

## Master 811

### Chapter 811 Wind Attacks

The three had become stunned and silent as they followed Onyx. They had told their side of the story of how the party had saved them before Onyx had joined them and how amazing the entire thing was. They would have been the party triple G's heroes even if they did not receive the titles of hero.

Onyx was glad to hear this since he had heard it once but never from those who had been saved. It was a proud moment to hear how it had changed another's life and put a fire in their heart to become better and live their lives as their own upstanding people.

"Thank you three for helping my little brother gather these. I will make sure there are extra grilled cheese sandwiches for you to eat!" Lisa was firstly polite before she let her excitement take over. "Onyx! Do you know how valuable these purple moth cocoons are right now? The guards can't patrol the area at this time of year because the poison moths are too dangerous. With all of this poison resistant silk, I can make at least five uniforms to protect them!" Lisa wasn't even considering profit. Onyx had gifted these materials to her and she was going to use them to help protect the guards that walked the walls.

"I was lucky to find them without the moths finding me as a threat. I just find joy in you liking them." Onyx could only revel in his success. Not only had he trained his skills and eaten a lot of light elemental mana, but he had also found a great material and happened on a meeting with three adventurers who had known the party before they had done too many crazy things.

This combination of events led to a very fun and interesting lunch. Walker, Su, and Midnight were too caught up in their training but the triple G party refused to interrupt. Hearing that the heroes were so caught up in training inspired them further to train hard and go take another quest. Onyx and Lisa could only rave more about the entire encounter. It was overall, a pleasant coincidence.

Meanwhile, Walker has started to channel the wind elemental mana to condense around them. He had decided that Midnight would need help getting the feeling and the base of the elemental breath attacks. Once that was achieved that would be it. She would need to train by herself from that point because if he was always helping then she wouldn't be able to produce the different elemental attacks without his assistance. Midnight seemed to agree with this.

"What would the wind elemental breath attack be like? I have not seen it written anywhere yet." Su was in the dark when it came to this. She had tried to stay awake a little later to study in the library but only had luck in finding the fire elemental breath attacks.

"From what I understand It is a built up gust of concentrated wind that can even slice through trees and eventually forests. But I have no idea how it is condensed like that." Walker was sure that these phrases from books were true to a degree. However, it sounded more like a wind blade skill than an elemental breath attack. "I think Midnight will need to follow instinct more for this one."

The response from Midnight was a determined huff. She was holding herself upright in a small swirling of wind that Walker was creating. The wind elemental spirits had already come to examine the concentration of wind. They even added to it to make the turbulent air even more so.

Midnight was breathing as she had when bringing in the water elemental mana to create the first breath. Unfortunately, it just seemed like she was taking a breath and not actually condensing the mana in to an attack. "I think you need to breath slower. When I breathe in I know that some wind elemental mana reaches my lunch. But my body naturally filters it out. Try to focus on the mana and condense it in a fast breath out after a slow breath in."

Walker did not expect this to work as well as it did for Midnight. When she copied the method that Walker had suggested there was a pull of mana toward here much stringer than what it was with the water elemental mana. "Su, move away." Walker saw a defiant look in Su's eyes but when she saw his serious face she moved away so that she would not be hit by an attack. It was already enough that Su was training against the wind he and the elemental spirits had made.

Midnight opened her maw and a gust of wind left. However, this was stronger than expected. There was a slight gash of dirt carved out in front of her for a few feet. The air had most certainly condensed and was released all at once. This was no gale but instead a blade. The wind elemental breath attack was not like the others and was more condensed and dangerous at close range.

"The wind elemental breath attack is not to be taken lightly. I have a feeling that it was easier because you are always breathing in win elemental mana. Your body is used to it so it has a more concentrated effect." The theory was sound and Midnight was happy to have easily used a new attack. It was a nice change from the difficulty of the day before. Although, it meant that she would have a more challenge with the winds opposite; earth.

"I know you are worried about learning the earth attack." Walker used his mana to calm the wind ad allow the heavy mana to return to its normal state. "But I have a few ideas from studying other monsters of the dessert in the library books we have."

"Leader, are you sure that we should move on so fast? Midnight just grasped the concept of a wind breath attack." Su had worry all over her face. Not only had Midnight just learned to use the wind elemental breath attack but Walker was ready to jump right in to an earth breath attack.

"Yes. She had already been bringing the wind elemental mana to her body as she breathed. She just had to focus on it to get the result she wanted. There is also the fact that this will be one of the hardest breath attacks to learn. The earth is not something that comes easily and I have some theories on how it will work. If you need more practice gaining resistance to the wind elemental mana we can ask Zephyr?"

