

Master 781

Chapter 781 Matching Gear

Walker felt the confidence in every step and was practically putting off a positive aura. It was a lot of emotion at one time but he was happy to have spoken out about what he felt and thought. It put him in the ideal mindset when the entire group made it to the adventurers' guild.

"OOOOhhhhhhh loook. The heroes arrive to try and steal the show! Come on in and beat the heroes at any game and maybe you will win a prize!" Rodney was out front representing the blacksmiths who had set up most of the games and also forged the tools. They were here to show off skills and even make some sales if possible.

"Hey now, don't go using us to try and get more people to come and try out your weapons and games." Walker couldn't help but return a little of the attitude to Rodney who just laughed along.

"I have to do what I can to make my pay today. So far the games have not been pulling in too many people. But with the heroes here we can see a major increase instantly." Rodney had his arms crossed while nodding at his own master plan..

"He's right you know. With me sweeping through the archery games and winning them all people will think they are easy and give them a try." Gil's arrogant attitude took front and center before he ran to the training fields. He wanted to show off for a little while to get himself out of his own thoughts.

"He's just jealous." Su knew Walker would understand what she said and followed Gil inside.

"Alright, who wants to try out a bunch of games and see if you unlock your system?" Remey had high hopes that she would be able to help one of her younger siblings to unlock their system since not many of them had done so as of yet. The chorus of yes and attempts to rush forward were blocked by Midnight and Onyx who began to lead the pack.

"Have you see the guild master today? Or the vice guild master?" Walker wanted to say hello but was not sure if they would be around.

"Vice guild master Barry is dressed up as a golem today and has already left for the day to spend time with some of the soldiers that returned from their posts at the borders. The new guild master is

currently on the main floor helping to get interest in the adventurers guild. It's the best recruitment chance due to the increase in quests with the new city and all." Rodney had been here all morning and was sure that the guild had recruited plenty of new blood already.

"Thank you, Rodney, I will try out a few games too when I get there. Lisa, let's go see what Clara dressed up as!" Lisa was excited to see another costume.

When the pair entered the first floor they found a sight that Walker never thought he would see. The guild managers were all dressed in different adventuring gear to make them look like wizards, swordsmen, shielders, archers, and many other positions in a party. However, Clara was the one that stood out most of all. She was wearing a bright red and white robe and held a matching book with many pages.

"You're the one who placed the private order for gear that matched the hero party gear!" Lisa recognized her own work instantly. Clara had anonymously placed an order for this costume a month ahead of time.

"Well, I didn't think it fair for you to potentially give me a discount since I am the party manager. So I did what I needed to so that I paid a fair price." Clara smirked at her sneaky move.

"Even if you had asked I wouldn't give a discount because of that. No one gets discounts because everyone is equal." Lisa was back to sticking her tongue out at people and Walker poked her side to get her to stop.

"I wish I had worn my winter gear to match. It would have been a good look for the party to match with you one day. But maybe we can when it snows again." Walker hoped that Clara would enjoy the sentiment.

"That would be nice. Maybe we can have a painter create something for us to put in the office." Clara would enjoy being able to look at it when she had the harder days. It would encourage her to keep working. "I assume you are here to try out the games? Recruiting really isn't as fun as it looks. But we have welcomed thirty new members today so it has been successful." Clara boasted her recruitments.

"Thirty sounds like a drop in the bucket compared to what I am sure you will have done by the end of the day. You are correct though, we are here for the games. Remey wants her siblings to try everything

to unlock a system potentially." They all were familiar with the try everything tactic of unlocking a system, Walker in particular.

"That has also been going well. We watched a child unlock a flying sword system earlier. It was pretty interesting since we have only seen it ten or so times. The last person to have the system could ride on a sword using win to control it." The system did sound very interesting. But what was more interesting was Clara's next words. "We did have a few reports of a strange man with pale skin walking around in a dark cloak. Someone said he managed to slice a training dummy in half with one of the scythes that were on display. It's pretty odd to see someone use a scythe around here.'

"Well, I was able to use one with my system. It might not be as rare as we think." However, even after saying this, Walker still felt there was more to it than that.

Chapter 782 Slash And Block

The three shook of their ominous feelings as just part of the harvest festival. The stories and the slight chill from the harvest season would just make everyone feel on edge for no reason. "Well, head out back and check things out. I have plenty to do here." Clara motioned toward the group of younger people walking in and Walker knew that she would be trying to recruit all of them.

"Alright, we will hopefully see you later. Good luck recruiting the next rising heroes." Walker said this a little louder to draw attention and saw the eyes of those who had just walked in light up. Hopefully, he had just helped Clara out.

"Do you think we can help Remey's brothers and sisters get their systems today?" Lisa wanted to help out while they were here and was looking at Walker for guidance.

"I bet we can, and even if they don't today, we have time before we plan to head out on another trip to help them." This was all Lisa needed to hear as she bumped in to her older brother in excitement.. She wanted to be able to help out and maybe find herself another seamstress.

The training area had been turned in to a well organized walk through of tables and games. The weapons displayed near the archery area were new bows and throwing knives with the odd throwing ax. There was a blacksmith running the space who was trying to get people to hit a target or to show off their skills and hit the target in the same place twice for a prize.

