

## Master 511

### Chapter 511 - 511. Drawn To Lightning

Sirius had stepped back recognizing that Monty was in the midst of a breakthrough in his own understanding. It was rare for a warrior to feel this intense desire for knowledge which was normally found in a mage studying their elemental affinity. Yet, it was not unheard of since warriors could have an epiphany when it came to their styles or styles that may fit them better.

"I will leave things to you Walker. Please allow him to properly understand Lightning. I am not asking you to use the skill. He should learn it naturally." Scylla wasn't sure what would come of this since she knew that Monty did not have any elemental skills nor did he had an elemental affinity that stood out.

"So, you more or less just want to understand what the lightning is? Right?" Walker wasn't sure how he would teach this and began to form some theories.

"Yes, I could feel it in the air when you used that skill and I just can't let that feeling go. It is screaming that I make it my ally." Monty was doing his best to describe the feeling he had in this moment. It was strange but Walker had felt this way before about spells he had been working on and made a breakthrough with.

"In that case, we should start with what elements make up the lightning I created." Walker pulled out a bundle of straw and some small pieces of wood he had stored in his inventory for when he needed them. He also took out a shovel. "Dig a small hole next to the fire I am going to light."

Monty did not refuse. He didn't even look like he was questioning what Walker was asking of him in the least. He started to dig a hole about the size of a dinner plate. "You can stop there." Walker had Monty return the shovel as he lit the fire. He then used his elemental manipulation skill to pull the water from the air and gather a small puddle in the hole that Monty had dug.

"What elements do you think make up lightning?" Walker knew the answer should be obvious but wanted to see what Monty thought.

"Since you made water and fire I think it should be water and fire." This answer was exactly what Walker expected. It was only what Monty could see. He wasn't adding the air in to the equation. "But I don't know what would make them come together and move like lightning." Walker was glad to hear that Monty was able to admit he lacked the knowledge. This would make sharing the things he knew easier.

"The water and fire elemental mana is key, yes. They are opposing elements and cause a lot of turbulence in the natural mana when forced together. But watch." Walker forced the two together with his skill making the water in to steam and the fire to go out. "The only thing created is steam. There is another element missing."

Monty was deep in thought when he realized that the feeling of his hair standing on end must have come from the skill somehow. If it traveled all the way to him it must have come through the air. "You need wind elemental mana!"

"Exactly. So when I add the wind elemental mana to the water and fire, I get this." Walker made sure to exercise the highest control he could when mixing the three elemental manas. He had not had control before and made sure to only mix a very small amount of the three elemental manas.

There was a small arc of lightning top the ground and a nearly silent pop sound. "You will get lightning. The more of these three elemental mana you can control the more you can use. But this is all the same elements that make up a storm to some degree. This means that if I change the amount of each elemental mana I can get a different result. It's best to look at nature."

Walker realized that as he spoke his thoughts were much easier to get out. The educationist title wasn't just for show but was also able to help him teach his knowledge better. "I have seen lightning in the fields but never felt that it was obtainable. It is just a wild thing that plagues the farms at times." Monty was recalling the massive lightning storms that could bring rain and damage to many of the farms in the fields.

"Then you should already know. But do you have any skill in manipulating elemental mana?" Walker had already explained the things he wanted but couldn't let Monty get too far ahead of himself. He knew that if he got his hopes up and then failed he would be in a worse situation than before.

"I am not sure as of yet. I spend all my time training with my staff skills, but when I saw your lightning skill I had a feeling. It is pulling at me and I want to learn everything about it." Monty was still feeling the desire strongly. So much so that he thought it would consume him if he did not slow himself and begin to learn.

Scylla was still a little away from them and had seen the demonstration Walker had used to show what elemental manas are needed to create lightning. T was very informative for those who were not very

familiar with elemental mana and also for those who may need to learn all together. She did have a thought that was nagging at her and stepped forward to bring it up.

Sorry to interrupt, but can you use your all around appraisal skill you are so fond of on Monty? I have a feeling it might give us a little guidance to why he is so hung up on the lightning." Walker also thought this was a great idea and went ahead with it.

Chapter 512 - 512. Zap

After Scylla had mentioned that Walker should use an appraisal skill on him, he looked down questioning himself. "This has nothing to do with who you are and everything to do with why you have this feeling of attachment to the lightning you saw being controlled. I have a feeling about it." Scylla stopped there motioning for Walker to do what he could.

"Let's not waste any time then," Walker instantly used his all around appraisal skill,

'Monty

Thunder haired monkey trait demi-human

Level: 22

Bonded staff system

The target had long trained in the staff battle techniques since they spun a broom as a weapon to tease their friend. The bloodline of the thunder haired chimp is rare in their family and the last occurrence is over sixty years ago. This bloodline is currently awakening and showing the true demi-human traits inherited.'

The system gave Walker a lot of information that was very valuable. He sometimes wanted to curse the all around appraisal skill since it was a little strange in how it gave him information. Some people or things would not be able to give additional information at all where others would give these extra tidbits of knowledge.

"I would say you are feeling this way because your true demi-human traits are showing themselves." Walker then read exactly what the appraisal had said. He smirked a little reading about spinning a broom handle as a weapon but was very serious mentioning the bloodline and demi-human traits.