Su was indeed worried about her resistance but it was clear that training it with Midnight could leave her badly injured by a wind blade. "I will ask Zephyr for assistance. I just wanted to be sure that Midnight would not overwork herself here." Midnight shook her head to combat Su's worries. She was actually very excited that she had grasped the easy to learn wind elemental breath attack.

"I know you are also worried about learning earth elemental breath attacks. The Theories I have are based off of the sandstone lizard and the yellow python. Both live in the deserts over the mountains. The yellow python will swallow and store sand in its body to shoot it out of its mouth in a controlled stream. But you lack the organs to make that happen. I think the sandstone lizard will be the tactic that you use." Midnight and Su were both very focused on what Walker was saying and he felt that he was giving an educational lecture.

The sandstone lizard does not take sand or any earth in to its body at all. It bathes on the sandstone cliffs of the mountain and will gather earth elemental mana inside itself instead. This let it condense a large amount which they use to attack enemies. When it breathes it out it causes a path of stone spikes to shoot from the ground. It can also cause a miniature sandstorm but kicking the sand in to the air with its breath."

Both monsters managed to do something similar but Walker wanted to be sure that Midnight understood why she could not inhale earth completely. She naturally lacked the organs needed to store it without harming herself. But the sandstone lizard method sounded like it would fit here perfectly. The only thing Midnight would need to learn was how to properly gather and condense the earth elemental mana within her body. The more she practiced the faster she would be able to use the attack.

"That would be a good attack for me to practice dodging. If it creates earth spikes I will need to not only dodge the main attack but also the growing spikes which I assume will not be perfectly straight in to the air." Walker didn't even need to say a word for Su to figure out the best way for her to train with Midnight after the attack was learned. Both of them would be able to train their skills this way.

"Then I will start to prepare the ground for the training. Just let me know when you feel that the earth elemental mana is enough to start." Walker saw Midnight nod her head to him. He did not want to risk Midnight training with the earth elemental mana without him being vigilant. This was the most dangerous element to practice because if something went wrong it could be choking on earth.

Walker placed his hands on the ground and used his skills to shape and sculpt the earth. Around him, he made a slightly raised earth platform which he slowly willed to become sand. The process was much much faster than it had been before. The young sage title was acting very well in relation to his other elemental skills.

The earth elemental mana started to compress and the earth spirit that had been resting in Su's earth dwelling shield came out to see what was happening. When it saw that Walker was condensing earth elemental mana in the area it jumped right to action. It wanted to be helpful and join the training too.

The earth elemental mana became denser than it was by a significant amount and the earth spirit started to call out to the other nearby earth elemental spirits around the area to help. When they arrived Midnight had already given Walker a small huff as she began to breathe in a small amount of earth elemental manas.

The reaction she had was not what she had expected. She started to cough right away. She felt a dry feeling in her throat and knew that this was from the earth elemental mana stopping the water elemental mana in her body.

Walker had a close eye on Midnight who started to breathe a little fire out of her mouth to clear things up. She realized that this was not going to be as natural as the other elemental breath attacks had been and that she would need to use her own mana to somehow cover her throat to protect herself from the earth elemental mana before she easily breathed it.

"Leader, I am going to practice using my skills with the shields skills. It would be valuable practice for my partner here." Su motioned to the earth elemental spirit.

"That's a good idea. There is a lot of earth elemental mana that can recharge the dwelling shield. It's best to take advantage of it." Walker was glad that Su was planning to train with the earth elemental spirit and the earth dwelling shield. The fortress skill would be a valuable skill when the party went up against large area skills from monsters.

## Chapter 813 Dusty

Walker could tell that Su training right near them by dodging and rolling while letting the earth spirit create the earth fortress was very distracting to Midnight. But this was even better. The training required her to have focus and having a distraction would help her sharpen this focus. It also helped Walker divide his attention and learn how to better focus on two different activities at once.

Midnight had started to breathe in small amounts of earth elemental mana now. It was not a major amount that was able to affect her breath but it was enough for her to adapt to the feeling. Her mana was being circulated to protect her throat and her golden flame heart was starting to show its effects.

The golden flame heart was able to better allow Midnight to learn and use the elemental flame breaths. This simple fact was why Midnight was able to breathe in the earth elemental mana and use it. There was also the fact that she had the dragon champion bloodline in her body which allowed her to use all of the elemental attacks anyways. But the time to learn it all was massively reduced with the golden flame heart.

