

Master 491

Chapter 491 - 491.Arrow Two And Three

Gil let the arrow fly off toward the dummy. Unlike the last arrow, this one flew and easily impacted the training dummy. With a slight burst of water elemental mana the dummy was suddenly coated in dripping water. These drops began to solidify and create very thin needles of ice all over the dummy.

Gil ran up to the dummy and inspected it. "The ice needles penetrate only in to the top layer of the dummy. The arrow looks fairly intact. The power may be lower but the durability against the water element is very good. It has nearly no damage to it and could be used seven or eight time by my guess." The elf jumped in joy hearing this.

"Sir hero, I will immediately record this and request that one of the arrow smiths take it for production and improvements." The elf was overjoyed that they had managed to come up with this new arrow. It may not be powerful but it was great for single target strikes and reusability.

"That arrow will be great for taking prisoners or even stopping thieves." Scylla saw the strength of the arrow for what it really was. It was not a killer but instead a way to easily stop an enemy in their tracks.

"I believe that will be very helpful for when crime jumps due to the city opening," Walker said this and saw many of the worried looks from the levs around him. "It is an inevitable part of travelers. Don't worry it will be spoken about with the queen and such arrows will assist in preventing things." His reassurance made them relax again and focus back on Gil.

"Sir hero, my arrow is made from the nettle vine and the arrow head is taken from the horn of a moss deer. They shed their horns once a year and are rarely used for anything but jewelry. But they are great for enhancing earth elemental mana." The elf had created an arrow with a green and brown coloration leading to an arrow head that appeared to be growing some small pieces of moss.

"The arrow head appears to be durable but if it grows moss too easily it could throw off aim. Overall it looks good though." Gil was happy to see the common materials that had been repurposed in to the arrow. If this worked then the material that was thought to be only usable for jewelry. This meant that there would be plenty to make arrows out of and not much trade for them.

Reading the bow with this third prototype arrow Gil used his mana to activate it. The earth elemental mana started to grow dense in the area making every elf focus immediately. This was more powerful than normal and they all knew the reaction would be as well.

When Gil released the arrow there was a slight shift in the earth on the training floor. The earth was slightly uplifted in the path that the arrow had traveled and when the dummy was struck they all witnessed one of the fastest movements of earth they had ever seen.

The earth jumped up and began to reclaim the arrow while also dragging the dummy underground. In a matter of minutes the arrow, dummy, and their breath seemed to be pulled under the earth. "I would say that is a success. The arrow is lost underground, but the dummy is also completely destroyed. Congratulations on this. Still one use arrow but it can deal with an incredibly strong enemy." Gil could only praise the elf for his creation. It was a massive boon for the arcane archers.

"Yes, thank you very much for evaluating my creation. I will do my best to improve it for the future of my people." The elf was nearly in tears seeing that his prototype arrow had performed so well. This was something that any of the arcane marksmen would remember for generations. It was not every day that a powerful new arrow was successfully created, but it was also rare for them to be able to solely focus on making them.

"Now for our last and final arrow." Gil had waited for the trainees to move another dummy in to place and return to a safe distance.

The elf that had rushed up with their arrow last minute came forward again. "Sir hero, my arrow is made from the white pine tree that requires high amounts of light elemental mana to grow. The arrow head is made from silver quartz, it is common and only forms in the sunlight as well. I tied them together with a single strand of unicorn hair from my bow," The elf appeared to be nervous.

"Are you sure they can even hold the light elemental mana? Those materials are for channeling it not storing." Another elf was worried that the arrow wasn't going to do anything.

"I don't want it to store it. I want it to gather from the air as it travels." This was an interesting change of ideals. The elf had given up the idea to store away the light elemental mana for one that would gather it in transit. "It only needs a little of the user's mana to start drawing the light elemental mana toward it." The elf had their theory and the others started to accept it slightly.

"So you have tried a different path altogether. Isn't this like the light elemental rune formations then?" Gil made the relation and the elf nodded in reply.

"I think if they were carved with light elemental rune formations that the arrows could be even stringer. But it needs to be tested." The elf was excited and visibly biting their tongue to keep from rushing off on their theories and tangents. Seeing this Gil decided that it was best for him to move on and give them the final tests they needed to prove or disprove the creations and theories they wanted to pursue.

Chapter 492 - 492. Best Arrow Number Four

Gil released the arrow after giving it some of his mana. Unlike the other arrows, when Gil added his mana to it there was a sudden pulling of light element around them. It wasn't powerful but it was a much different sensation. Everyone could tell that the arrow was much different than any they had used before.

As the arrow traveled through the air it was clear that it was gaining more and more of the light elemental mana. The shape and color were changing in to that of a bright white arrow of double the size. The light was manifesting all around the arrow as a physical attack.

Before anyone could speak on this amazing phenomenon the arrow hit the dummy dead center. The surprising part was that it did not stop. It pierced through the dummy and embedded itself in the wall. The light elemental mana slowly faded from the arrow after it was stopped and the entire room held a deep silence.

Gil walked to the wall and pulled the arrow out from it. He examined it slowly and carefully then returned to everyone that was waiting. He slowly held the arrow up, "This arrow has properly survived the use without a single scratch and performed better than most other arrows we have!" The trainees were instantly roused in to cheers and shouts.