"I thought the picture of our great great grandfather being struck by lightning was for dramatic effect in the art. But it was really because he had awakened the blood of a thunder haired monkey? I haven't even heard of that monster in my life!" Monty was completely surprised by this where as Scylla, was much more calm.

"I thought this would be the case. I have found five or six other warriors that had monster traits and not animal traits. Sometimes the monster side doesn't show itself for years or never at all. I assume it was lost to your family history when it didn't show up in your grandfather. These things happen, it is all too common for these misconceptions to happen."

"That means you have been missing training for years. I will need to retrain you from the start." Scylla's last thought caused Monty's blood to run cold. The training he had already undergone was enough to drive anyone mad. Thinking that it was all going to repeat made him that much more terrified.

"Well, first I need to awaken the traits and take care of my duties here. I couldn't possibly retrain right now." He had thought that this would save him but Walker chimed in with an answer.

"I think they will only have my king, Scylla, the elf queen, and my party at the meetings. You will be free to train. I also think we can find a way to help you awaken the trait fully." His words were like daggers stabbing Monty but Walker didn't notice at all. He was just starting to get excited to be part of the lost family history coming to light.

"Exactly my thinking. The awakening started when he saw and felt the lightning so the only logical thing would be for him to experience it. Zap him with a lightning bolt." Scylla didn't hold herself back and asked Walker right away to zap Monty. Her thoughts were that it would be the most efficient way for the traits to be awoken.

Walker didn't see any problem with this. He had his own revelation about the fusion of elements needed for lightning and would train it when he had the chance. Making a smaller lightning bolt wouldn't be an issue in the least. It also gave him a basis for what control he currently had since making something smaller was much harder due to the fact that he needed much finer control of the mana.

"Here we go. Brace yourself because I have no idea how this will feel." Walker started to manipulate the three elemental manas before Monty could even speak. The slight crackle and raising of hair made him glance quickly at Scylla who had started to step away.

Monty released a small whine as he saw that Walker was ready to send the lightning at him. "Wait, maybe we can-" Walker held out a hand which was grasped by Monty just as he used the elemental mana to form the little lightning bolt.

Due to Monty distracting him and causing the minor shock Walker couldn't stop the mana and pull himself free from Monty. He was consequently shocked and felt the pain of thousands of needles all through his body. This feeling didn't stop and continued even after the little lightning bolt had dispersed. Walker hadn't even heard the small pop that it usually made because he was too distracted by his muscle tightening and the feeling of pain.

Scylla was the only one that maintained her calmness. She had seen Monty reach out for Walker and knew she couldn't stop him so she had remained still. The only thing she did not expect was that Walker would also be shocked by the lightning. Altogether it was an unexpected situation that left two twitching and gasping young warriors on the ground.

"I may be a hero, but if I have it my way I will be making your training ten thousand times harder." Walker managed to say this through gritted teeth. He was not the happiest to be surprised by this amount of pain nor the fact that his own was being used against him in this way.

"Oh, don't worry. He will be training for a few hours today and I will leave him with a long list of tasks to do tomorrow during the meetings. If he thinks he has earned any rest he is wrong." Monty appeared to be in a little more pain hearing this from Scylla's lips.

Chapter 513 - 513. Splinters

'The user has been under stress due to a fusion of three elements. The skills fire resistance, water resistance, and wind resistance have all been taken from the forsaken system. The user has automatically learned...'

Walker read the skills as soon as he felt the pain start to fade. Scylla noticed the sudden change and looked at him then to Monty. "I didn't expect having a higher level to allow you to naturally recover from attacks like that." Her face showed the exact confusion since she was much higher level and did not have such ability.

'I actually just gained three resistance skills. The system says that I can resist attacks from water, fire, and wind elemental mana to a slight degree. It also says that they will mitigate small amounts of damage from water, fire, and wind elemental mana.' Walker shrugged thinking that he loved his system more than anything.

"You are lucky then, I could have told the king that Monty harmed one of the heroes. But since you gained a skill I guess Monty can keep this a secret." Scylla was saying this just to tease Monty because of his actions. Walker did not see it as a huge thing to stop. He was a little annoyed that he had been pulled in.

"I think he could do with the pain tolerance training but there is something more we need to worry about. If this was successful then he will have fully awakened the thunder haired monkey bloodline and have a few new skills to use. Can you please check after healing him slightly?" Scylla was not in a patient mood since there was the chance her kingdom was going to have an even more promising young warrior.

Walker held a hand out a little fearful to touch Monty since the last time he had been zapped as well, but he still managed to use his healing skills without issue. "I know you didn't mean to shock me too so I won't hold it against you. But if you get some really cool skills I want to see them." Walker couldn't help himself after healing Monty and wanted to know what had changed.

"That was not fun...I thought I was dying. Even my blood hurt." Monty was still breathing heavily which worried Walker. However, Scylla nodded like this was normal.

"When I first felt the connection to my brothers and sisters I had the same reaction. It is the monster bloodline traits trying to exist with other blood. For some reason, they do not mix easily. The world works in mysterious ways. Now for the important things, what does your system say now?" Scylla was asking but Monty had already grown wide eyed reading his own system information.