The training dummies had been changed out for one with a pumpkin head and it was the favorite for the swordsmen to slice in half. There was a man demonstrating blindfolded sword play with a wooden sword. The game was simple and the person playing could easily win if they started focused. The goal was to hit the dummy three out of five times after being blindfolded and spun around. If you did there were small wooden swords to win and if someone managed to hit it five out of five times they received a coupon for the next sword they had forged.

Walker spotted Remey and her siblings in front of a shield display with Su. Gil had already made his way to the bows and was going to be there for a while. Midnight and Onyx on the other hand, had found themselves a place in the corner to watch. They had no interest in weapons since they didn't use any. They also weren't motivated because there was no food offered as a prize for any game.

"Leader, this game is perfect for me. We get a shield and they toss balls at us to block. If you can block all thirty I can win us a discount forging coupon." Su was too excited that they had a game that having their own forge at the mansion had slipped her mind. It was funny seeing Remey give the knowing look for a change since their roles had been reversed.

"Anyone want to try and beat Su in this shield block game?" Remey was having a little trouble getting her siblings to try things since there were so many people in the training area. They were just a little shy since they had to possibly try and fail here in the open.

"Well, if you can't beat Su and Me then, I guess no one wants me to buy them one of the pumpkin candies they were selling at the entrance." Walker's words were like fuel on a fire. The kids were completely baited and rushed over to grab the small child sized shields.

Walker had already equipped one of the wooden game shields and Su took the opposite end as him while the children that wanted to try were already in the middle. The small game started up with one of the blacksmith apprentices tossing an easy to block ball at them. Before they knew it there were five apprentices all throwing at the same time. The children began to dodge as giggly as they were bumped here and there while trying to win.

Walker was not trying his hardest to play since he wanted to watch the children the most. But he noticed that Remey's little brother had also managed to get ahold of the wooden sword too. "Why would I get just a shield when I can block with a sword too?" Remey was shaking her head at her younger brother.

"Eli! You always take too much. You were-" Remey was suddenly cut off as her little sibling Eli started to slash and block at the same time.

The blacksmith apprentices started to talk a little bit more and focused on Elis with their attacks. Each one was blocked and it appeared that Eli was using a skill. "Ha! That was twenty two out of thirty! Slash and block combination is the best!"

Remey ran up and grabbed Eli by the shoulders, "Did you just unlock your system and you didn't say a thing!?" She was too glad that it had actually worked that she was forgetting herself for a moment.

"Whoooo, that's the fifth person today! What system kid?" One of the apprentices had pulled a piece of chalk to go and write on a board. There was a record of who had unlocked systems from someone and they were all keeping track.

"Umm, I got the knight system. It said I can use a shield and sword to defend what I hold dear." Eli realized that all the attention was on him and his defiant and excited attitude began to fade.

Gil had sprinted over hearing the shout, "Congratulations! We got one more system unlocked! Who wants to come and try the archery range to see if you can be an archer like me!" Whether it was because Gil was so excited or the children were excited by their sibling unlocking a system, no one knew. But they all followed Gil toward the range.

Chapter 783 Games

Remey was caught up explaining a few things to Elis since he was a little on edge now that he had a system. He wasn't sure what he would be doing and how he would go about things. Gil had taken full babysitting duty since he had led the other children to the archery games.

"Hey Walker. Do you think that the military academy will recruit a knight system user? You know, the kind of system known for protecting people as a body guard or defending those weaker than themselves?" Walker could tell that Remey was trying to get his help convincing Eli that he had a place to go.

"Oh, you know it. I would expect them to jump to get someone with a knight system in their ranks. I bet they could even have an entire group under them after spending years of hard work to get stronger." Eli looked much more calm after hearing another person speaking so positively about the future.

Remey nodded as a thank you for the help, "But, we can head there and check it out. I'm sure if Remey and I use our weight we can get you an entire tour. Maybe my father will even come.. He had a friend

that's a teacher there. He teaches some sword arts and such but he's pretty famous for using two swords in battle." Walker knew that his father's friend was mostly a friend because the man had trained his father but that didn't matter. A friend was a friend

"Really? I can even tour it?" Eli was trying to pretend he was not excited about this. Yet, the more he saw that Remey and Walker were smiling he showed that he wanted to.

"Well, now that we have a knight around I can take a break with the defending. As a congratulations, one of the apprentices said you can keep the wooden sword and shield so make sure you guard me well." Su had perfect timing. Elis was ecstatic to guard Su against any danger and began to walk in front of her toward the archery area where Gil was trying to show off how great bows were.

"That's a pretty big deal, right? I really wasn't sure if one of your siblings was going to unlock anything. But the festival is the best time to try it with so many different people and activities around." The look on Walkers' face was confusion after saying this making Remey look behind her at whatever he was seeing.

"What's with you? You seem really distracted." Remey wanted to continue the conversation but he wasn't sure why Walker was so off.

"Well, I don't know. I keep seeing spirits out of the corner of my eye but I swear they are a blue dressed girl. Really throwing me off." The apologetic tone was enough to make Remey more at ease but she was still worried that Walker needed some rest of something and motioned for him to chew on one of the herbs she was carrying around.