That all came together to show Walker that Midnight had begun to learn the earth attack in just an hour of slow adjustment. This may have been missed by Midnight but the sand he had made was not to be breathed in. It was made so that it would react more easily to Midnight while she was breathing the earth elemental mana. Therefore, after this hour when Walker saw the sand start to shift he knew that Midnight had begun to grasp the concept.

The earth spirit was getting more creative in how it created the earth fortress around Su as well. At one point Walker noticed a very smart tactic. Instead of creating the earth fortress around Su, it left a space for the shield to act as a wall. This meant that Su could walk out of the earth leaving the rest of the walls to attack. Therefore, the spirit didn't need to use any additional mana to change the wall to let Su escape. Overall, it was more mana efficient.

Walker did not say anything to Su when he saw this since she was so focused on being able to burst from the fortress without any trouble. So far it appeared that she had combined this with her shield bash skill so that she could bash and knock away whatever was attacking them. It was a sound strategy that he was looking forward to seeing in the future.

With his attention focused on the two, he did not realize that he himself was still using the earth elemental mana to tell how Midnight was doing. His senses were sharpening and he subconsciously started to move some of the sand himself to the rhythm of Midnights' breathing. While he did this he ideally moved it and began to push some sand in the air until he noticed his fidgeting.

Once he had realized his fidgeting, Walker started to train himself a little more. This may have divided his attention more but it served as better mental training. The sand he was playing with easily rose in the air and combated the wind elemental mana. But when he started to mix the two it worked much better than he expected.

The sand and the air were very cooperative with how Walker manipulated them now that he had the young sage title. It felt natural that they would combine. The only place he could think where these two elements would naturally combine was the desert, or so he expected from the books he had read. Walker, or any of the party, had never been to a desert. However, they had read that there were large sand storms that could be said to be very similar to the sand that Walker was now mixing with the wind elemental mana.

'The skill dust blind has been taken from the dirty fighter system. The skill dust blind has been automatically learned due to user actions.

Dust blind- 2 mana cost

The user must be in a dry environment with dry earth around. The user uses their mana to kick up a breeze that causes the dirt to become dust. This dust will billow up in an area blinding all of those present for a short time.'

Walker was going to think this skill was a good one. Blinding a dangerous opponent would give the party a chance to attack or even just get in position. Unfortunately, the skill was not as good as it sounded. "Useless!" Walker explained when he saw the system. He would blind even his party members using this skill.

His sudden outburst of surprise caught Midnight in exactly that; surprise. She breathed out sharper than before due to Walker's exclamation and forced the earth elemental mana to be pushed in a more direct manner than before.

"Sorr-" Before Walker could apologize he suddenly rolled back to avoid the small needle like spike of sand directly in front of him. They were not large nor could they defeat a real opponent. But they would have cut his leg at least if he had remained in his sitting position in front of Midnight. "That was my fault for surprising you. But that was great!" Walker praised Midnight to make sure she knew he was happy to see her progress.

This was enough of an accident for Midnight to know it was not entirely her fault. Yet, she had the feeling memorized now and she knew she could replicate it. She could breathe earth elemental mana and cause the sand to become little spikes. With further training, she should be able to create large earth spikes from any dirt they traveled through. It was a major success.

#### Chapter 814 Hunting Trip

Su was drawn over to witness the next three successful uses of the earth elemental breath attack from Midnight. She had seen the small exclamation from Walker but did not worry too much about it since he was most likely practicing his own skills. Unfortunately, the wear of using the earth elemental mana sent Midnight in to a coughing fit quickly ending their training for the day.

"You can practice more another day. Tomorrow we will try the light elemental breath attack. You already have decaying flames, the golden flames, you can make regular flames, a wind blade, frost breath, and now earth breath attack. You are learning very fast and your body needs to rest properly." Walker refused to let Midnight tire herself out and end up injured.

"After you succeed in the light elemental breath attack we will head to the market and see if there are pigs to buy and roast as a celebration. It's a big deal to learn all the breath attacks a dragon has." Su made a very motivating promise to Midnight causing her to prance about instead of becoming dejected that she had been stopped from training.

"How are you doing with your skills Su? I saw your combination with the earth fortress and shield bash. I think it looked very smooth." Walker had to make sure he touched base on the skill Su trained. This would make it easier for him to train with her when the party was back together. Walker was sure that Midnight would want to show off the attacks she learned even if they were not trained to a viable attack just yet.

"I feel much more comfortable now that we have figured this out. But unfortunately, I have tired out my partner." Su motioned to the earth spirit that was slowly wandering about the sand that Walker had made to gather earth elemental mana. "If we use more of the mana in the shield it can be bigger. It will still be the same toughness but it can cover more than just the party."