He struggled to say everything at first but finally got the words out, " My system isn't the bounded staff system anymore, it's called lightning staff system!" He had always thought that the bounded staff system was called this because the staff he touched and used felt like his own limb. But now he could still feel that, instead, there was the feeling that he could fill any staff he touched with his mana to manipulate the elements.

"If I want...I think I can make a staff thrum with lightning." Monty pushed himself up and grabbed his wooden staff. His hair stood up all over his body and the air grew slightly heavy. To Scylla and Walker, it

was like the moment before a storm broke over them. But to Monty, it was the coming of the mana he needed to use his skills.

There was a slight pop that built in to a chorus of strong p[ops and zings. Before they knew it the wooden staff had started to burn black while lightning slowly sparked off of Monty's hand. There was a loud bang and wood splinters shot across the area bouncing off of Scylla and Walker.

"It exploded! My staff, my friend! It's gone forever!" Montey felt that he had just done something unforgivable. The lightning he was calling to himself to add to the staff had caused the staff to become too full of the three elemental manas and explode in to splinters. "How will I fight without it?" His tearful eyes met Scylla.

"I can't say it is uncommon for someone to be so attached to one of their weapons but I am a little worried for you since you are so crushed by it." Scylla just shook her head while Monmty felt even worse. "But I will ask the elves if they have anything that can handle the three elements coming together to form lighting. What skill was it you were trying to use?" This fact made Scylla more interested than the reaction.

"It was the static infused staff skill. It would have let anything I hit get zapped and do minor al attack damage. It also had the chance to paralyze my opponent. It's the only skill I awakened but I also got the quest to meditate on the bonding of the three elements." Monty said this which made him regret it.

"Then you will meditate until you complete the quest. I expect there to be more like that until you can use many more skills. Walker and I will return to check on you and the progress you make. There are no breaks allowed and I will ask Surius to discipline you if you fall asleep." With this Scylla grabbed Walker's arm and began to drag him away.

"That was intense..." Walker thought he would have more words but it was fairly amazing that such a thing had happened in front of him.

"I would like to hear what you felt through all of that. I could only tell the mana became dense but I know you are more sensitive than I when it comes to such things." The real reason Scylla had dragged Walker was so that she could hear his thoughts before deciding proper training for Monty. She had switched in to full training mode.

Chapter 514 - 514. How To Meditate

Walker thought for a moment on how the mana had moved through the air around them when Monty had tried to use the skill. "I think the wind elemental mana became the strongest at first. The fire and water were drawn but not as dense. That gave me the feeling that it was about to rain or a big storm was on its way."

"I had that feeling too. I have a decent grasp of the wind elemental and the water elemental mana. But fire is a weak point since I lack the affinity. I believe that is also where Monty will struggle. The fire elemental mana is not very prevalent within a forest such as this."

"Then he should meditate next to a fire. When I was trying to understand the dark flames that balance light elemental mana with darkness elemental there was also the fusing elemental mana; fire. I only started to truly catch on to hope to balance it when the shadows of the mansion retreated to a certain point." Walker was recalling the natural flow of darkness and light within a day. Doing so had given him insight.

"That should be a good way to train. But wouldn't it be too low intensity? I believe that you should use some of your skills to add a little extra heat." Scylla was a fan of extreme training and didn't want to see something so simple as meditating the entire time.

"Maybe leave it at meditating near a fire. I made my best discoveries in the peace while meditating and not the chaos. You could make it two or three small fires though. That would increase the fire elemental mana but it might make the water elemental mana harder to find." Walker did not like the look in Scylla's eyes.

"Then we will have three pools of water and three fires. Then I will send small gusts of wind with my fan to help him feel the three interacting naturally." Walker was beginning to have fears that a massive fire tornado would surface.

"Just try not to break his focus. If he gets in to the proper setting then he could stay like that for hours. I once meditated all night and in to the morning. I felt like I wouldn't be able to move my knees ever again" The feeling of sitting in a mediating cross legged position for hours was not one Walker had enjoyed.

"Hours?" This was another look that made Walker think that he had told Scylla the wrong thing. "If he can meditate for hours it is all the better. He should be able to fully understand what he is capable of before returning home." Scylla looked like she had been thinking about something else while speaking.



"Surius, come over here," Scylla called to the nearby Surius who was still observing Monty. "You should train with the spell swords to better combat while also working on your sword skills. This will be the best use of your time. Many of the other kingdoms have all attacks and you will need a way to counter them in grand tournaments." Scyllas' vicious smile made Walker worry about what these grand tournaments could mean.

"If I had to guess...these grand tournaments are a way you will suggest our three kingdoms bond?" Walker could tell that this was the direction the meeting would go if he let Scylla take the lead. This was a good heads up for him to prepare to keep the topic on more important things.

"Of course. How will we be able to judge the quality of youth and our toughest adult warriors? We three kingdoms can come together and show off our strength while also offering rewards to improve those who work the hardest. It is a win win situation.' Scylla had made it sound like it would be the best all around event possible.

