana was making another yellow light ball.

' Through the repeated use of light elemental manipulation the skill yellow orb has been learned.

Yellow orb- 1mana cost

Used a single mana to breathe a floating ball of yellow light. This ball will follow the user around and light up the immediate area they travel. The orb will fade over an hour as it consumes the light mana it condensed from.'

Well reading this Walker was kind of happy, it was not something amazing to show off with but would serve his purpose very well. He felt Onyx wrapping around his shoulders as he woke up and left his tattoo form. Onyx sprain forward and swallowed one of the yellow orbs. Walker was not sure why he had just done this.

"Brother, thank you for breakfast." Onyx spoke immediately after and then sprang for another of the orbs. Within just two minutes Onyx had swallowed every single orb. Curling back up around Walker's shoulders he seemed very happy. Walker could only think that because these were made from the light mana around them and it was condensed to last an hour that these were basically the same as the light crystals. They definitely were much weaker than a crystal would be but they only cost a single mana for Walker to create. Not to mention that with his cloak he could regenerate mana faster and make a large amount of them.

Making more of them Onyx ate a total of six more before returning to his tattoo form and sleeping. It seemed that he had eaten his fill. Walker was much happier knowing that he himself could provide Onyx with a stable source of nourishment. Walker decided that he wanted to try doing the same thing as with the yellow light orb but with the other colors. Before he realized it he had started to create a purple ball of light the same size of the yellow one before. This one was nearly the same but had a weirder feeling.

The light was making it harder for Walker to focus his eyes on, it seemed that the more he looked directly at it the fuzzier his vision became. There was also the difference that two mana were consumed in creating it out of the light elemental mana. Walker created five more to try and get the same result as last time and found that now surrounded by six of the purple floating light orbs he could not focus at all and his vision was completely blurry, it was like he had splashed water in his eyes.

' skill blurry orb has been taken from the illusionist system. The skill blurry orb has been learned through users manipulation of light element.

Blurry orb- 2mana cost

The violet light emitted from the orb created is much stronger than the eyes can absorb. This affects the view of the orb making their vision unfocused and blurry. Making it tougher to aim and hit a target this orb can only last about ten minutes.'

This skill was definitely more useful to counter ranged combatants. If someone was trying to target the group their vision would be blurred and their aim would be affected. Walker was much happier with this skill since it could potentially protect the party from attackers they could not even reach or see. This was still not enough for him though, he wanted to try one more form of light orb.

Chapter 219 - 219. To The Alchemist

He thought on what color may be able to change and give birth to another unique skill that could help them within the deeper sun hollow forest. Walker was not sure what would be best and decided that he was trying to speculate on something he could not know without better studying. He chose the color blue since he liked to look at the sky at times and he was excited to see the soon blue skies of spring and later summer.

He imagined that the light elemental mana had solidified in to a blue hue much like the sky. He felt that the same amount of mana was benign consumed as with the blurry orb skill. He took much longer thinking on this one and letting the mana flow in to it. He wanted to match the vibrant blue of the sky exactly, he refused to settle for something less. This slowness was very helpful to him since it gave him time to regenerate mana as well as more closely manipulate the light elemental mana forming the orb.

Taking almost triple the time to create the blue orb for the first time Walker soon opened his eyes to a perfectly round blue orb the exact same shade as the sky. He was completely captivated by this sky blue orb. Even trying to move his eyes from it for a second seemed like an insult to the pure perfect beauty of the blue. With great mental effort Walker managed to cover his eyes with one hand, free of the captivation he kept his eyes on the ground. Why had he been so stuck staring at the orb? The system seemed to have the answer for him notifying him of a new skill.

'The skill luring orb has been learned through manipulation of the light element.

Luring orb- 2mana cost

The color of the luring orb holds the beauty of the very skies within it. The light emitted fills the viewer with wonder. It is very easy for monsters to be lured and held in a dazed state. This skill only lasts for one minute and is weaker against more intelligent monsters.'

This skill was great! Because Walker had taken more time to prepare it he had still managed to learn a skill. Not only that but it was ideal for luring monsters with lower intellect and keeping them dazed in one place. This skill could make larger groups much easier. He wished he had practiced and learned thus much earlier so he could have distracted the horned rabbits with it. If he had done so a lot of danger could have been mitigated.

These three spells combined could be very worthwhile skills to use while in the dimly lit forests. Plus he was confident that if he showed off all three at once his promise to Alice would be fulfilled. With a renewed vigor Walker turned to head inside only to find that he had an audience watching the last skill.

"So you seem pretty excited with your new spell huh? It wouldn't be to show off to a certain singer at the cathedral?" Remey smiled a bit too widely as she teased him, but her teasing was interrupted by Su who was more interested in other things.

"Leader, that blue orb, what was it? I could not focus on anything but that until it suddenly disappeared." Su was the refreshing logic to Remey's teasing. Walker was happy to hear the question since he was very excited about his new skill.