Gil smiled while handing the arrow to the stunned elf that had created it. "If you can make this work with other elements I believe we will have a revolutionary new form of and physical arrows." Gil patted the elf on the shoulder and spoke to Walker and Scylla next. "That went well, I almost feel bad telling them that now they need to experiment and produce these new arrows."

"Yes! Make more of them. I want to see what every element will do. They are all different correct?" Scylla had lost her usual calm self and was fully taken over by her curiosity. She could simply be described as a battle maniac who needed to see the new ways to attack.

"Yes yes, Of course there will be. Once they are done if any elves can still stand we will test them out." Gil was afraid of Scylla acting this way. She was already a domineering person due to the monster traits she had. However, when the energy of curiosity and excitement were added she became downright terrifying in his eyes.

"I think you should break the news to them, Gil, they might rush off to celebrate in the streets." Walker was trying not to laugh at the elves who were basically dancing and getting ready to leave after a completed day.

"Listen up!" Gil's voice reached the loudest it could yet again. The elves were excited to hear his continued thoughts on the arrow and had no idea what he was about to say, "We will now work together to produce every single elemental version of these arrows. Then if you can stand after making ten each, then we will test them. Please consult with the expert that made the prototype on what materials should work for the other elements!" Gil stepped back and watched the elves fall in to the abyss.

Walker knew that their mood would fall so far but hearing the potential for the other elemental arrows using different materials made them a little excited. Gil hadn't even needed to mention that he thought they should look in to adding runes in to the arrows so that they might build the elemental mana faster.

"Look at the one he labeled as the expert. His face is redder than any fruit but now he is being hounded by all of the others. He will have a bright future ahead after this." Scylla had noticed the promising elf that had created the arrow. She always had a soft spot for those that were so young and full of possibilities.

"I think they will be busy for a while over here. Think you can help me take a look at the other training?" Walker was a little interested to see how Midnight and Onyx were getting along with the mage squads. Unfortunately, the training area was too large to easily pinpoint where they were and he was not ready to use his mana to try and reach his senses out farther and figure out where the mages were. His mana and health may have been recovered but the mental and physical exhaustion was still prevalent.

"That sounds like the perfect way for us to kill the time. I knew you were a smart warrior." Scylla didn't hesitate to grab and drag Walker toward another group of elves training. This group was easily discerned from the shields and blocking techniques they were using. There was also Su in the middle of them showing her shield bashing and deflection skills. The elves were trying to copy her and apply them to their own skills.

"Leader, general Scylla. What brings you here? Have you two already completed the training?' Scylla had already said she didn't want to be called general until the others arrived but it appeared that Su was just too formal for her. She even addressed Walker by Leader.

"We have exhausted our squads. The supporters I trained were a little worse for the wear but should have gained valuable insight."

"And I may have gone too far but the enforcers came and healed me up, full mana and all." Walker knew that Su could see right through his tiredness around his eyes. He did not dare to lie to her about it.

"Leader, if you need to rest please take a seat here and witness these trainees' growth." Su worried for Walker but knew that he could handle staying awake and learning so she insisted he at least sit. She had been showing the elves a decent amount and it was nearly time to put them to the tests.

Chapter 493 - 493. Lacking

"Leader, I learned that the defenders of the elf city are more used to projectiles and blocking. This is mostly because that is their strength in combat so of course, they will learn to defend against it." Sui started out by reporting her findings. "My conclusion was that the elves would not be able to defend against physical attacks and also not be able to use their defensive moves to attack themselves. This was true."

Walker could already see this in the training around them. Su had shown then her shield bash skill and each and every elf was trying something similar. Most would attempt the skill and end up using one that was more like deflecting. The problem with this was that if they only deflected the attacks could still hit someone to their side that wasn't properly covered by the shield.

"The training has progressed slightly but they are having trouble mastering the frontal attacks I wish to show them. I plan to have them work on their strength somehow as well. They can hardly move a heavier shield so when they need the higher defensive stats they are unable." Su was very unhappy with this fact. The elves were not made for heavy physical attacks in the first place, add that to the lack of investment in to their defense and attack stats then they were left lacking.

"I think you should have Remey switch with you then. She could put them through some harsh lessons." Su had not considered switching. She knew that Remey had taken those who are able to attack in close combat and that they would have a similar weakness to the defenders. They had most likely not gone against someone able to properly block their attacks and even hit back in a proper counter.

"I like that idea. I am going to go recruit the squad." Scylla stepped through the air to get Remey and her trainee enforcers. She saw that there was a chance to get some sparring running and wanted to push it.

"Leader, are you really alright? I can tell you need to rest. If you want to we can wait some time." Su was noticing the slow motions which were very unlike Walker. She knew his mind was still clear but he was slow and not in the proper shape.

"It is just the mental stress. I have a lot to update you guys on tonight. I only hope that the king is another day away so we can plan things a little more." Walker's hope was simply to recover and be in the best possible shape for the meetings. He also knew that he had been holding on to the moon silk robes until the king was there. It was the king's gift for the queen and not the party's.

Su wanted to push Walker to rest more since she was always wanting to help someone heal better. There were many reasons she was always so willing to go and help at the cathedral. One was her general care for others, one thing that the entire party saw at the core of her being.