"I can't argue that it would be beneficial. But there is much more to do at first than for everyone to jump in to a tournament." Walker tried to get her to hold off but the way she was acting he knew that not only her will but the will of king Rorick was behind the idea.

"We can do both. The demi-human kingdom would be hosting the first one. How could we suggest an idea to the other kingdoms that we weren't prepared to back up?" Walker decided it was best for him to just let this be and wait for the actual meetings when he would have back up from the others in attendance to stop this idea from running rampant.

Thinking that he had to find a way to get out of this conversation Walker decided that he should try and get to the tree house where he could say he was preparing to receive the king. Which wouldn't be a lie since he needed to make sure that every one of the party was together.

"I need to head out and prepare for when the king gets here. Please be polite to the unicorn's guardian in my stead. I will head out now." Scylla didn't even try to stop Walker since she had already gained the plans she needed to add training in to Monty's day.

"Do you mind if I follow you? I will need to find the spell swords training area and train harder than number two over there." This was one of the first time that Sirius had directly spoken to Walker and it

was about his very own rival. This made Walker feel like Sirius was less complicated than he made himself out to be.

"Sure, stick with me. Midnight and Onyx are over there so we will grab them and say farewell to the guardian." Walker headed toward the herd of unicorns once again to see all of the young resting and the adults now entertaining themselves with Onyx and Midnight.

#### Chapter 515 - 515. Sharing Strategy

"Leaving already? I thought that you would be staying longer." The elder came over as soon as he saw that Walker looked to be ready to leave with Sirius.

"I should start to prepare for the king coming. My party should be ready to speak with him and the others he brings with him before the meetings. I also said I would help Sirius get to the spell swords training. He has some sword skills that he wants to train." Walker felt bad that he was leaving after such a short while but with another glance at the young unicorns, he knew that they were already tired out.

"The unicorns have been very happy to see you and your siblings over there. I believe that you would be welcome to spend time here whenever you want. Just make sure that you hold back from now on." The unicorn's defender decided it was best to let Walker head out. He was also trying to keep an eye on Scylla and Monty who were training some distance away.

"I hope you are not too bothered by the demi-human guests I showed here. I should have asked permission." Walker realized that he had basically barged in with those that had not been invited.

"That is what you are worried about? I have no qualms with anyone you bring. So far they have followed my rules and have yet to give me trouble. It is nice to have something new to see sometimes. I will keep an eye on them and make sure that the young ones do not bother them when they wake up." The elder just laughed as he walked toward the herd.

"Onyx, Midnight! We are heading out to get everyone else together." Walker's shout caused the two to stop their playing and head over. The adult unicorns looked at them strangely before returning to those that were resting and watching the four head out.

"Brother, they said that your skills are very misleading. They thought you had hurt their children but found that they were perfectly fine." Onyx was sharing what he had been speaking to one of the adult unicorns about. He had spent the time playing while also gossiping.

"I wasn't sure what would happen until I read the skill. I was very glad that it could do something like that though. I didn't need to worry about using too much strength in a slash. I didn't even think about trying the cross slash skill. It would have been too dangerous." Walker had known that this skill would have caused severe damage to the young unicorns and avoided it as best as he could.

"I am a little sad I wasn't able to get a blocking skill using swords or a deflecting skill. I think I should train with Su to try and get them. They would be great to have in my repertoire." Walker was lamenting this as they stepped out of the unicorns field space. The familiar trees of the elf city took up their view and they moved in the direction of the training area.

"We were at this training area the other day with Scylla helping to train some of the trainee elves. We should be allowed in to train. I figure there is at least a small group of the spell sword trainees there." Walker made sure that Sirius would know why and where they were going. It made sense to let him know just in case no one was able to lead him back to where they were staying later.

'That would be ideal. I am very curious how their sword skills will match the leaping sword style I have been training. The leaping sword play skill was one that my father taught me and I have taken most of my years to learn." This was a better reply than Walker expected since Sirius appeared not to be a conversationist.

'That is why you have those jumps and elegant airs about you when you fight. I remember the match between you and Monty in the little tournament. I wasn't sure how I would have countered you at the time." Walker admitted that he had not had an idea of how he would have gone against either him or Monty. This was true of his lower level and lesser skills at the time.

"From what I can see you are a different warrior than you were back then. I am sure if you used your then we would not have been able to even stand near you.' Sirius had already seen through this fact. Walker may be a decent warrior but it was too easy to see that he excelled in more.

"But the rules were not to use to attack. That's why I made those earth swords to attack. They were both a distraction and a means to attack." His idea had worked fairly well and he had wanted to practice making more weapons from elements. The only problem was that they would not be strong enough to hold up against forged weapons.

"It was a very impressive use of . There are mole trait demi-humans who can do similar things with earth based . They will often change the terrain in a battle to sand or another way to make things hard on their opponent.' Walker felt like he was gaining valuable future strategies for Surius and almost didn't want to reach the training area.

"I believe that doing so is good if they are alone or with others of the same skill set. But I am with my party and if I change the terrain then they could be put in a worse situation. I do make some interesting bunkers though. It came in useful a few times." Walker recalled the temporary tower and bunker he had made when he was in battle. This statement surprised Sirius more than Walker had expected.