"That's a mint leaf. It's nothing too amazing but the flavor is supposed to wake you up. It helps alchemists focus when we are making a potion that requires more attention. Maybe that will get your mind on track." With her hands over her head in a stretch Remey watched as Walker did as she had told him, "And yes, it's a big deal. I will see about getting a tour tomorrow and speak to your father. He should be able to help, like you said, he has a friend that works there."

With the help from Remey, Walker started to believe that he might just be focused and a little tired. The party had been on some long journies and the sudden slow down could be affecting his focus. Especially since he was not used to all the elemental spirits roaming about and exploring the city and festival.

"Come check out the unique weapons demonstration! Plenty of odd weapons and plenty of unique creations!" The blacksmith that was in charge of the space was motioning to a large number of unique weapons. There were multiple hammers, spikes shields, staffs with blades on the sides, and even a few scythes of different sizes.

"I wouldn't mind checking that scythe out there. I tested one when I first showed up to join the guild and I managed to use it for a while. It did pretty well throwing off my opponents and giving me a nice mid ranged attack option." The man looked glad to hear someone who had experience for a change rather than the people coming just to try out something to unlock their childrens' systems.

"Come on over. I have one that fits your height. Please feel free to target the training dummies there and show off a little. I will reward you well if you can get me a good crowd." The blacksmith had been hoping for this kind of thing to gain some traction. He had wanted to make some sales and was willing to invest a little if he could get enough.

"Then I recommend you back up. I will probably break those dummies." Walker glanced at the scythe as he took it and realized the weapon was much heavier than he had assumed it would be.

'Obsidian scythe

Atk +11, Matk +14, Def +5

Forged from the obsidian of a volcano, this scythe is able to withstand tough hits from an opponent and resonates with the fire elemental mana in the air allowing attacks that can channel the fire elemental mana. The attacks in general are incredibly strong due to the sharpness of the blade. This weapon is incredibly durable due to the obsidian material it is made out of and will last a very long time.'

"This is a pretty great weapon." Walker glanced at the waiting blacksmith and smiled a little. He figured a little experimenting with this could be interesting.

Chapter 784 Demonstration

With Walker stopped at a booth those in the area had paid a little attention to what he was doing. It was common for eyes to be on him no matter what since he was one of the hero title holders. However, it was even more unusual for the fairytale heroes to ignore swords and take a unique weapon like a scythe. It was just more common for a hero to have a shield and sword or a spear in the common stories.

When Walker began to spin the scythe and move using some of the moves from the dance of the wild rabbit, he felt a connection. But what was even more odd was the fact that he could tell the steps were meant to be combined with this method of attack.

Walker wanted to experiment a little but had been surprised that he was actually going to be able to understand something. With the feeling he had and the movements, he had already brought a few people forward to check out what was going on. The blacksmith was making his moves to call people over and Walker was not surprised to hear that the blacksmith was mentioning a hero using one of the weapons there.

Since he had agreed that he would help and his own interest was piqued, Walker started to push himself to show off a little more by using the scythe to vault in to the air and slash down at the training dummy. It was an elegant dance of spins and attack that made him appear to be a reaper himself.

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When he slashed out next he pulled on the fire elemental mana in the air to do a little more. The mana gathered in the obsidian blade making it glow with heat. When Walker slashed out the fire that left the blade and remained on the training dummy was exactly what the blacksmith and Walker wanted to see.

The flashy attack was mirrored by the systems notification,

'The skill burning blade has been taken from the obsidian swordsman system. The skill burning blade has been automatically learned due to users' actions.

Burning blade- 4 mana cost

This skill can only be used with a weapon with fire affinity and resistance. The fire elemental mana will cause the blade to heat up and leave a flaming burn on the target. This not only will cause severe burns but also a potential fire.'

Besides the fact that the attack had destroyed one of the training dummies and left the remains of it burning on the spot. The attack had also brought a small plume of dark smoke that was able to attract

more people around. However, Walker did not want to stop moving since he felt that he could do even more.

The attacks were more consistent and the last dummy was being slashed over and over. Walker wanted to see how much control he could use while using the scythe. The small pieces of the dummy that were shaved off between spins and attacks were the reason most people were staying to watch. It was a demonstration that took up their attention and brought wonder.

'The skill dance of the silent reaper has been taken from the angel of death system. The user has gained the skill through the users' actions.

Dance of the silent reaper- passive

Requires the use of a scythe weapon or a weapon that has taken the lives of over a thousand living beings.

The user has the ability to silently dance with many spinning and twisting motions. The movements become elegant and hard to follow as if a spirit so roaming the land. With the silent movements, there is a very high chance to surprise an enemy but also the strong ability to slice through an unexpected opponent. The motions are said to cause fear when being seen and respect of the one dancing.'

Walker used the fire elemental mana one last time to slice what was left of the dummy in half. He watched the pumpkin head begin to burn then go out in a steaming pile. "Sorry, I got a little excited while I was learning some new things. I hope that is alright?" The blacksmith had nothing to say. He had gotten exactly what he wanted. One of the morning stars was being examined by a guard off duty and even a few of the military academy students had been attracted.

"No no, it was perfect. I couldn't have asked for a better demonstration. You even used one of the hardest weapons I had here perfectly!" The blacksmith had a wild grin that spoke volumes of his ideas.