"That's good news. Especially if we have an escort quest or we partner with someone." It would be expected that the party needed to protect others, so hearing that Su could ask the earth elemental spirit to make a larger earth fortress was perfect.

"I do wonder what would happen if I partnered with your earth spirit to make it. I can use my high earth sculpting to change it from a round earth dome in to something else." The idea was to copy the tower and wall like the ice border wall Walker had already made. But that would need to come another day when they were not as tired.

"I believe that would be worth training. If anyone can work better with the elemental spirits it is you. The nature spirit is still resting, right? Maybe there are nature skills that could work to that ends." The theory Su had was spot on. Walker wanted to try to learn nature as well but refused to do so without Fleur practicing with him. He would not rush her to come out of the spirit mark earlier than she needed.

Walker had not realized that he had the best of every single elemental spirit as his partner. The nature mana could potentially do everything that the elemental mana could do. However, the thought that was dawning on Walker now was about healing. He had some healing that was not the best of the best. However, he had seen the high priest use healing well above his own. One spell Walker had seen one of the healers at the cathedral use was regeneration.

This spell may not have been nature but if nature mana was used in tandem with this spell, wouldn't it be stronger? Healing and nature were thought of in close relation by many and that was why some with druid systems or forest mage users' would be able to use string healing skills.

"Don't tell me you are going to meditate again? We should take a break. If we push nonstop we will lose all of our resting time like it was never there." The contrast of Su's push push push attitude for training was balanced by the desire to properly rest and take care of themselves. This was something that her healer friends had drilled in to her. They had all seen the direct strain of traveling in their daily lives and wanted to be sure their friend did not suffer exhaustion.

"You're right. We should go inside and try to make something to eat. Maybe Onyx got back already." The three headed inside while chatting. The only party members that would be missing were Remey who was still at the alchemy building and Gil who was out on his hunting trip.

"I'm back. I'm back. I'm bbaaacckkk." Zephyr flew around Gil in a swirl while singing about her return.

"Shhhh, I am on the trail. Don't forget we are hunting a lord boar. They live on the outskirts of the sun hollow forest and are very sensitive to sounds. If you scare them off the little mud boars will alert the lord boar."



Gil had already said this to Zephyr but he wasn't really sure if she would even scare the boar since she wasn't a monster that would hunt them.

Gil had said he was going hunting but when he met with his father and his fathers' friends he found that they had all become busy. This left him and Zephyr alone to bond. The lord boar was the largest mud boar in a pack. They would often be triple the size of a normal mud boar from hoarding the food and were some of the best boar meat to catch. The only problem was actually capturing and defeating it.

#### Chapter 815 Stop Hunting!

Zephyr looked as if she was annoyed to be told to be silent. In response she caused a large breeze to move through and push Gil back a little. Naturally, this was a huge stress to Gil who was worried the wind would blow his scent towards his prey. "Don't look so worried about that. The wind went away from the lord boar." Zephyr proceeded to use the wind to make a few more gusts before she looked happy with her little revenge.

"Are you done? Can we sneak forward more? The boars are still some ways away." Gil saw that Zephyr was pretending to ignore him so he stood and started to move forward in complete silence. The hunt was what he had come for and it was what he was going to do.

This was his personal training. He was the one in the party that could best take the role of the scout. Walker had the potential but it was better to have Walker as a dedicated mage or healer. Of course, Walker would jump in to other roles as a main damage dealer warrior or even defender. But Gil could long range attack with arrows and all arrows when with the party.

The roles he could do were unique to him and he took great pride in it. The talk of taking the wandering blacksmith to the mountains had just made Gil think more about his roles. He would be able to deal with monsters using his arrows without an issue. However, the mountains were going to be snow covered and dangerous. This meant that blending in and scouting would be a major benefit to the party.

"I need to get better at tracking and sneaking." Gil was more so speaking out loud but he had hit a point with Zephyr.

"Use the wind. It can blow you around sure. But you can use it to make yourself lighter and dampen your sound." Zephyr spoke as if she was a wise teacher dropping down groundbreaking wisdom to a student. However, Gil had not known any of this and was frozen in place processing the possibilities.

After gathering his thoughts, Gil asked the question. "How do I use the wind to hide the sounds I make and make myself lighter? I can be faster right?" Gil was focused on the silence he would have no matter what if he could use wind elemental mana to sneak around. On top of this, he was also able to make his body lighter so that he could move even faster.