#### Chapter 516 - 516. Man Eating Trumpet

"You can create military structures with your earth ? While in battle?" Sirius thought that this was something that could only be done by master earth mages. The idea that Walker could spontaneously create some form of wall or tower would mean that he could create a war front line in a battle to hold ground.

"Well it takes a lot of mana and time so I need someone to defend me while I get it ready. My imagination is key though. I use the ideas of structures around me then imagine them forming out of the earth with my high earth sculpting skill. Then I have them start to form underground. After that I make it rise. It works pretty well." Walker was letting himself brag just a little since no one seemed to talk about this use of his earth .

"That sounds like it should be a focus in a battle. You could push the border walls and hold them in the blink of an eye." Sirius was already seeing this as a permanent structure which Walker was sure to fix.

"These earth structures can't stay forever. They aren't really stone or brick. They are just earth. As soon as enough water or attacks, in general, hit them they begin to fall back in to dirt or sand. It's all temporary." This seemed to take a little excitement from Surius but he still saw this as a huge bounty to a battle.

"Brother has used this skill very well before, but he is not able to make incredibly complicated structures. The tower was simple but do not expect a castle." Onyx had grasped the meaning behind Walkers' words and backed him up.

"Even temporary structures can set a line for an army or start a defensive formation. The ability to use this would save many lives and keep an advancing front steady. I also believe it could serve as perfect for fixing border walls or even holding a bridge." Sirius was still thinking of the many uses a skill like this

had. The only thing was that he couldn't just go out and use this skill. That fact made him wish he had some ability.

"I am not sure I would ever go to participate in a war. I prefer peace to be honest. And that is what I will try and aim for. Anyways, this is the training area that most of the elf trainees use. I will ask the enforcer that guards it to take you to the spell swords." Walker waved to one of the nearby enforcers who gladly took the position of guide to one of the demi-human representatives.

"I hope that you never need the skill for war then. Thank you for giving me some inspiration and leading me here. I will try to become more powerful as fast as Monty will." Sirius took his leave and descended into the training area leaving Onyx and Walker free to go and find the other.

"Hey Onyx, where did Midnight go? She was with us when we left..." Walker had been too focused on the conversation with Sirius that he had missed the fact that Midnight had wandered off. This would be fine if it was anywhere else but since they were in a city that no one knew and that they were guests in, Walker was worried that she may be getting into trouble.

"Brother, she saw some snacks and decided to stop on the way. She should still be there now." Onyx moved to lead Walker back the way they came and soon the smell of roasted vegetables came to his nose.

"Midnight, I didn't realize you had stopped for food. What did you find?" He was equally hungry seeing this assortment of vegetables here. For some reason, the smell was very similar to roasted meat but there was none.

"Hello sir hero. I was just about to serve your fellow hero a serving of the new menu item I have made. I am trying to prepare some things for when new races come to the city." The elf in charge of the food stall was in the midst of sauteeing some of the vegetables before they put them in to an oven to roast behind them.

"I have to ask, what is that smell? They smell like they have roasted meat in them but I can not see any." Walker was feeling like he had found another amazing ingredient to bring home to his mother.

"That would be the man eating trumpet plant I am using. They are plant type monsters but they have very soft vines. They are perfect for making a faux noodle and they release a lot of liquids to make a

sauce with. I was curious if I could make them in to a street food and here is the first try." The elf handed a small plate to Midnight who took it in her mouth and sat next to the stall.

"Can I try some too?" Walker couldn't hold back and pulled out some gold.

"You think I would take gold from a hero who helped our people survive the slime menace? Please just take the second ever potion for free." The elf seemed very offended but Walker knew better than to eat free.

"I wish to invest in your business. Please accept this payment for the future orders I will place when I visit your city." This put a smile on the elf's face because he knew that the hero was more than just a name. The title was well deserved. Walker also said this because he saws how fast Midnight was eating the dish and was glad she was finally eating things other than meat.

Walker leaned in and whispered a little, "Can I buy some of those man eating trumpet vines from you? I think they will be very good for my little sisters' diet." The stall owner discretely packaged up some of the vines and let Walker store them. Walker slid a few more gold over before sitting next to Midnight and sharing the impromptu meal. Onyx even decided to join in on the snacking.

#### Chapter 517 - 517. Crystal Arrows

The three had enjoyed their meal and Walker bade farewell to the elf that had set up shop with his new item. He was sure this would do well when other adventurers and merchants came and made sure to let the elf know.

"Alright, let's go find the others. I have a feeling that Remey will be done with the potions by now but who knows where Gil and Su are. They could have moved on anywhere." Walker genuinely didn't know if Gil and Su would have made it back to the temporary home, the tree house.

"I believe that they would be home brother, Gil was cleaning up his arrows but mentioned that he was going to see miss Alma before the meetings." Onyx had been paying attention to everyone earlier in the morning and heard that Gil was thinking of showing off his new arrows to Alma.

"He's going to show off then? Well, he should be back soon anyways. I just hope that we can all get cleaned up and that we will have decent clothing for the meetings. I feel like Su would have already found something though. She had a knack for this kind of thing." Walker had been worried that they would not look the part as mediators to these kind of bonding meetings.