Before Walker could speak again the blacksmith made a grand motion, "The hero was so kind to assist me in today's demonstration that I could not help but feel giving him a meager few gold was acceptable. Due to his amazing performance, I have decided to gift him the obsidian scythe made right here in this city. There are many more in the obsidian series of weapons and shields if anyone is interested. Please

ask for Gram when you visit the forge and mention this demonstration. Now, anyone who manages to unlock their child's system here will receive my coupon free!"

Walker smirked as the blacksmith used his business experience to woo the crowd and gain a lot more attention. Before Walker even knew what happened he was nearly pushed aside by potential buyers and children that wanted to snag one of the forge coupons. Not to mention the military academy students interested in the obsidian series weapons.

"I guess that went well," Walker stored the obsidian scythe and wore a bright smile while he moved to find the others. He wasn't surprised to find they had moved on from the archery and towards one of the simpler games. He also was sure that they would be after the pumpkin candy he had offered before.

Chapter 785 Lisa And The Castle

"You just had to go over and show off, huh?" Gil had to tease Walker.

"Says the guy who went to show off the archery skills he has. I was expecting you to pull out one of the wither spike arrows to make a big show of it." It was a genuine surprise from Walker. He had thought that Gil would have been showing off a little more than he actually had.

"Right, and who would have cleaned up the mess? Us? That's what I thought.' He knew all too well that if he made a huge mess the group would have left him to clean it up on his own. Even the blacksmiths and guild employees would have left him to it since he had caused it.

"I guess that's fair. So, we should probably start to head to the castle. It's better to be a little early than late." Walker was saying this mostly because it was a way for Remey to overhear and prepare herself for solo babysitting for the next few hours..

"I think we will all just go back home and spend some time resting before we head to the square for the bonfires." The finger pointing at her siblings landed on the ones that were falling asleep. Remey was sure this would get worse and they would all be asleep by the time the festival dancing and bonfires began.

"Well, then I will go and buy you all something to snack on while you wait for the dancing tonight." Walker made good on his promise and bought a box of the pumpkin candies for Remey's siblings.

"Is it really alright for me to go with you to the castle?" Walker had completely forgotten that Lisa had never been to the castle.

"Of course it is, How else will I show off the person that made all of our costumes?" This was the best way for Walker to boost Lisas' courage while they prepared to go their separate ways.

"Will Elise and Stella be there?" Lisa had been missing them since they had gone off on their own earlier.

"I'm not sure. But I feel like they will attend. Some supplies have already arrived but Elise is the only one representing the tamers' guild right now. She should have to come with us even if she doesn't want to." This was a sad truth that came with responsibility. Elise had to represent the guild she was part of since no one above her had appeared with the deliveries that were being made. Not to mention, Elise was still waiting on her friend who would look at the albino mole egg and bring something for the demon girl who wanted to be a tamer.

"Good, then Elise will join you, me, and Midnight eating." Su made sure she supported Lisa a little and began to tell her what to expect while the group waved to Remey.

The walk to the castle was a little harder than usual. The people in the streets had been rising as the morning went on and was now making it very hard to travel altogether. The guards also appeared on edge and constantly checked people who appeared suspicious. After they reached the castle gate a guard used a item to check if they were lying.

"I have never seen something like that, can I ask about it?" The guard had immediately become more welcoming when he realized who Walker and the others were.

"Of course sir hero. This is a mirror made with glass from the shifting desert. It has one slightly costly appraisal function. It tells me if the person reflected in the mirror is lying about their identity. We are proud to have them since it makes our duties much easier." The guard was exceptionally proud to show off how well he could do his job with the mirror.

"That's very interesting. So glass from the shifting desert. I'll have to travel there one day." Walker followed the others inside after Lisa tugged on his arm. They were not the only ones entering and if they stayed in one place they would hold everything up too much.

The main door to the castle looked as it had before, however, this was the only same thing. The rest of the hallway had been intricately decorated to mirror the harvest season. Bright reds and oranges took over the group's sights while they walked. Luxurious fabrics that draped down the walls made the room feel as if one were walking through a war, forest of harvest colors.

The myriad of seasonal vegetables and herbs displayed made the smell in the halls and the main hall seem more open and free. The main hall itself was much more grand. Some of the tables were adorned with the same seasonal harvest food that they group had already seen. However, there was much more to it. They were made with a much higher quality and care. There was sugar spun to look like spider webs and caved vegetables to match the harvest season flowers.

"Brother, we need to go look at something." Lisa was not next to Walker for a while. Instead, she was pulled away by Su and Midnight toward the food tables. Onyx didn't argue and followed Midnight, Walker began to realize he was a little more gluttonous than he had been now that he shared food with Midnight so often.

"Well, I knew the girls would ditch us but I feel a little miffed anyways." The reaction Gil had was the same that Walker was feeling.

"I guess we will just need to go and bother Elise since she already made it here." Walker pointed out a pair of white wings stuck to someone's back, "I am pretty sure that is one of the two angels we are looking for today." The pair made their moves toward Elise while the others ate. The hall was moderately full of guests but not enough to stifle them. It was a party and the atmosphere showed it. Yet, for some reason, Walker could feel a little tension.