"Of course you can move faster. Wind elemental mana is all about fast. You should see how fast the air moves in a tornado. It's a lot of fun!" This was something Gil did not want to experience ever in his life. Being in a tornado sounded like a terrifying experience that would lead to the end of his life.

"You have my spirit mark. You have some of the skills to manipulate mana already and put it in an arrow. You have two things that are perfect for learning how to use the wind to your advantage." Zephyr was amazed that Gil had yet to consider this. It would have been the first thing that she thought of. Although, she was an elemental spirit and naturally knew more about the elements mana in the world.

"You're right. I can pull elemental mana from the elemental mana crystals and push them in to my arrow heads. But that is a very specific case that I have skills for. How would I be able to change the wind without items like those?"

The way Gil was thinking this would happen was with some form of elemental mana crystal or item that could channel the wind elemental mana. He had no idea that he would be able to do it without any items and just his body himself.

"I have seen Walker meditate for hours at a time. If you meditated for an hour a day you would understand. The wind elemental mana is drawn to you because of your affinity. Before you hint any board you need to sit your butt down and understand this even a little." Gil felt as if he was being reprimanded by his own mother.

"I will, I will. But why are you comparing us?" Gil was a little annoyed to be compared to Walker. He did not meditate like Walker because he was not interested in the skills that Walker was training. It was not like he could learn them with his system anyways.

"You both have very strong mana flow. Yours is strong with the wind and his is changing. But the level is high. You two need to become some form of rivals." Zephyr was seeing much much more than anyone gave her credit for. No one would say anything about Walker and Gil having a rivalry. But that was not true. The two constantly pushed to be better even without knowing the other as training competitions. Instead, it was just because they saw the other start to become stronger they did not want to be left behind. And in Gil's eyes, Walker was getting way ahead of him.

Overall, Gil started to sit down and looked at Zephyr, "How do I meditate? Just sit here and try not to sleep with my eyes closed?"

"Just breath in and out and let your mind expand. Focus on your own mana on your skin and then let it flow out. Eventually, you will feel the wind around you. The only other mana that will react strongly to you is the wind elemental mana." Zephyr guided Gil and sooner than he expected, Gil began to notice things about his very own body that he had never seen before.

#### Chapter 816 Wrapped In Wind

Gil still wanted to head toward the prey he was hunting. However, with the possibility that he could be better prepared just by stopping to meditate, he decided to follow Zephyrs' orders. His but was already on the ground and he was already mimicking the way he had seen Walker sit. Not to mention, he knew the mud boars were using this area as their territory. They would not be leaving the area any time soon unless something scared them off.

"Your mana isn't leaving your body at all. You should be able to do it just like when you move your mana from your hands to guide the mana for an elemental crystal." Luckily, Zephyr had seen Gil infuse mana from elemental crystals in to the arrows he used. This meant that she knew the way his skill worked better than he did himself. Zephyr had an innate sense for mana afterall.

"I know, I know." Gil was not as frustrated as he sounded. He was just caught up in the challenge of moving his mana in a different way than he was used to. Unlike Walker, Gil lacked any elemental mana manipulation skills. The only reason he could guide mana from an elemental mana crystal at all was a specific skill he got from the arcane marksman system. Without it, he would have been even worse off.

The results were not as immediate as Gil wanted and he was becoming more and more frustrated. This made his heart beat speed up and his face to flush red slightly. Zephyr saw this and caused a soft breeze to start to constantly hit Gil to calm him down and cool him off. At first, Gil was annoyed with this. Yet, when he felt the breeze drifting through his hair he began to realize he had been feeling the wind elemental mana all the time.

The very small feeling of wind moving through his hair had tipped Gil off. The air was all around them and that meant that his entire body was always in contact with wind elemental mana. The realization caused Gil to suddenly push his mana from his body and directly influence the wind elemental mana touching him.

Wind elemental mana was pulled towards Gil and he knew that it was welcoming him. The feeling of being wrapped in the soft breeze he had enjoyed was not more than just through his hair. It was throughout his entire body. His system rarely notified him that anything had changed or that he had gained a skill. He mostly used the skills he had and he would not actively try to learn more other than those that went with firing the arrows.

'The skill wind wrapping has been learned and unlocked.

Wind wrapping- 3 mana cost per minute

Agi + 10

The user is able to enhance their agility by making the friction between their body and the wind much much less. The user will also have a sensitivity to the fluctuations in nearby elemental mana. The user will feel lighter and more energetic. This does not erase the users' scent by any means.'