" Sister says that she will make sure her scales are the shiniest there are." Onyx translated Midnights' words flawlessly.

"I am sure that your scales will be the best and brightest out of any there." Walker didn't have the heart to say this would be because no one else had scales really but he let Midnight puff up her chest and walk tall on the way back to the tree house.

By the time they made it there Walker could already hear a soft snoring coming from inside. The moment he opened the door he was met by the sight of Remey asleep at the table with a half eaten meal next to her. Gil had taken up the floor with some newly laid out crystal arrows in front of him.

"Those arrows look pretty interesting, were they a gift?" Gil started to turn bright red without any other words making Walker want to tease him more. But he thought better of it and sat down to check the arrows out himself.

' Crystal arrow (empty)

The crystal arrow is a staple arrow made by many different elves. They offer the unique ability to store high amounts of a single elemental mana. They will cause various effects when infused and shot with a bow. They will shatter upon use making them a single use attack.'

Walker had already expected this kind of appraisal but had wanted to see if there was anything additional to the arrows he had not known.

"Alma thought that these would be useful for me since I am an arcane marksman and have never used this kind of arrow. She said she knew my arrows and the new ones the trainees and I tested are better but I think these will be great too. I have arrows for every situation now." Gil was like a kid who had just been handed a mountain of candy and was trying to eat one of everything.

"These would have been great for the hordes of horned rabbits. If only we had come here sooner." Walker could only lament the fact that they had come to the forest elf city too late. At the end of the day, they would have never warned anyone of the hordes if they had come somewhere like here earlier.

"Well, now I have them for the future," Gil affirmed that he would be saving them for when they needed them most. "Remey brought that bag over there full of the night vision potions. Apparently, she was able to fully master the recipe on the second try. She said that she had much better luck than she had expected." Gil had only spoken with Remey for a few moments but had gotten a decent bit of the information about the potions.

"Let me check them out then. I have been pretty curious since she mentioned them simply because we have never really bought them or heard of them in detail."

' Medium tier Night vision potion

This potion is able to give the consumer the ability to see in the dark as any night time predator. The effect will last for six hours. The potion has one minor side effect of making sleeping harder. This can also be used in small doses to help one stay awake during the early hours of the morning.'

"Oh, this will be perfect for the long night shifts when we set up camp at night. Plus if we add it to the soup at breakfast it might wake up a little faster." Walker could see some minor and major uses. The fact that it would be perfect for the night watch was a huge weight off their shoulders. It is a common fear for every traveler that at night they will be ambushed by monsters who hunt in the dark.

"I want to use them for night hunting. There are animals and monsters that only come out at night and this will be my key to getting them." Gil had an entirely other thought on what he would use them for.

"No, we should save them for when we are in the dwarf city. Since they are under the ground in caves there may be some places where it is too dark to see. Onyx and Midnight may not need them but we will." Remey had been awakened by their conversation and was stretching while she gave her own ideas.

"I would say good morning but it is nearly night again. How was the potion making? Was it all you had wanted it to be?" Gil had already slightly filled Walker in on these things but he still wanted to hear Remey's thoughts on the matter.

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Remey finished her stretching and looked at the potions. "The first attempt at a small batch was a complete failure. But Trish made sure that it was. She wanted me to be able to tell the difference



between a failing potion and a successful potion." Walker grew confused as he heard this because it sounded like it was a huge waste of materials.

"Wouldn't you be able to see from the final result? Wasn't that just throwing away the herbs?" Remey looked to expect this answer from him.

"It was a waste to a degree, but I learned a lesson. With some potions, I can use my ability to feel the mana within the herbs to tell if they are properly infusing their properties. Since we all leveled up I am able to feel it a lot better too. I actually think I unlocked a skill..." Remey was searching through all the system notifications she had received.

"Here it is, I got a quest to learn the night vision potion when Trish said that she would teach me the proper way. The reward was the skill Alchemical sense. It lets me feel the natural mana within the herbs at a higher rate and also gives me a better chance of predicting how they would interact with other herbs." Remey was incredibly proud of this and wore it all over her face.

"That actually sounds pretty cool. I would love a skill like that for tracking. If I have a skill that helped me guess where a minster or animal had gone it would be so much easier." Gil was already jealous and he had only heard the basics of the skill and not even how Remey was using it fully.

"I agree, that sounds very useful. I bet that you will have way fewer failures in the future." Walker couldn't help but show how impressed he was. This skill sounded like it was perfect for any alchemist or alchemy type system. The user with the skill would exceed the expectations of anyone who bought their potions or brought herbs to ask for an order.

"That's not even the half of it. I can use the skill to start mixing and adjusting my own potion formulas. I am going to have potions that I have created and can market as Remey's potions. That old man won't know what hit him when I get back." Remey could only dream before having her very own formulas. Now she would have more than that by just looking at the things she had already learned with all the new elven hers she had at her fingertips.

"Oh, by the way. I have three bags of various seeds, herbs, and dried herbs over there in the other room. I asked Trish for some things and before I knew it she had filled three bags with way too many things." Remey looked too happy saying this even though she was slightly complaining.