"This one is called a luring orb, it can attract monsters and put them in to a daze. It works on anyone that looks at it but it is less effective the more intelligent the view that is looking at it. I think it will be very useful for keeping monsters distracted while we fight!"

"Leader that definitely sounds like a useful skill to have. But won't we all get distracted as well?" This was the fatal flaw of the new skill. If the party wanted a chance to use it they needed to be able to completely resist it at a seconds glance.

"Yes, but if we all train together with it I think we will have no problem resisting the luring orb and the blurry orb." Walker used the blurry orb skill to create a purple orb. "Remey high five!" Not knowing why Remey took the step forward and raised her hand to give him a high five. She figured why not? But when her hand seemed like it would make contact she swiped in down back to her side.

"Huh?" She raised her hand and tried again but did not make contact at all even though it looked like her hand would hit his. "Why can't I give you a high five! Why is it so foggy out here!" Seeing that Remey was getting a bit angry Walker released the purple blurry orb.

"Try it now" Hesitantly Remey gave it another try and the slap of a high five making contact was heard. "That was the blurry orb, it makes things harder to see so ranged attacks would be very hard. I was thinking I could use it and let it rest above our heads." Su nodded her head, she also saw the value in this, It also only seemed to have a limited effect on them. Walker seemed to have had focused eyes and was not affected, but Su clearly saw that Remey had a more clouded vision.

"If you ever use that on me I will break you!" Remey was not happy about being used as his test subject but also knew it was revenge for her teasing about him wanting to go to the cathedral. "Lets just get moving, we have places to be." She stalked off towards the front gate. It was definitely enough playing around. Walker wished he had figured out more like he had with the high earth sculpting skill but had decided that he would need much more practice to make a big change like that in other elements. He had been more stressed when he made progress in the earth element.

Their walk through the streets was not too different from usual, however the three noticed many more people giving them looks. There were a few nobles walking the market in the higher tier of the city who seemed to smile or frown when they saw the party and the three identifying medals on their bodies. The medal from the king was one that set them aside in comparison as nobles. The silver tier plaque for adventurers was a justified reason for respect, and even the insignia from the demi-human kingdom was an incredibly rare award. These combined practically screamed that they were the hero party all the gossip was about. Their return had spread like wildfire, the fact that they did not completely denounce demons caused unhappiness to some nobles but to others it gained them great respect.

Seeing the unwanted attention they moved a bit faster to return to the lower tier where the alchemist building was. The many smokestacks were putting out a myriad of colored and pungent smokes, this everyday occurrence made it any easy place to find. Walking in to the door they found the same herb filled room with the pleasant earthy smell. The same old man was sitting behind the counter writing notes in a journal.

"Eh you're back again brat? I thought I heard you all moved to another kingdom, bad luck I guess."

"Oho you want me gone that bad huh old man? How could I leave when we have something you would trade your soul for?" Remey joined the old man's banter without a hitch.

"Hello there, we do indeed have something interesting that is fairly valuable." Walker took a more polite approach since he knew Remey would be trying to get as much from him as possible, not that the old man did not expect this.

"And you brought your friends too, now you are really trying to show off how you've grown." The old man laughed a bit making Remey's face turn a bit red.

She was ready with a retort though, "Fine I guess we won't be selling you a snow golem's arm then." She pretended to turn around to walk out the door. The old man had braced his hands on the table, his quill and journal falling to the floor.

"Ehm, yes of course I am interested in your business valued customers. Please if you could present the item you wish to sell to me I have a special room in the back to place such items." The old man had flipped a switch becoming a completely different person. Walker and Su were surprised by this but Remey was prepared.

"We can consider it then, show us to your evaluation room, and make sure it is clean. We will not be responsible for the impurities your room causes it to absorb." She knew just the words to say to hasten the old man further.

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The old man had opened the counter and let them follow him, "Sir are you sure nobody will come in and want to purchase something while we are away from the counter?"

"Huh? Purchase something? This entrance you used isn't for the shop, this is for members of the alchemist building." Su and Walker felt they had just been slapped, the place they had entered following Remey was only for members. Why had Remey gone this way? "What did this brat not tell you she was here so much when she was about this high that we made her a member?" The old man lowered his hand to his waist showing that Remey must have been that height the first time she showed up here. "The brat wanted medicine for someone in her family that was sick, I swear she bothered me for hours."

"I did end up winning and getting you to teach me how to make some herbal teas and basic salves. You even let me watch you create simple potions." Remey jumped in explaining her first victory over the old man.

"You simply stalked me and snuck in I never taught you anything." The old man was being coy trying to hide the fact that he had intentionally done so.

"Oh and I am sure all the herbs you accidentally threw out or dropped and said weren't yours were not actually gifts for me?"