Chapter 786 Big Announcement

"Elise!" Walker spoke up a little to get over the sounds of the other guests. He kept himself just loud enough so that he would be heard over the other guests but not enough to make a ruckus.

Elise turned toward him and Gil with a surprised look. She had not expected them to arrive right at the start of the party even though they had said they would be attending. Her costume was much more than they had expected. Lisa had made a pure white dress with multiple patterns. They were obviously copied from her attempts at recreating the light elemental rune on the fabrics Walker had given her. However, they had made a very intricate and beautiful pattern that was perfect for a high end party like this.

The wings that had been attached to the back of the costume were incredibly simple but elegant. There were white goose feathers affixed to the wire frame that allowed them to bend and not cause anyone

harm if they were bumped. They stretched out just enough so that that added to the looks of the costume but not enough that it made her look odd.

"Your costume really fits you well.." The compliment caught Elise a little off guard since Walker had not shown any inclination of complimenting her a moment before he and Gil walked up.

"Shouldn't Stella be with you too? The twin angel look would be pretty impressive to show off." Gil had noticed that Stella was nowhere to be seen.

"She didn't want to come inside with all the people here. I tried to convince her but she went back to the mansion. I don't know if she will even come to watch the dancing later since it will be so crowded." This was a little disappointing but completely understandable. Stella had not developed the ability to speak yet and that meant that she was not going to be able to maneuver complicated and busy streets as easily.

"We should try and bring some of the food back for her. I know just the guy with spatial to store it away and do just that." Gil's elbow hit Walker in the side and he immediately nodded his head.

"I'm sure that Stella would love that." There was a slight pause as Elise recognized someone from across the hall, "I need to continue making the rounds and speaking with those who have ties to the guild. I will try and catch up to you all later." Just as fast as they had found Elise, she had run off again.

"What do we do-" Walker was trying to ask Gil what he thought they should do now since the people all around them were nobles that did not really know. However, the large doors opened and two familiar figures walked in.

The king and queen were led by their guards and a few of the closer nobles were wearing different versions of their royal robes. Their robes had been changed from the reds and purples in to reds, oranges, and yellows. The fabrics had many leaf prints along with pins that held the shape of pumpkins and gourds. It was an overall very fitting ensemble that matched the season.

When the king and queen made it to their seats it was an instant silence. The room completely focused on them and The king rose back to his feet. He motioned for the queen to stand beside him and smiled widely. It was a different action than the usual announcements that held serious actions and tones.

"I know there have been many rumors and such since we were not in the room when everyone arrived. As the host of this event, we apologize, but we were preparing to make an announcement that we can't help but make now."

The queen spoke next adding to the curiosity that everyone else had, "My king and husband had to call many doctors and some powerful users from the church to finalize what has been happening these past days. It has been a blur and I know all on the castle have been even more on the edge. I am sorry we had you in the dark along with our loyal friends here."

The two watched as the tension increased in the hall. A few of the guests whispered to each other expecting another bad announcement. With everything that was happening in the kingdom, it made some sense that this would be what they all thought. The demons had attacked and destroyed a lot of crops. Other kingdoms had been attacked in some way or another. There was too much bad for the king and queen to be saying something positive.

Or so they thought, "We had hoped that we would be announcing this under a more positive light. But this is a season for celebration and this is something to celebrate. After consulting with multiple mages and health experts in their own rights, we wish to announce that the queen is carrying our daughter of our kingdom. The princess will be born in a few months!"

There was a slight pause as this was taken in. The king's joy was all too obvious in his words and it was infectious. Many of the nobles started to let out a cheer and some even ran to tell others outside the party. The news would spread like wildfire and cause many of the people in the kingdom to celebrate even more.

The king and queen were met with a slew of nobles right away. They waved them off after some time and the guards took positions that told everyone to slow down. The party would last for some hours and there was plenty of time for them to speak. Right now they just wanted to take to enjoy the atmosphere.

"I think we should head on up now to say something so that we won't feel trapped later when we want to leave." The idea was nothing too crazy, but Gil was thinking ahead because he knew that they would want to meet everyone for dancing sooner than later.

Chapter 787 Fabric Patterns

The pair moved towards the thrones that the queen and King had moved closer for tonight's events. They had not wanted their guests to need to move separately to greet them and since they had made their announcement, they knew that people would want to congratulate both of them.

There was a guard that tried to keep Gil and Walker back but with a small nod from the king, they were allowed forward to a great deal of jealousy from the nobles. "Well, I wish I knew that you two would be in costume. I would have dressed myself up like I did when I was younger." The king appeared as if he enjoyed the costumes very much.

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"Oh, what are you talking about? We are in these brilliant harvest robes. Look at my dress, it is elegant and the best costume we could have asked for." The queen was of a different mind. They may not have dressed up like the nobles or the average citizen but she truly enjoyed the costumes that had been made for them.

"I agree. They are very fitting for the season and I am sure that the ones who created them will be sought out as soon as the party is over." The compliment was not just for show. Walker believed that the person that made them would be plagued with orders for the same leaf print for months.

"Congratulations on the announcement. It will be pretty cool to welcome a princess in to the kingdom while we are expanding and carving a new path. Just imagine, by the time she is old enough to understand there will be a whole new world for her to explore." Gil was uncharacteristically wise in his congratulation but it spoke volumes of his own hope for the future. He, more than anyone, was very excited for the city to come together.