"Walker, just listening to all the things that Remey has makes me think we will need more help on the growing end of things. My mother can grow most things and with the help of the old master alchemist a lot of herbs too. But we have too many herbs to keep up with let alone have the skills for. We should think about hiring an herbalist when we get back. We have the space in the mansion to house and employ one."

Gil spoke with a brilliant idea. Walker had worried that they would not be able to keep up with all the new herbs that they were getting and hiring an herbalist would be perfect.

"That is great! Herbalists can make basic teas and drinks that will fit in to daily diets better. Your mother can cook with them while Gil's will have help with the garden. We could even have the herbalist open a small stall selling some of the herb blends from the garden since the odds are pretty high that we won't need them all. I will be able to teach them about the elven herbs too.' Remey was most excited by the tea blends since she and Su would often sit and enjoy tea by the fire after their training when they were home at the mansion.

"Then it's settled. When we return after our long journey we will post an ad at the adventurers guild that we are hiring an herbalist. We should probably look for one that has traveled though. It will work better if they understand how the climates and such will affect the herbs they are growing." This was the only requirement Walker felt stood out the most.

The three sat with the idea of the herbalist joining their staff and realized just how involved their mansion was becoming. They had furnished it after meeting the carpenters after an unfortunate event. Gil's mother worked hard to rebuild the garden. And they had all put their strength in to cleaning a polishing the inside and outside. They had quickly come in to ownership of a mansion that was soon to surpass any nobles' mansion.

There was a clatter at the door of the tree house making everyone including Midnight and Onyx jump to attention. "Open the door. Leader, I know you should be back by now!" The voice was Su's and Walker did not hesitate for a moment to open the door and reveal the pile of cloth that had become Su.

"Su was eaten by a fabric monster! Everyone get ready for battle!" Remey and Gil started up their open skit while Su dropped the pile of fabrics on the table.

"If there really was a fabric monster we all know that Lisa would have tamed it by now." Su shook her head at their jokes but Walker couldn't help but imagine that his sister Lisa would indeed be the one to find a fabric monster and tame it if it truly did exist. "I have found us formal clothing for the meetings."

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"Did you need to get so many?" Remey was already pulling through the different clothing and realized that there were at least three options for everyone.

"We need one that fits us and our tastes. I would have failed us if I did not find the best for us to wear during such an important occasion. Remember, you and Gil will be in charge of the attendants and others that are meeting with each other while Walker and I will be with the Queen, Scylla, and King." Su glanced at Onyx and Midnight. "You two will need to be sure that everyone does not argue. You are both intimidating naturally and can keep tempers down."

Midnight and Onyx liked the sound of their job and had already gotten to cleaning themselves. Midnight in particular was very excited to act as the intimidation. In her mind, she was the most powerful dragon in the world and it was only right that she acted as a guard to the peacefulness of the meetings.

"I am glad you already tightened up their roles," Walker whispered to Su since he had not had the discussion of what Midnight and Onyx would be able to contribute to. This alone saved him a lot of trouble.

"Of course, now look at what I found." Su began to toss clothing at everyone leaving them with the proper fitting selections.

"How did you know my size so well? These are perfect." Gil was incredibly surprised that Su had so easily found all the perfect sizes for everyone in the party.

"I spend a decent amount of time with Lisa. She has all of our measurements written out and I memorized them for times like this. Do you think that you will always have Lisa to make your clothing or be able to buy them yourself" Su was always thinking ahead and just proved how valuable the little things like this were.

"I think I should pass on the brown leather look." Gil had tried on a shirt in the other room while Su was speaking and found that the leather on him made his appearance that of a hunter and less like an esteemed hero.

"I thought you would like the look since it is very relatable to archery. But you are free to try the green vine print shirt with the rock pattern pants. They should fit well together and make you look like you

should blend in to the forest as a real arcane marksman would." Su had thought Gil would like these but wasn't sure and had grabbed other things too.

"I think I got the best choices." Remey was already in one of the vests she had gotten from Su. It was well made with a black kind of leather and perfectly fit over the red and white shirt that she had also gotten with it. "I can even punch in this if I want." Su's face dropped slightly hearing this since she knew Remey might actually try and go to battle wearing this.

"I think mine is the best." Walker was showing off the blue and white shirt he had just put on. The way the pattern was set made it appear this it was a foaming brook moving through the small rocks. His pants were similar in style making it all appear to be one flowing pattern.

"What, that is actually pretty cool. It even fits the flow of your dancing skills." Gil couldn't help but make the relation to the dance of the wild rabbit skill since it appeared that Walker was flowing to the music when he used it. The two fit very well.

"Umm, Su. Why are you wearing grey?" Remey was looking at a plain grey robe that Su had tied on over her clothing.

"This is the color of tough rock. I thought it would make me look strong..." At this moment alone the entire party realized that Su was wise beyond her years, but slightly lost when it came to her own style.

"Nope. You are wearing that flower pattern one over there. Then you will still carry your shields on your back so that there is the show of strength." Remey had forced Su to the other room to change in just a moment.

When the two came out Su was wearing a pink and white floral pattern dress that would flow in the wind. The stark contrast of the shields on her back made it seem like she was a flower with thorns ready to stand strong. It was a very surprising standard to set since normally shields and dresses were not known as pairs.