"Look, Scylla already got them to head over. It looks like Remey has already pushed them pretty far so they might have a lot of pent up annoyance to throw at your shields." Walker's assumption was correct. Remey had been suppressing the trainees nonstop for the past few hours.

"You look like you have already been put through the wash twice." Remey also saw the look of deep tiredness in Walker's eyes.

"Just a few times. I am pretty sure my squad still needs a few hours until they can walk again though." Walker laughed a little to try and make the two feel more comfortable.

"Remey, I would like to switch places and have your squad teach my squad how to take a hit and also let them learn to attack with their shields." Su was right out and in to the planning. She didn't want to waste even a second if they could be working toward the goals of the quest.

"Sure thing. I just can't promise that any of them can actually hit. They have all their fury bundled up and put away. I doubt they have it in them to release any strength. At most, you will feel a light slap and that's if they trip while attacking." Remey said all of this in the most brutal and disgusted manner she could. Seeing the elves' skin crawl as they became angrier was what she wanted.

"I think Remey has warmed them up enough. You two should switch." Scylla pushed them on and Syu made the announcement.

"Listen up. We have joined together. Attackers with close combat skills will target those with guarding skills. The guarding side will attempt to defend and then attack as well. Those who dodge from my side will be punished by taking a hit from Remey." Su was serious enough about this training to allow Remey to be the fear that drove the elves farther.

After Su added the punishment it was clear that the elves had been told of Remey's brutal nature. She may have only shown her squad her might but the other had been educated by Su who had used Remey as an example in her explanations. They all knew that Remey could knock them flat with her weakest jab.

Su and Remy watched as the elves started to pair up and train against each other. This was slow and it was clear that the training was still below an acceptable level. "General Scylla, would you like to join Remey and me in the training. It appears that they are still not grasping the feeling of attacking and defending with all their might." Su said this calmly, but Walker could tell that she had a great deal of determination.

Chapter 494 - 494. Fist And Shield

The four were watching very carefully for those that stood out as needing additional incentive. Walker wasn't going to participate but he did not have any problem with pointing someone out to the girls. "See the one with the green and brown thin shield? They are doing well but their partner isn't hitting well." Scylla spotted the first that was not giving it their all or had not fully grasped the training.

"General Scylla, please allow me to show them a taunt from a real shield user." Su moved in to the group and easily avoided the chaos of the training. She dodged around the elves with her eye for details, every small movement made her slightly adjust to often narrowly avoid an oncoming pair.

She raised her shield and fixed her gaze on an elf attacking the shield user with a set of small daggers. This elf was constantly letting their attacks be swatted away without any resistance. This was either complete disregard for the training or the elf was unable to tap in to the anger that most close combat types like Remey used to fuel their hard hitting attacks.

"You spineless worm! Do you think attacks like that will do anything against an opponent? You are lucky to even be breathing right now." Su had been taking lessons from Remey on insults so she could taunt better. The change was still very strange since Su was always so calm and level headed.

Walker realized that he had never been affected by Su's taunt and didn't know what the effects would feel like. However, as he watched the elf turn red with anger he had an idea that taunt was a skill that would in essence increase the anger from the insult used.

"First that girl tells us we are all weak over and over and now you come over to tell us too?!" The elf had flown in to a rage and charged at Su. The dagger that struck now meeting her shield and produces a harsh metal scraping sound.

"You call that a dagger strike? The undead hit harder than you and they don't have muscles." Su's taunt wasn't necessarily wrong since the undead were actually fairly powerful. The party had learned this first hand by meeting certain undead that they were very powerful. But the elf didn't know this and was pushed even further by the taunt.

A few of the other trainees were watching this and took note of the situation. "Looks like they are distracted. Time for me to jump in." Remey cracked her knuckles and ran in towards a shield user who was standing stationary watching the taunting happen.

Remey clicked her tongue looking at the elf barely holding a shield in front of her. "You look like a scared lamb after a soft hit. Pathetic." The shield user felt their blood run cold as they processed being called weak after being knocked off their feet. "I at least thought you would go farther but I guess I was wrong. Useless."

Remey's words were heard by others around and caused a few trainees to move with more purpose and force. Scylla had gotten restless and was moving in to the area herself. She had been watching very carefully to pick out the areas that were missed by Remey and Su. This brought her dead center of the room to let her leviathans out to play yet again.

"Think you are all too relaxed so I am asking my siblings to join you for some exercise." Remey and Su hesitated for a split second while watching the small leviathans swim through the air and try to chomp down on shield users and close combat alike. This was terror in true form for the elves.

This addition brought peals of evil laughter to Scylla as she watched the trainees become double as intense. They did their best to avoid the needle sharp teeth of the leviathans which were softly and slowly attacking those who were distracted. If Walker were to tell the elves that the leviathans were not using their real strength at all he was sure they would faint or quit on the spot,

Once Su and Remey had grasped the situation they felt more excited. This alone spread on their faces and Su began to taunt multiple elves and Remey was knocking over shield users like they were dominoes. The three added to the training and the two squads together had increased the pace and intensity almost triple what it was just moments ago.

There were still moments where an elf would get tossed aside by Su's shield bash making the elves jump back in shock. It was very amusing but nice to watch them begin to learn the unique situations that the shield could be used to attack. This was still a foreign style to them, it would be for most who defended and were not using a weapon as a counter skill.