"Thank you two very much. We were thinking the same thing. When we first bring her there she will be the first to be able to call the city home. We will remain here but we hope that we can send her there for education." The king was expecting the city to be the best possible place for the future education of all the kingdoms.

"Let's worry about coming up with a name before we start planning our daughters' education. You and everyone in this room are getting far far too ahead of yourselves." The queen was mostly joking since she was also very happy that there would be a bright and new place to send their daughter for the best education.

"I guess we will need to work a little harder for the future then. A princess attending the city for education?" Walker's light hearted joke was more serious than he realized. He and the others had not been focused on the fact that a lot of royalty and nobles would be sending their children to Genesis to learn and grow. The fact that an alchemy guild holding classes, adventurers guild, tamers' guild, and crafting groups would be there was just the start of the educational possibilities. Add on the Garnet

family auction house and merchants' building and there was yet another boon for educational possibilities.

"Ah, here come your other party members. Midnight looks all too adorable in that witch costume. But who is that girl next to her?" The queen was slightly curious about who was with Midnight, Onyx, and Su since she had not met Walkers' sister.

"Lisa, come over here quick." Walker was excited to introduce another of his family members that he had not realized how nervous she might be. "This is my sister Lisa. She is the one who made the costumes we all wear. She made the witch costume that Onyx and Midnight wear. The dragon-kin pieces that were added to Su's armor. And she made the little bits and pieces to make Gil look like some archer assassin mix. Oh, and my fancy clothing. Plus, you might just see an angle roaming about from the tamers' guild."

Lisa was bright red with the praise she was receiving and she just wanted to hide behind Walker. "Well, it is very nice to meet you, Lisa. I have indeed seen the angel roaming around and it is a very beautiful pattern. How would you like a job making some baby clothes of the same pattern?" Lisa's jaw dropped straight to the floor. She was almost completely stunned and could not answer.

Walker nudged her slightly and with a little bow, Lisa was able to respond, "Yes my queen. I would be honored. I was experimenting with the fabrics that my brother brought home for me and replicated an imperfect pattern. If I am given a few months I will be able to give you clothing with runes sewn in. They can help with the health and growth if I can properly learn." The king and queen were surprised that the little girl was so accomplished that she was learning to add runes to the fabric as the elves did.

"So, like brother like sister. Two amazing children of their own right within a family. I will have to step up a little. Lisa, you are welcome to visit our personal tailor and seamstress masters here in the castle once a week for some guidance if you would like. They have been lacking in apprentices lately and we have felt that they could use a little genius to assist them." The king had a slight smirk as Lisas' jaw dropped again.

"Please, my sister needs a little time to absorb this. You two don't realize how powerful your words are." Walker tried to rescue his sister a little but the king and Queen just laughed a little more.

After the pleasantries, Walker mentioned the additional elemental spirits around the kingdom and that they were responsible for the growth of the damaged fields. The king made sure that one of his attendants would post a notice for everyone to respect the spirits and that anyone who found they

could communicate would gain certain benefits. It was overall a pleasant conversation before they were made to part ways for another noble group to come and speak with them.

Chapter 788 Beauty Of Light

"Brother! Do you know what just happened? The king and queen want me to make them baby clothes! I will have my designs on the body of a princess! A princess!" The energy Lisa had in her body was nearly uncontrollable. She was not sure how she would be able to act or even handle all of this. "How are you and Gil and Su and Midnight and Onyx and Remey and and...how can any of you handle all this?"

The question was enough to make them all chuckle a little. "Leader has a lot of different and crazy skills on a daily basis. The king and the queen asking for something like this is pretty tame compared to him." Walker almost felt offended after Su spoke but he had to admit that he had been given his own heart attacks when he saw his own skills.

"Trust me, you should try and speak to the elf queen. She sits on a moving throne of vines that literally connects her to nature. Plus she talks to her ancestors' spirits and stuff. Our king and queen are very relaxed compared to the aura that she gives off.." The feeling Gil had when they were in the presence of the forest elf queen was definitely more intimidating.

"You may have felt a little more than us. You know, since you were chasing after Alma, the next queen of the forest elves." Walker didn't even hold himself back from teasing Gil. He was getting his own revenge from all the jokes Gil had made before.

"Sister says that you will have a lot of fun learning more. She wants you to make her another costume for next year." Lisa instantly hugged Midnight around the neck after Onyx spoke for her.

"Leader, we should check out the rest of the food while we have the time. If we waste too much talking it will all be gone." Su was supported by Onyx and Midnight. The group spent the rest of their time finding new foods to have Walker store away to bring home and show off to share with Stella and the rest of the family. The staff serving them was more than happy to bring out even more for them since the cooks wanted nothing more than to keep showing off their skills.

When they noticed the sun starting to set in the large windows of the main hall the group realized that they should begin to head out. Walker felt it strange that he had yet to see Alice who was attending the party with the high priest. But both of them had not made it just yet.

"Now, please quiet yourselves down for a moment!" The king shouted out to get everyone's attention, surprising most of them. "I have arranged for the most gifted songstress in the cathedral to come and show you all the beauty of light."