"Gifts! Ha! I say, Ha! I never give gifts especially to rude children like you." The old man was about to argue back even more but he had led them down a hallway and through a door. Inside was a spotless

room with a shiny cloth on the floor. It looked to be some form of metal but also could move and fold, Walker and Su had no idea what this was. "This room is for evaluating delicate monster parts or herbs there are runes on this sheet to stop an item from degrading please place your item here." The old man was pointing out many glimmering symbols. Walker recognized some symbols that were similar to the ones on the library shelves that kept the books safe.

Walker removed the snow Golem arm on to the sheet, luckily it was separated from the rest of the body and could be taken out of his inventory separately. There was not melting or change in the arm from when he first collected it. The arm started to melt much faster than expected but it was put to a stop when the old man placed a finger on the sheet. Cold air seemed to emanate from the sheet freezing the melted portion and keeping the rest frozen.

"Hmmm this is a significant find, you managed to get an entire arm. This must have been very lucky, snow golems are dangerous and hard to fight." Hearing the old man Walker was about to explain the situation that had occurred but Remey jumped in first.

"We have the whole body. Our party leader will place it in the next VIP auction in the Garnet family auction house, we have a ticket. Naturally we will keep some for our personal use, but most will be sold. Aren't you happy? We brought you an entire arm to claim before anyone else." Remey was slick, she had used this to her advantage, She knew the old man would want more for his supply but used the arm as a taste to get him hooked. Furthermore she told him where he could get more later. These in combination made Remey a shrewd client for the alchemist building.

"Well haven't you planned everything out, you get smarter every day." The old man was smiling at this but his eyes said he would start to push hard. "I appreciate your kindness when you come here first, I know some friends that also happen to have VIP tickets for the Garnet family auction next week. They have been talking about a special herb supposed to be sold there this year." Having been given the hint he gave one of his own to give a fair trade. Walker made sure to memorize this, if this herb was very rare he may need to try to purchase it for Gil's mother to grow. His dreams of a garden full of everything they needed would come true!

"Sir, we know that you could make the most of this item here, the arm should be able to create a large amount of potions. I do have an additional deal though, naturally this would lower the cost you spend on this high quality potion ingredient." Su seemed to have started to learn from Remey, Walker feared this sales woman duo.

"Well if the deal is that good I would consider it, speak." The old man was not in to a drawn out mood today and instead wanted to purchase this item and start his experiments right away, he would not entertain a foolish idea.

Remey seemed to pick up on what Su was thinking and allowed her to take the reins. "We have the entire body of this snow golem. Of course we can not sell it whole. If you are able to help divide it up and keep its quality we can come to an arrangement for that arm there." The old man saw exactly why they had come here. Remey already knew the specialties of this room could keep a product from degrading, this meant the entire body could be cut apart and stored before it melted and absorbs impurities. Ideally what would be left were bottles of pure water.

"Such a logical and wise friend you have." The old man gave Remey a glare knowing he needed to take the deal to get what he wanted but unhappy it would take time. "Fortunately I always have special vials around just for these kinds of things. We will put on engraved gloves to take apart the body and separate it in to large vials. Based on the size of this arm I would say the entire body would fill about five hundred vials. A single potion should only need half a vial to have its effects enhanced." Walker absorbed this information and put it aside for later use. He was surprised to hear the large number of vials it would fill but was not surprised by the fact that there were that many large vials just empty and waiting to be used.

"I will buy the arm for two thousand gold. No more than that, if you did not ask for the assistance to divide up the body I would have paid another five hundred." The old man turned around and left the room, soon a rattling was heard approaching. With a slight bang the old man pushed in a large cart with crates filled with vials. "Well what are you waiting for let's deal with this arm then you can place the rest of the body here." With his encouragement they donned metal like gloves exactly the same as the sheet and started to scrape small pieces of the frozen golem arm in to vials. The single arm filled most of what the old man had brought in. Almost within a second of being filled and capped by special corks the snow melted leaving crystal clear water in each.

The process had taken about half an hour, and the old man picked up a plaque similar to the adventures plaques they all had. The difference was that engraved on it were leaves on a vine, his gold plaque had five leaves on it. Walker took his plaque and with a tap to each other a slight glow appeared. The system notified him that 2000G had just been transferred to their party account. This was the end of their transaction.

The old man left the room shouting back, "Get the golem body out so we can start it, I want to be done in no more than two hours!" With that he pushed in more vials of vials and they all got to work. After only an hour and a half and some extra cold fingers the four had filled a total of five hundred and nineteen bottles.

"That golem was definitely a nice size, I would say on the larger side of the medium snow golems. The largest I have heard about was double maybe triple this size." Walker and Su could not imagine fighting something of that size, they had struggled so much with this one!

"We can leave you to go experiment with your new ingredient, its been years since you used your last bottle showing me that potion." Remey tossed the vial in her hand to him, "That's for all your help back then." Remey left the room right after saying that. The old man smiled at the vial in his hands. Years ago he had made a potion for a fever to give Remey. He had used the last bit of pure water to increase its effects and Remey had always remembered it.

Walker and Su gave a kind nod before they followed Remey out the door, Walker could swear he heard the old man say one last thing. "She's really grown up."