Remey was shaking the foundations of those defending. This was forcing them to adopt stronger stances and better style overall. She was even pushing their emotions higher and higher which was making them work to remain calm and use their skills under stress.

Scylla was just terror. Her attacks with her fans would wildly change the partnerships due to how the elves needed to dodge and shift meaning that they were now near different elves. This made them expand their training partners and adaptations. The leviathans were the wild card that chomped down near anyone that let themselves slip. This alone was a major factor in keeping everyone's awareness up.

Before Walker knew it he was starting to drift off while watching the battling between the elf trainee squads. The next thing he knew he was waking up from his slight nap to a bunch of worn out elves who were equalled by the nearly passed out Su and Remey.

Chapter 495 - 495. Hidden

Walker pushed himself up while rubbing the sleep from his eyes. He was kicking himself mentally since he hadn't meant to drift off in to a nap at all. The fact that he had missed some valuable training made him angrier than anyone else could be at himself. But that wasn't what was the most important to him at the moment, he wanted to check on Remey and Su who had both lost their fire.

"You two look like you're ready to sleep and be done for the day." His words were met with tired glances and Walker wondered if Su would even be able to lift her shield.

"The enforcers gave us mana potions, but they are still not fixing this sore feeling." Su knew the potions could only heal injuries and not remove the muscle soreness that came with long term training.

"I wish they could but if they did it would undo any growth in our bodies. Why is the world like this!" Remey stretched out on her back in a huff since she knew she could never beat the world. This was just something that everyone had to accept in their lives.

"Well, I am glad you guys finished up. I hope I didn't get in the way the entire time." Walker was a little self-conscious of him being too worn out himself to jump in.

"Not at all. I had a great time bonding with some other strong women." Scylla walked over still appearing to be full of energy. "I rarely get to be partnered with any due to the majority of our warriors being male, it is just the way of nature when it comes to most demi-human traits." Scylla had also accepted this. There were a decent amount of powerful female warriors in her kingdom, but they were vastly overshadowed by the male warriors.

"Why do I have the feeling that you could still do the training ten more times and still be just as energetic?" Walker was more speaking out loud than anything but his words still managed to bring a smile to Scylla's face.

"On the contrary to appearances, I have used two thirds of my mana since we began the training." Her words came out in a tone that spoke of exhaustion but in reality, it was nothing. She might as well have been bragging about her massive mana reserves.

"I would hate to know how much mana you have or even what level you are. There are reasons I don't use my all-around appraisal skill sometimes." Walker was trying to cover his eyes since he was afraid he would be tempted to use the skill. If he did he would spend all of his time potentially knowing the true strength of a kingdom's general and live with minor fear towards her.

"You shouldn't be able to appraise me at all. I have a nice accessory that prevents it." Scylla flashed a pure white ring that had the word *Ordist* engraved on it. "Every high-ranking general, commander, even elite soldiers get one of these. It is specially made from the bone of a certain species of monster. It naturally hides its identity." Scylla only showed them for a second but it was an amazing item.

"Leader, we may want to gain one of those in the future." Su was thinking about how useful this could become when they were traveling. There may be a day when they were trying to hide their identities and remain hidden. This accessory would be just the key.

"I can see if we can send some to you. We protect these monsters' territory but are usually able to spare some of the remaining bones." Scylla said this as if she was dangling a steak in front of a hungry dog. Walker did his best to hold back and keep from taking the bait.

"Where are Midnight and Onyx? Shouldn't they be done already?" Remey had realized that the entire training area was a little too quiet and that might mean that all the training had been completed.

"Oh no, I believe they are still making the mages work for it. That squad was already double the size and they had two of them." Scylla had expected that the mages and the archers would take the longest to exhaust themselves and was being proven correct. "Look over that way. You can see small flashes of white from light . Then I can sense the mana being pulled that way where the archers are still messing with their arrows like children." Scylla was shaking her head but they all knew she wanted to see the arrows when they were completed.

"Well, since our bodies are healed let's go over and watch. I am sure you have been dying to see the mages." Remey wanted to just sleep but felt that she would be letting everyone down if she did not watch and learn something more.

"I didn't expect you to want and go check it out. But I really do want to watch the ." Walker was honest in his desires and also his thoughts.

"Just because I am tired doesn't mean I am going to bail on everyone." Remey stood up and stomped toward the mages in a huff and mumbled under her breath.

"Leader, I believe Onyx will gain the most understanding from this training. Hew has the least battle experience and has been testing himself for some hours now." Su was trying to predict just how much Onyx would change through this.

Once he had heard Su, Walker knew that they were in for a great show. If Onyx had adapted well his style will have shown itself and he could better fit in to the party. There was the sneaking suspicion that he wouldn't be as much of a supporter as they had all believed, especially with his size.

Chapter 496 - 496. Sealing

Walker was glad that Scylla couldn't pick up and drag all of them in the air to the mage training squads. He didn't feel like he could handle more of the sudden agility she had when running through the air. He also knew that in her excitement she might just land too hard and knock him out.

"They seem to have pushed all but one tenth of the mages to exhaustion. It's impressive that the little snake is so large and domineering now. I would love to watch some of our young warriors take little Onyx on for a match." Scylla adored the terrifying possibility of giant monsters and the pressure put on warriors that face them. If she were to have it her way she would have many monsters to assist in training every single young warrior.