The guards cleared the center of the room and Walker understood why he had not seen the high priest or Alice yet. They had been preparing for the show for the party and Alice had kept it hidden very well.

"Look at her!" Lisa forced Walkers' head to the door and Alice walked in to the hall. She was wearing a much different attire than before that reflected the season very well. The draping yellow and orange fabric that flowed around Alice gave the impression of falling leaves. The red base for the dress was only visible in glimpses due to the other fabrics but it was enough to highlight the brightness and vibrancy of the entire ensemble.

There were no words for Walker as he watched her stride to the open space for her to sing. The high priest was behind her and was able to locate Walker in an instant. His hurried motions made Walker wonder what he was needed for.

When the high priest got ahold of his arm he leaned on Walker heavily, "I was hoping you would be closer to the door. I need a little help standing today since I am not in the cathedral as usual. Also, use that calming waves skill, you can add to the wonder for us." The high priest was elderly and did need the assistance but he was sneaky and wanted to add to the show even more.

"How could I say no to you?" Walker immediately released the skill and waves of calming aura spread through the room causing all attention to be directed toward the center. Alice did not hold her smile back when she saw Walker helping the high priest and adding his calming waves skill.

With one swift motion, Walker saw Alice remove the bracelet he had given to her so that she could more freely allow her skills to influence the mana on the air. She took a deep breath and let her song begin. The soft tune was enough to cause the light to shake and begin to change.

The images of falling leaves overtook the room and everyone was breathless. Besides the music which was sweeter than anything, Alices' voice lulled them in to a sense of wonder. The vibrant light of the falling leaves around them may have been an illusion but it was all too brilliant. Everyone had the feeling that they were in a forest of falling leaves.

The first person began to dance. This was like a wave breaking and everyone around them was soon dancing. Midnight and Onyx were quick to move and hide themselves next to Walker and the high priest as to avoid the dancing feet. Gil was pulled in to the dance by Su since they didn't have partners and surprisingly the king and queen also joined the dance floor.

The song may not have been long but the entire hall was full of wonder and health. Many of the nobles could not break the peaceful silence after the song ended. Alice on the other hand looked a little tired but her smile soon returned as she placed the bracelet back on her wrist and walked to Walker and the High priest full of smiles.

"This was a pretty amazing entrance." Walker shook his head while Alice and the high priest reveled in their small surprise.

Chapter 789 A Little Business

"Well, we can't say we didn't hide it on purpose." The high priest was all smiles since he had seen everyone's reaction. "I knew that the king and queen were announcing their daughter's birth in a few months. Who do you think sent the healers to check and use their skills to tell them what kind of baby they were having?" The high priest spoke as if it was obvious.

"And when they said they wanted their party to be the announcement since we had finally figured it all out, I said that they needed a worthwhile performance to celebrate it. Alice has been working on that song all month." The proud fatherly look radiated off the high priest while Alice wanted to shrink away in embarrassment.

"The song was definitely one of the most beautiful I have ever heard. And the falling leaves were like a rain of harvest. I don't know how you can imagine something so perfect." Walker was not hiding his amazement in the least. It was something that he didn't ever want to understand and learn. He feared that if he did then the that he felt might be gone..

Naturally, Alice became even more embarrassed and red making the situation a little awkward. "Do you want me to help you to a seat? I can leave some of the potions Remey gave me? I even have a tea blend I can ask the staff to make for you. Remey said it would soothe the joints and bones from traveling." The suggestions were brushed off by the high priest.

"I won't be staying too long. I have a few things that need doing even though it is the harvest festival. But, I would not mind if you took me over to the seat reserved for me by the king and queen. They have been waiting for me to come over." With a quick glance, Walker found that the king and queen had

cleared their space, and a chair and small table was resting in front of them now. The guests had calmed and they had seated themselves. There was already tea steaming in the cups.

"Then off we go." Walker lent a hand to the high priest as he sat down and lifted the cup to his lips.

"Perfect as always. I am blessed to sit here today. I hope you do not mind my rudeness, but lately, my body has not been up to the task unless I am in the cathedral." Walker had expected to be dismissed as soon as the high priest sat down but he was not.

There was a slight worry that he had ditched Lisa but soon found that Midnight and Onyx had pulled her toward another table with food. It was as if he had been totally forgotten in comparison to a fluffy looking steamed bun. He couldn't help but slightly curse their love of food before realizing he also loved food.

"Now, your daughters' performance was brilliant. It is always an honor to have you here with us." Alice gave a small bow and the high priest showed a loving smile. "I hate to rush this, but I know you are planning to retire. Have you thought of someone to take your place?" The king had jumped right to business in the middle of a party.

"Ah, I knew you would be asking. I am still looking for the right person. I would choose Alice, however, she deserves to be free of the binding that comes with my position. There is a great world out there for her to see and I will not be the one to stand before that coming to light. I do plan on putting a hand out at the summit planned though. I have the feeling that the holy lord wishes me to journey there and find a pure healer."

"I believe that is a wonderful idea. Many will be in attendance from all walks of life. I think you will be able to find more than one candidate. There will need to be one that opens the cathedral in the Genesis city, correct?" The queen had a small smile that said she was expecting this sort of answer.

"I agree with you, my queen." There was nothing more to be said about the matter. The king and queen looked as if this was the best possible answer. It would only support the new city more and even attract more people there at the start.