The moment this skill appeared for him, Gil pushed himself to stand and noticed that he was having a bit harder of a time seeing. "Finally, you were like that for hours. I swore you were asleep with your eyes open." Zephyr had originally tried to get Gil's attention back. But, she had realized that Gil was having a small enlightenment and was very happy to just watch over him to ward off danger by releasing small pulses of her elemental mana. This basically kept many of the monsters away since they could sense a powerful mana.

As soon as Gil looked at Zephyr she knew he had managed to get a skill. The main reason was that she turned her way without opening his eyes since he was now able to sense her presence better. It was clear that the condensed being of wind elemental mana was Zephyr.

"Now I know why Walker meditates so much. If he feeling this close to elemental spirits and elemental mana then I need to start doing it more often." Gil was still glancing around a little until he finally managed to ask, "How long did I take? The sun is already setting." This was a little shock to Gil since it had been earlier morning when he had begun to hunt and then ended up meditating.

"You were there forever! But I can feel your mana a lot better." Zephyr was very happy that Gil had a better sense of wind elemental mana. She could also feel the strength through the spirit mark. It was a

great influx of mana and would prove to be useful for her when she burned out her own mana using the bows' skills.

Gil knew that it had been a few hours and didn't fault Zephyr for not having an exact time for him. Just sitting around going nowhere was probably very boring for her so it felt like forever. Now he had to set up his little camp. "You know, instead of setting camp, we could go night hunting?" This was a very rare thing for most hunters to do. There was more danger in the night predators that came out. The party had not experienced many of the dangers of the forest at night since they had not traveled much at night.

"It's the outer edge of the forest so we can always flee to the open plains near the fields." Gil had his plan out but also wanted to try climbing a few trees in a place that looked well traveled by monsters. "We might even find a star fox if we are lucky." The star fox was a pitch black fox known for its white eyes giving the impression of two stars in the night sky. However, they were dangerous predators of the night that excelled at stealth.

#### Chapter 817 Shot In The Dark

Gil was by no means going to give up on the lord boar. He knew that the boar would be sleeping with the other mud boars and would not make an easy target at the moment. Therefore, trying his luck as a star fox was a pretty worthwhile test of his skill and would make him more familiar with night hunting.

Zephyr more or less was silent making Gil think that she may have run off. However, he found that she was just floating in the air looking at him with some worry. "What? I have you here and we would never get beaten by any monster at night or in the day." Gil had full confidence and was sure that Zephyr would as well.

"But, won't you be cold at night? You need a fire." Zephyr had realized that the wind would get cold. She would not feel it because she was made of mana. As long as she had her wind elemental mana she was fine. But Gil was a human. He needed a fire to stay warm.

This was unexpected. Gil knew that Zephyr cared about him because he had been with her for longer than even he had known, but this was the first time she had directly expressed worry for him. "Don't worry, my cloak has double layers so that I will stay warm. It also helps keep any mist or dew out." Zephyr grew visibly more energetic with this answer and decided that she would take a spot on Gil's shoulder while he started his hunt.

Feeling like he had more foundations under him after learning that he had skills he was missing out on by not meditating and better understanding wind, Gil held the bow firm and moved forward. "I know a

small clearing by the stream up here. It will be the best place to stake out for anything roaming at night. We will climb a tree and watch." The plan was simple but it could pay off very well.

The area that the two came to was a slightly larger than he had made it sound and the first thing he did was sneak through and check foot prints. "Looks like the mud board come through here. They should come through for water later. This is perfect. We will have a shot in the morning. Other than that maybe a forest wolf or two but some smaller prints. These might be start fox but could easily be prints from a grass fox. We will see."

The tree that Gil chose to rest on was not the largest but it had a branch that came to the side and had plenty of room for him to sit and watch silently. The leaves were still bushy around him so seeing him would take an extremely sharp eye looking for him. He had brought one of his older cloaks that blended with greens and browns so he was very well camouflaged.

It didn't take long for Zephyr to feel a change in the wind, "I can feel something coming." Gil could tell the wind shifted so whatever it was that was moving was large enough to cause a change. He could also tell that this was the difference in his new understanding of the wind. Through his connection with Zephyr and understanding the wind elemental mana better he could feel what she was feeling to a degree, if only limited.

The footsteps of the heavy monster were not being hidden at all, Gil knew the sound of it and when it came to the clearing he could barely make it out in the moonlight as the monster headed toward the stream. "That was a bark bear. They are pretty fierce but they usually just eat the wood grubs under rotting tree bark. I can't carry it back with the lord boar anyway, we can wait." The bark bear drank its fill and was off.