"I think he will need a break after this. I have a feeling that the only reason he is still moving is because he is absorbing their light elemental mana constantly." Walker was watching some of the weaker spells completely dissipate as they reached Onyx.

"I see that but who is that with Onyx?" Su was curious about the female elf that was throwing out light blades here and there. "Her attacks are nearly instant which is much faster than the other spell swords. She might not be a spell sword." Su made this decision after seeing yet another thrown light blade in an instant.

"I think Onyx made a friend! It's so cute." Remey was instantly infatuated with the fact that their youngest member had made a friend while training. "I can't wait to see him introduce us. Do you think he will be shy?"

Walker tried to ignore Remey being dramatic but found that he was becoming more and more curious about the skills that allowed the elf to use the thrown blade skill that would normally take some time to build up, even if it was a short time.

"I have seen something similar before but with water . It was when I was just entering the kingdom and learning about the water affinity I have. I tried my best to seek out a teacher since I do have some skills. The man I found used skills in an instant as well." Scylla was reminiscing a little but realized that she had drawn the group's attention.

Realizing this Scylla coughed and stood a little taller, "The mage was using two different skills. He could use instant cast which would automatically prepare a skill as if he had a second mind. That skill though still showed the mana being pulled toward him. What that elf is using and what the man I called master used was from a set of sealing skills."

"Of course! If she is sealing the thrown light blades then she is able to release the seal at a moment's notice and send them at an enemy. It would be a brutal surprise attack with nearly zero chance to miss." Walker was feeling enlightened now that he knew what he was watching.

"That is rather amazing...I heard that sealing skills are normally in the exorcist system or the high priestess systems." Su had heard of these systems and the fact that they could also seal things while she was peaking to the healers at the cathedral.

"So, that elf will seal away a light elemental attack somehow then use it to destroy an opponent." Remey was looking down at her fist wondering if she could find someone that could seal her punching attacks but quickly thought that it might make her unable to use her hands.

"If I could seal some of my spells then I might be able to bring them all out at once when we are in trouble." Walker had begun to think out loud and didn't care that the others were looking at him. Scylla in particular was wondering just how knowledge hungry Walker was. She had already known that he gained three new skills and was trying for more already.

"I wouldn't try that if I were you." Wade made his reappearance after having done some of his own work with the trainees that had fallen. He and Alma had been in charge of moving them to a better resting place while the party and Scylla continued the training.

"And what makes you say that?" Scylla was curious why Wade would try and stop Walker from learning another skill that could be very valuable in the future.

"Not only does sealing the spell require you to have that elemental affinity you will fail immediately. The skill wouldn't even work. On top of that, you need to use elemental mana crystals or another catalyst with double the elemental mana to seal the skill. That means the strongest spells usually can not be sealed at all unless you have a mystery sealing skill." Wade had once thought that the sealers in the world would be an untouchable system user but when he found the price to use the skills he realized they were harder than expected.

"I see, so I could get double as strong as my strongest spell and still struggle to seal it properly." Walker was slightly dejected but glad to have Wade come to check on them in such an opportune moment.

"I also don't want to see you take the risk of sealing a spall and having it run out of control. Once you begin a sealing skill the thing being sealed fights back. Whether it is mana or monster or human, it will try and stop from being bound. The natural mana, in particular, will try and spread out as much as possible." This was another reason Wade did not try to encourage people to have skills or other things sealed.

"Well, that girl is doing great with her sealing skills." Remey pointed out another thrown light blade that appeared to be building up."

Chapter 497 - 497. Tag?

The same elf with the sealing skills had used three sealed light thrown blades in a row. These were easily countered by Onyx who tried to slam his tail down at her. The fact that they were the last two in the group Onyx was sparring with that could still stand was attributed to Onyx absorbing the light elemental mana constantly and the fact that the elf girl had been using her sealed attacks with cost less mana to release.

"Onyx is really going all out. He is using his size to keep the girl cornered by also changing his size slightly to make that tail attack harder to predict." Su was watching very carefully and was catching on to Onyx's shadow growing and shrinking between his attacks.

"He is also trying to use his size to wrap around her while they move. She is smart to keep moving in sharp motions instead of long rounded ones." Scylla and Su were slowly starting to fall in to a habit of sharing their thoughts on battle strategy and natural movement. Walker could only hope that this would not mean Su would gain some of the horror that Scylla could show.

The elf that Onyx was against suddenly waved a sword ten times all in the same spot. The instant reaction of piled up thrown light blades stuck in the air made everyone become hyper focused. The elf then thrust her sword in to it and ran forward. The blade had taken in the elemental light mana and was now making the sword much more powerful.

"That is a high level skill. To release so many seals then fuse them at once? There is no way that isn't high level." Wade was not familiar with this specific skill but knew it must be tough to use especially in battle.

"That is the final attack. She is clearly low on mana and used that as the final trump card." Scylla could tell from the slightly sloppy movements that the elf was about to pass out on her feet.