"I would say that will rock the views of all the nobles back home." Walker couldn't help but see this as a future fashion trend in the kingdom if Su made it a habit to wear this any more than just important events that required a higher level of fashion.

"She will definitely make waves when she arrived at the meeting. You should make sure that there are not any attempts to interrupt her." Gil joked knowing that no one would dare act that way in front of any royalty. But it was enough to laugh at.

"I can't wear this. I will be a laughing stock." Su covered her face in embarrassment. She had the fear that everyone would be looking at her when she wore this and that was going to eat away at her.

"You are the very front of our defenses. How can you be so shy when it comes to this. You literally face the strongest attacks of monsters in battle but when people look at you this happens." Remey was defeated. She knew that Su could stand up to anything. However, after the elves had looked at them during the queens' speech it was clear that Su did not do well in crowds.

"I will change!" Su rushed in to the other room again.

"Oh, no you won't," Remey chased after her to hide away the other clothing that had been bought.

Chapter 520 - 520. Quest Complete

The party tried on every single possible combination finding their favorites and what they judged each other to look best in. They even found time to help Midnight and Onyx scrub the nearly non-existent dirt and dust from their scales. Through the careful work of the party was in fine form to greet the king and begin the meetings at any time.

There was a knock on their tree house door after a few hours of their waiting and speaking amongst themselves on what important subjects should be focused on and what should be avoided.

"Oh, Sierra. How are you." Walker again recognized the enforcer squad leader which always surprised her.

"I will always find pride in coming to assist you. Sir hero and company. The king of the human kingdom has arrived. The demi-human representative is being notified and our queen is ready to receive them. I will bring you to him for the introduction." Sierra was more professional than she had been previously causing everyone in the party to also become much more focused.

"Alright, everyone knows what their duty is. Midnight will remain with Remey and Onyx with Gil. You two are the peace keepers while Remey and Gil will focus them on topics related to trade and opening the guild." This was the last order that Walker gave before they followed Sierra.

Walker had all of their belongings stored within his inventory so that he could distribute them at any second. The only exceptions were Remeys' gloves which she wore and Gil with his bow and arrows which he also wore. Naturally, Su had been convinced to wear the shield on her back with the pin floral dress to show off her strength and beauty.

The party drew many looks from elves who were trying to get a peek at the king and other humans that came with him. They were instantly stunned by the change from the adventurer mode to noble mode of the party.

"Good luck today heroes! Bring us prosperity!"

"We believe in our slime vanquishers!"

"Fight for our future!"

Some elves felt bold enough to shout encouragement which the party met with waves. This kind of embarrassing moment was not one they were prepared for. The only thing keeping them focused was their own will.

"This is the temporary resting place for you king and those that traveled with him. Please head inside. If you are in need I will be guarding the door with my entire squad." Sierra stepped away after pushing the door open to show a row of knights, the king, guild master Ibis. and some notable nobles, including Markus Raven.

"Please enter heroes of our home kingdom. We have already discovered many things since arriving and look forward to what you have discovered." The king wasted no time. The party couldn't see any sign of weariness from the travels making them believe that the group must have rested a day before coming in to the city at this time.

"First we must report on the purple slimes that are still slightly plaguing the forest. " Walker looked at Ibis as well, "I believe it will be a sign of good will to first ask the guild to send quests with rewards to exterminate the slimes. Also, give them rules from the elves to treat the forest in a certain way pertaining to their laws."

The king nodded his head and motioned to Ibis, "I will entrust you with this. I believe it is a good sign for us to begin with protecting their very lifeblood. The forest is important to us as well since many natural herbs grow on the outskirts." The king had long wanted to make a move of this sort and saw no reason to hesitate any longer.

"We have gathered slime and cores separately from the slimes for research purposes. We also discovered a slime that was made with no element which was used to control the slimes from a long distance. The information on it from an appraisal spoke of a slime breeder system. They are also plaguing the dwarves and we fear they may be in worse situations than the elves." Walker did not falter in his words.

"I have brought some monster researchers with me. Knights, gather the items the heroes have procured, and please show them to the three researchers I chose. I hope for speedy analysis." The king had been sure to bring these researchers so that he could have some immediate answers pertaining to the slimes.

"You have all done well on the quest I have sent you on. You have even assisted the elves in defending their home. I was notified by Ibis who saw the information of a massive minimized slime. I applaud your great strength." The king had no other words but these. He would later reward them but felt he was not prepared enough to do so at the moment.

' Royal relations: slime trouble- completed

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 multiplied for applicable member to 9000exp

Additional rewards determined at completion from the King'

"I feel you and your party have gone beyond the call of my quest. I must take time to think about a proper reward. I may need to open the kingdoms' vaults for a unique item." The king was considering opening the sealed vaults that only ever opened to honor those who do great things in the kingdoms' stead. Beginning relations with a once sealed kingdom was more than meeting these standards.

"Now on to other matters. I believe you all will be acting as the mediators of our meetings? I received my own quest as the king of the human kingdom to travel here and participate. I did not expect such a quest to ever occur and have prepared myself. However, I will need to greet the queen first." The king stood up and all the knights snapped to attention. "Please lead us."