The pair sat for some time watching as the moon rose in to the sky enjoying the stars. Eventually, a darting shape caught Gils' attention. He drew the bow on instinct before he realized that what he was seeing was a thorn hare. It was a very tough rabbit that would make burrows in thorn bushes. However, this made it less valuable because the meat was too tough for anyone to want. Unless, you were a monster that enjoyed eating thorn hares.

"Keep an eye out. That is the thorn fox's favorite prey." Gil was looking everywhere while the thorn hare made its way to the edge of the stream to take a sip of water. Yet, the thorn hare did not get anywhere. In the blink of an eye, it disappeared. Gil and Zeper were both stunned. The slightly greenish rabbit that had been slowly hopping toward the water was suddenly lost to the darkness.

The only sign that there was something in the area was the soft growl and tearing sound that was soon paired with the sounds of eating. "It's behind the two trees over there." Zephyr alerted Gil before dwelling with the bow and gathering the wind elemental mana as Gil drew it taut. He was planning to use a wind elemental wither spike arrow with the bow's ability to use the wind elemental mana. The goal would be to pierce through the tree and get the star fox.

"Good." Gil could feel the shot and let it fly as silently as possible. He did not need to worry about damage. The star fox pelt was black and would not be damaged by any blood so this shot just needed to wound or defeat the monster.

There was a splintering sound that was immediately followed by a sharp yelp. One of the small trees was split and began to bend over without falling. There was a dragging sound that caused Gil to jump from the branch and run towards the prey he had just injured.

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Gil sprinted toward the tree and jumped to roll around with an arrow notched. He released it even before he could clearly see his target. With the feelings of the wind around him, he was able to tell the general area of the star fox along with his natural intuition. Both combined made him a much better hunter.

The arrow was nothing too complicated. He did not use a normal arrow and instead chose to use the wither spike arrow with the horned rabbit poison in it. This would cause the star fox to become paralyzed even if Gil did not finish it off with this arrow. Not that it was a problem, because when the arrow landed the star fox crumbled to the ground and the star like eyes just looked out empty.

"Got it!" Zephyr separated from the bow and moved to check out their rare prize. "It really has completely white eyes. It's so creepy." She was not impressed with the eyes that gave it the name star fox. However, she did appreciate the pure black fur that the star fox had.

"The fur is the real prize. It doesn't have much use when it comes to armors and such, but it is valuable for high end clothing. Either Lisa can sell it for us or keep it herself to make something. But it is a nice achievement for a hunter since they are hard to spot at night and impossible to find their burrows in the daytime. Plus, we have the bonus prize of a slightly damaged thorn hare. Maybe Midnight will eat it?"

Gil was not sure if the thorn hare could be useful but he promptly started to butcher the two monsters while Zephyr took watch. With the job coming to a close, Gil buried the unusable parts while setting the meat and useful materials in to the bag he had brought.

"This will pretty much fill the bag up so now we can move away and start a fire. I won't be greedy and hunt anything else. Then I won't be able to gather the lord boar in the morning." Gil started off a little ways before he grabbed enough of the smaller dried branches from the ground for a small fire. Zephyr floated about watching Gil began to roast some small pieces of the star fox.

"The lord boar should be enough food for everyone to have a feast at the mansion. I know it is a tough prey to hunt but it would be a big accomplishment for me. My father could only do it with two others helping to distract it when it charges." Gil was already playing out the battle and how he wanted it to go in his mind. The best he could do at the moment was mentally prepare himself.

"Will we fight from the trees again? When you jumped down you were suuuuper fast. It was like we were flying. You should learn to fly! Stella came to visit me and fly the other day." Zephyr had started a very good friendship with Stella. The two may not have been able to speak with each other but they were happier to just fly around the skies of the kingdom with each other and enjoy the air.

"You haven't had any run ins with the pure light griffon, right? I don't know what it would do if you annoyed it even a little." This was a worry that Gil had but seemed to be unfounded.

"It is only interested in fighting enemies and absorbing the light. The light spirits fawn over it all day really high in the sky and even at night. " Zephyr didn't appear to like the way the pure light griffin operated. "I just don't want to ever go to its home or a home for a wind summon like it." The attitude the pure light griffin had was enough to turn Zephyr off from venturing to other elemental realms ever.

"With how strong it is, I don't think anyone we know is able to venture to such a place. But it is interesting to think that a summoner can pull another being from another realm entirely. I wonder what they are like since they are not the same as how our world works. Do you think they are bound by the same rules?" Gil felt himself getting deeper and deeper in to his curiosity.

"Walker would be so proud." Zephyr saw the similarities between Gil and Walker at this moment and Gil just shook his head and grabbed his roasted star fox.