Onyx started to wind up and prepare a large tail slam at her. When the two were near enough the pull of Onyx trying to absorb the light elemental mana was not enough to get rid of the elemental light mana on the sword. Instead, the girl was able to slash down on Onyx's tail dealing the first real damage to him the entire training. This spell had made the blade sharper and tougher which stopped him from being able to absorb the light elemental mana as well as also cutting his scales.

Before Onyx could push through the pain the girl collapsed causing Onyx to hurriedly shrink himself. "Let's go meet him and see if he will tell us about his new friend." Walker was trying to remain calm but he had felt his heart stop when Onyx was hurt. His worry was that of family and also the fact that he had never seen Onyx injured.

"Looks like you really did a number on them." Walker greeted Onyx softly so that he wouldn't startle his obviously exhausted little brother. He also ignored the head ache he gained as he used his healing spells to fix up the small scratches and the final sword attack from the elf. "It looks like you made a good friend while training today."

"Brother, thank you for healing me. I did make a worthy rival. This elf is able to hide her elemental attacks from me making me react faster. I have improved a lot with her assistance." Walker was impressed by how well Onyx was holding up, He had expected him to want to rest as well.

"Brother, can you please leave her some light elemental crystals? I can feel that she will need them to replenish the mana she stored up in those items." Onyx didn't know the details of the sealing skill but could sense that there was not much light elemental mana left in her sword and clothing. This alone was enough to tell him that the elf would need more light elemental mana to fix what she used.

"Sure thing, I am happy to see you getting along so well. When she feels better you should introduce us." Walker gave Onyx a soft smile and made sure Onyx could feel how proud he was.

"Has sister finished her game of hide and seek tag yet?" This made everyone curious, however, just in the distance, they could see a small group of mages standing with their backs to each other on high alert.

"Wait, what has Midnight been doing?" Remey was sure she was missing something fun and was heading toward the group of remaining mages.

"Onyx, allow me to care for the elves here. The enforcers will come to assist." Wade made sure Onyx was comfortable leaving. Seeing that Walker had already dropped off some of the light elemental crystals near her he gave a slight nod while shrinking more and getting on to Walker's shoulders.

"Brother, sister had been watching me the entire time. I was in a little trouble in the beginning but she came over to help. She is the best big sister I could ask for." Onyx wanted to brag about Midnight coming to save him. This was a big moment for Onyx in Walker's eyes since Onyx rarely showed emotions. Hearing these words was enough to possibly make him cry.

"Promise me you will let Midnight know that when she is finished training. I am glad to hear it but she will be the happiest out of everyone to hear that." Walker gave Onyx a few pats on the head which was returned by a slightly tighter grip on Walker's shoulders. In moments like these Walker could forget about the entire world and just think himself glad to be alive.

Chapter 498 - 498. Zombie Elves

Remey was the first to get a proper glimpse of the torture that Midnight had been causing. She was constantly attacking from blind spots and wrapping herself in shadows. Sometimes she would show up in front spread her wings then curl them and dash to either side attacking.

"The little dragon is an assassin. That is not expected. She would normally be a frontal or al attacker like other dragons. Yet she has somehow become an assassin, or maybe rogue is a better term." Scylla was pondering this as she watched Midnight push a mage who missed three consecutive spells collapse.

"I think she is using the best strategy possible against a mage. The movements are hard to lock on to so they need to continue to adjust spells which slows them down. Then she attacks just enough to deal slight damage and make them unsteady. This will work well while we travel." Su was extremely happy to see the tactics that Midnight had developed through this training. She had a feeling that this was always there and waiting for the chance to come to fruition.

Midnight was sneaking behind one of the mages after forcing them to split up with a threatening punching motion. The mages knew all too well that they could not block her physical attacks and stayed at a distance. This made them step back and separate leaving them in the position they were in now.

Midnight quickly goaded them in tpo surprise and they released multiple spells. This quick unthinking attack made them drain more mana than they wanted and caused the last few elves to hit the ground completely losing consciousness.

Midnight took a few steps and they fell flat too. Her breathing was heavy and she appeared to be more tired than ever before. "Sister never stopped moving the entire time. She said that if she stopped she could get hit." Onyx shared what Midnight had been thinking.

"I bet that is from the slime attacks. They were deadly once they hit us and that was motivation for me to want high agility." Su spoke out about her own fears after being in that situation. Su already wanted faster agility due to the fact that she had not improved it enough to properly block for everyone easily. After battling the slime she had another reason on the list.

There was a flurry of enforcers coming to heal and fix up the remaining mages only to find that Midnight had not actually harmed a single one. She had spent the entire time exhausting their mana slowly until they fell unconscious of their open accord. "You look like the rest of us. The only one left is Gil now." Midnight let out a soft hiss hearing that it wasn't time to sleep yet.

"Actually, he should be done soon right? Those elves can't have enough energy to keep up making arrows for long." All eyes glanced toward where the archers were. Scylla in particular wanted to head over and see what they had created.

"I will pull out some snacks for everyone while we watch. I have plenty of jerky from the horned rabbits that my mother made." Walker was happy to share the snack which also got Midnight back up and moving. He was glad to see her well and completely uninjured. "I heard you kept a good eye on your little brother. Nice job." Midnight was nearly purring as Walker patted her head too. Even more so when Onyx slithered down to her back and spoke to her.