"Why don't you two run off. I hear the festival is starting outside and I would hate to hold you in a stuffy party like this." The king could read the situation much better than Walker had expected.

"This is a wonderful party. And again, thank you for giving my sister such an opportunity. I can't wait to see what she learns." The king and queen nodded to Walker. Alice didn't hesitate at all to turn herself to the high priest and give a slight hug before pulling Walker away.

"Why the rush?" Alice was pulling him away much faster than he had expected. She had never been so bold. Yet, when he saw that she was pulling him toward the rest of the group at the door he knew. "When did everyone get over here? We're ready to leave?"

"We just got together. We saw Alice make a few waves to us and figured it was because we were just about ready. The festival is in full swing and it's almost dark." Gil pointed at the window. He was right. The sun was almost set and they should be leaving. Walker had completely lost track of time after the song. It was time for them to head out in to the festival. The true harvest festival started after the lanterns were lit and the ghosts were said to roam the streets.

Chapter 790 The Right Partner

"Why isn't Elise coming with us? She barely talked to us while we were there." Lisa and Su were both unhappy that they couldn't bring their friend along and that Stella was missing.

"She is representing the tamers' guild tonight so she has to speak to a lot of people and make nice. She didn't seem happy about it either but it is her duty. Stella didn't like the crowding and decided to head home. We are storing food for her, remember." Both Lisa and Su remembered as soon as Walker said it. They felt a little silly to have been distracted so much from the party and what was going on around them.

"So, Midnight, Onyx." Gil became incredibly serious. His face looked as if he was about to head to war against an enemy he could never beat. "Are you ready to taste the best delicacy of the harvest festival? It comes right from the fields, dried, popped with heat, caramelized with sugar, and dusted with a little salt. It's kettle corn and it is only made this time of year.."

Midnight and Onyx were frozen on the spot where they stood. If they had not been out on the streets someone was sure to have wondered what was wrong. Luckily, they were in their own group pulled away from others.

"Sister and I would like it all." They didn't beat around the bush. They requested all the kettle corn in the city.

"All of it? Do you know how much that would be? It would be coming out of your ears! Walker, Midnight, Onyx, and I are heading out to go food hunting. We will see you when we see you." This has been the plan afterall. They were going to split up. It seemed that Gil wanted to have some time to bond with Midnight and Onyx anyway since he didn't have a dance partner for the night.

Lisa was giving Walker serious puppy dog eyes and he knew what it meant, "You can go with Gil if you want. I won't stop you. But Gil is responsible for Walking you home later and if he doesn't then I will freeze him in a block of ice and push it in to a magma fissure." Walker's perfect smile and piercing gaze got Gil to wave in acceptance.

"Yes! I will make sure I bring some home for you guys too. I love you!" At that Lisa hugged Walker and followed Midnight. She was bravely leading the group of four even though she had no idea where the food she was so set on trying was sold.

"We are heading to the square now, correct? I have a friend waiting for me." Su was fidgeting a bit which painted the picture for Alice and Walker. She had made plans with her musician friend and she didn't want to openly admit it.

"We can't leave your dance partner waiting. Come on!" Walker and Alice grabbed one side of Su each and dragged her toward the square. They were not going to hold Su up from her date that she was excited and obviously embarrassed about.

"And here, we are!" The smell of fire smoke and the warmth of the bonfires was enough to set the square aside and brighten things up. The crackling of the fire was just barely loud enough to be heard over the sounds of the music and people starting to dance. "Now, go find your musician. I mean friend." Walker smirked when he saw Su reacting so strangely compared to how she would normally act. She was always so calm and cool that when she was flustered it was all too cute.

"Look." Alice pointed to the far end of the square where some familiar faces were enjoying the music. Su and Gil's parents were dancing and sharing drinks with a few other friends. They may have moved in to a mansion but they were not people to forget those that they were friends within the lower tier. It was just another way for all the people to be united.

"It looks like the whole family will be here soon. I bet we will be way too caught up with everything if we don't take the time to ourselves now." Walker extended a hand to Alice and motioned for her to dance with him. "I can't promise I can dance very well with a partner but I will do my best."

The look on Alices' face said that she was not used to dancing properly as well so they could be fools dancing together to their own beat. With Alice's hand in his, Walker moved to the square and started to dance side to side a little enjoying the warmth of the fire and the time they had. "A lot has happened lately. It's good to be home."

"I'm glad you're back" Alice moved closer to Walker. At first, he thought she was making a move in the moment but he saw that she had goosebumps on her arms. His breath showed slightly too. It had gotten fairly cool all of a sudden.

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Requirement:

Dance with the right partner

Reward:

One time use skill.'

A small breeze drifted through the square and every fire flickered slightly. It was a strange moment and everyone around felt it. However, it was nothing to stop the joy and dancing going on. The sun may have fully set but the festivities were already here and there was nothing to stop anyone.

Walker had no idea who he was supposed to dance with. As far as he was concerned, Alice was the right person. But the quest that had shown up was not fulfilled. It also was full of missing information only

showing the requirement and the reward. He didn't know who he had to assist until Alice stopped her movements and appeared sad. She was looking at a certain girl in a blue dress.