Walker already knew that the two were sharing a moment so he let them walk in peace. He couldn't imagine their bond being anything but this way. It was stronger than anyone could ever know. Their different monster species could not matter in the least because at the end of the day they were family and that was all they cared about.

"Is it just me or did the ground just shake?" Remey and Su were both standing very still looking toward the archers. They could already see many who had fallen down due to their lack of mana. The only thing was that they were all fallen around the area where they were testing arrows before.

"I can't believe they would test those new arrows without me there to watch!" Scylla shot from where she was at high speed to see what was going on. She was just in time to see Gil release an arrow radiating darkness elemental mana. "I can't believe you!"

Gil was too focused on his arrow in the air to look at Scylla, however, Scylla was also focused on it and was not looking at Gil either. The arrow was slowly dipping toward the ground even though Gil had shot it straight. This would have been odd but the shadows suddenly jumped up and the arrow disappeared. In the next moment, the shadow appeared under the dummy and pierced it.

"Darkness elemental arrow using ebony oak and rock scorpion stinger as an arrow head is successful. It is the best version yet." Gil said this like it had been repeated a hundred times. "Oh, hey. I didn't think you would all be back so soon. You were here just a minute ago."

Gil had lost all track of time after they had left. "Umm, yeah...What have you been doing?" Walker saw the dark circles under Gils' eyes and realized that Gil wasn't running out of mana due to his absorption skill. This meant that he was piling on the mental stress the entire time.

"Well, we all tried to make new arrows. The enforcers brought more materials. Some elves made it to the fourth round of testing but most didn't and these ones here have the same skill as me." Gil pointed to a group of elves that appeared to be more like zombies than elves.

Chapter 499 - 499. Go Rest!

"I think you and your archer friends have tested enough arrows..." Walker felt like he was looking at those beyond the grave. The elves that shared the same mana absorption skill as Gil were also arcane marksman. They had been the ones testing the arrows and accruing the mental stress of using their mana over and over. This training had not been like the other squads but opened the elves' eyes to ideas they had never tested before.

"If we stop they might lose their fire for invention! They were only making arrows out of crystal because it was easy, now they are using so many different things and it's working." Gil was too far gone to realize that he needed to take a break. As if to prove that he was still ready he notched an arrow that was giving off slight amounts of fire elemental mana.

"This arrow was an earlier success but now it has been made in to the best version of itself. It costs a lot of mana but watch." Gil let the arrow fly and it burst in to a wave of flame that spread out in front of him. The size and length was enough to encompass five training dummies instead of one and cause them all to have minor burns.

"Heroes, this one was made by my brother who is resting over there. We named it flame wave arrow. It is magnificent!" The elf behind Gil was holding five more of the same flame wave arrow and repeatedly smiling at them. He had clearly lost his mental state due to the mental stress of constant mana output.

"No, my frost ring arrow is better. It can freeze an enemy's feet and slow them like the snow elf skill frost ring!" A female elf was holding a set of paler blue arrows and arguing what was better. The two proceeded to fall in to arguments on what elemental arrow was best for what situation.

"Do you see now? The elves have had their creativity all bottled up and it is finally time for it to shine!" Gil was looking at all the arrows that he had yet to test that have been improved in multiple rounds of testing. Just this training session alone had brought out ideas and new inventions that would have never been done if the city wasn't opening up to the world.

"And since you have helped open that door you are all going to rest. That is an order from not only the title holder and highest ranked archer in the kingdom but also the future queen." Wade strolled up with five enforcers behind him who started to take the arrows and lay them out in another area away from the still conscious elves. Not a single one refused his order due to the fear that they could be forced to stop for longer.

"Well, if this is how it needs to be done." Walker accepted that Wade's strategy was the best to get the proper results needed. "Gil, as party leader I order you to get rest with the party and stop training. You have far surpassed the expectations." Walker knew that some praise would also help and saw that Gil's face was still bright even though a twinge of sadness was there.

"And you are giving Walker your bow to keep from temptation," Su added to this taking the bow from Gil who was slowly reaching for one more arrow nearby.

"And you are going to give me your dessert at dinner tonight." Remey tried her luck but was instead met with multiple glares. "Or I will just sit over there with Midnight." Remey backed off knowing that she shouldn't have threatened anyone's food. Every party member had been victim to Midnight's attempted thefts so they had grown slightly cautious of their food.

With Gil having given in and the elves that had still been awake forced to sit and rest the party sat with Scylla and Wade. Alma soon approached looking fairly worn herself. "You have all continuously amazed me and today was no different. The elders are already in an uproar after hearing about what you did to the squads without higher permission. I needed to throw around my weight today. I even threatened them with my ivy to no avail."

Alma was joking about the ivy which was clear to see but the others knew that they had unintentionally brought a lot of work on to her today. "I will take some of that burden. I encouraged them and even lead them there. I still don't understand the sudden quest for improving the trainees though. It is good overall but feels off."

Wade had felt this way the entire time but didn't want to say it.

"Are you sure it isn't because we were left out of the quest? I didn't expect we would have it since we were acting as guides but you should have still gotten some experience from assisting those who exhausted themselves." Alma was speaking like a mother scolding a child.

"Maybe, I guess it could be." Wade accepted it slowly while looking at the party and their tired expressions. "The training you all came up with on the spot was pretty intense. Please don't tell me you are always training like that?" His face showed the disbelief that it couldn't be true.

"Our training is usually weird. Sometimes we pair up or do group battles. We were once training against some tamed monsters. Oh, we trained with some demi-humans and a coliseum tournament." Remey listed off just a few instances of training, "And Walker trains all out by himself. He once even spent the night on the front step meditating." Remey giggled remembering the day they found him there.

Scylla took their words with heavy belief. She wanted to restructure her training methods to be more rounded and random like the party's "Oh, I think the quest should be completed now." This realization made them all open their eyes wide.

Chapter 500 - 500. (Wow) Experience Flood

The group heard Scylla say this and was immediately bombarded by system notifications. Wade and Alma were the only ones not being bombarded at the moment and were trying to understand why the faces of the party and Scylla had grown so frozen and pale. This sudden change not only worried them but also made them realize that the entire area had become heavy.

The natural mana around them was nearly shivering. This was a rare occurrence in the history of the elves and could only mean one thing. "This is the world shake." Alma was feeling her own mana cower in the reaction to this.

"How many elves were there training in the squads? They shouldn't be causing this with all of them...would they?" Wade thought that the experience gained from this quest would not be enough to cause such a historic reaction known as a world shake. This was reserved for the massive amount of experience points being given in a quest.

"You don't think the hero title they have is like the limit break hero title we have recorded in the archive, do you?" The title that Alma had recalled was the last recorded world shake in elf history. It was a title that the snow elves had once claimed as their own.

The snow elves had a member that had become lost in a blizzard while too young to survive on their own. Naturally, they found a monster they shouldn't have been able to defeat and managed it somehow completely breaking the limit of what a child should have been able to do.

"If I remember they receive five times the experience points from every quest. They defeated a berserk ice dragon and the world shake came from the experience points and the survival quest they gained." Wade was feeling weak compared to the dense natural mana surrounding them. He was sure that the entire kingdom was feeling this at the same time.

"Then...the hero title must be the same. If they assisted all the trainees here and were rewarded the proper experience points." Alma couldn't speak anymore as pained expressions overtook the party members' faces. Scylla and Onyx were the only two that appeared fine. Surprisingly so did Midnight which was another strange occurrence since they knew she also had the hero title.

"Sister, we received a great amount of experience but our family is not the same." Onyx wanted to try and find comfort with Midnight but realized she was also extremely worried. The party had received large amounts of experience before and not had a reaction like this. However, this was before the system upgrades and the addition of the heroic leveling system.

The party had just received not only heroic quest points but also experience points. These combined were radically changing their levels and affecting their bodies. This sudden change was not only a shock but causing their minds to be put under intense stress. In comparison to the passing out when they received the system upgrades this was much worse on them.

Scylla forced herself from her stunned state and looked at the others. "I know you can not hear me properly but this will pass soon. Just hold strong through the worlds' touch and experience flood." Scylla had a different name for what was happening due to what the demi-humans called it. But it was still the same occurrence.

"They need to have plenty of food after this to nourish their exhausted bodies and will need rest. We will not require them to move." Scylla took charge immediately to get Alma and Wade moving. "The experience flood is a once in a generation achievement, get those who wish to record the information here. I can compare what I gained with assisting since it was similar experience points. That may help us understand what is happening to them."

Alma was the first to issue orders. There were many enforcers that had started to sprint toward them who had been tending the resting elves. They knew that this was an important moment and felt they should be guarding it. They had trained in many situations but never in such dense natural mana as this. They could feel that using their own skills would be nearly impossible.

'Heroic quest: Push the expectation- completed

Many of the younger elven enforcers and trainees have gone astray while their masters are out at the border. Show them the strength of a human below their level and instill the desire for strength in their hearts.

Requirement:

Train with as many elves as your mana allows

Reward:

Exp dependant on those trained and taught

Heroic quest points dependant on those trained and taught

All Party members will share these rewards.'

'The world had reached out a hand to touch the users' existence. The rewards are being adjusted.'

The world shake or experience flood was due to this. The experience had been dependent on those that were trained. So were the heroic points. This made the system need to dole out a massive amount causing the world itself to react.

'User's have exceeded quest expectations. The system has discerned those trained and taught as;

135- low tier system users

79- mid tier system users

22- high tier system users

19- master tier system users

8- unique system users.

The reward has been discerned by these specifications.

Reward:

263000 exp. After title multiplication.

263 heroic quest points

The users will experience the touch of the world. The rewards will be distributed. The title Educationist has been granted to system users: Walker, Su, Remey, Gil, Onyx, Midnight, Scylla.

Educationist

This title is bestowed upon those who have made exceptional achievements in the education of those around them. The title will allow the holders to more easily share their knowledge. Those taught by the title holders will have a slightly higher chance of causing those taught by them to have an epiphany. The unique skill information exchange is automatically granted to the title holders. This title is held by twenty three individuals in existence.

The skill information exchange had been automatically learned.

Information exchange- 1 mana required

The use of this skill is restricted to one use every month. The user is able to take a portion of their own knowledge and exchange it with a portion of a students' Knowledge. The information is copied and sent to the other's mind. The information can then be learned over one week period before the mana imprint is lost. The user can not exchange methods on how to use mastery or unique skills or gain titles. Other information may be restricted depending on the will of the world.'