The pair chatted their night away until the suns' rays began to stretch over the horizon and the sounds of birds took over the air. "Looks like it is time for us to go and claim our tree to wait for the mud boars to come for their morning water."



Gil and Zephyr started to head back while cleaning up any sign of themselves on the way. Gil had always learned not to leave a trace that he was there so that Nature could more easily recover. It was a secondary reason to bury the unused part of a monster that was hunted other than the fact the unused parts would attract monsters.

"I can hear them already." The sound of bushes and twigs breaking was a sign of them coming towards the stream. The mud boars would all be distracted by their water so that the lord boar would have less chance of receiving back up from the other mud boars. It would also help that Gil would scare them due to their relaxed state when getting water.

"I counted twenty three mud boars that I can not hunt. But I see the lord boar no problem." Gil pointed out the massive boar in the center of the other mud boars.

#### Chapter 819 Successful Hunt

Part of Gil wanted to hunt all of the mud boars to bring back, however, he pushed those thoughts away. He knew all too well the damage to the population it would cause. That he couldn't carry all of them back. And furthermore, that when he made multiple trips he would most likely find another predator eating the ones he left behind.

"Every monster comes for water when they wake up. It's a normal instinct and a perfect opportunity." Zephyr dwelled within the bow again feeling that Gil was preparing for the lord boar to

isolate itself from the rest of the mud boars.

Besides the larger size, the lord boar was cleaner than the others. It had dirt and mud on it still but not all over its coarse fur. It also had four large tusks instead of two small ones like the other mud boars did. They were the main prize for most hunters due to their curled appearance being popular for certain bracers.

Gil pulled out one of the shadow affinity arrows he had received from the elves. This was the one which could disappear and travel in the shadows when fired. In the dim lighting of the outer forest and the large shadow of the lord boar, it was perfect for a sneak attack.

Knowing the lord boar separated itself because it wanted to drink without being challenged for its position as the dominant boar of the group, Gil watched it move to the side of the stream. Normally it

would not be attacked by the usual predators due to its size. Predators would usually attack the small mud boars for easier food.

"Here we go." Gil gave Zephyr the warning as he activated the mana within the arrow. The shadows seemed to wrap around it slightly as he released it.

The arrow was gone in a blink of an eye and while it traveled through the shadows, Gil was already notching another arrow, this time a wind elemental arrow.

The shadow underneath the lord boar shifted and an arrow appeared piercing its hind leg. Gil had hoped for better but did not worry about the darkness affinity arrow he needed to train with more. He had already activated wind elemental mana within his next arrow and released it toward the lord boar.

Spiraling wind surrounded the arrow causing it to rotate a little more than a normal arrow would. This effect caused the arrow to pierce the hard skill of the lord boar as if it was nothing. The louder thud that came with the defeat of the lord boar was enough to cause some chaos to the mud boars nearby. They were usually more relaxed even when one of them was picked off by a predator. However, the lord boar was the one defeated with ease by a predator that was nowhere to be seen.

The mud boars rushed off in chaos, some already fighting over the empty space that was left for the strongest in the group. Nearby animals and monsters were alerted to much of the dismay of Gil. "I need to settle this boar quickly." He pulled his dagger out and began to work as fast as possible to remove the useless parts of the lord boar and bury it.

After he had fully cleaned it he set it up as his father had shown him and he began to carry it from the edge of the forest. There was still a decent amount of space until he reached the walls but he didn't worry. Now that Gil had started to learn more and feel the wind elemental mana he could tell that Zephyr was constantly sending off an intimidating pulse of mana. It was akin to an angry mother.

The soft smile Gil had knowing this didn't leave his face until he reached the gates and was let in. A few of the passing merchants, adventurers, and guards shouted congratulations for his successful hunt. This was always his favorite part of returning. It was a very common trend for those that also hunted in some form or fashion to welcome another hunter back.

By the time he had made it to the kitchen of the mansion to find Walker and Lisa's mother, Gil was by far the dirtiest he had been in a while. "Hello!?"

"Oh! Gil, I would ask how your hunting went but I can see you did well. I assume that's why you are back a little earlier than expected?" Hilda was excited for the chance to make such a good looking meal with the lord boar. She had many recipes she could make but right now the slight chill in the harvest season air was saying that she should make her boar stew.

"It is. I managed to get lucky and find the mud boar tracks as soon as I got to my hunting grounds. I also managed to snag a small gift for Lisa since she helped with my costume. Just a star fox pelt. The usual." Gil smirked a little while he watched Hilda process this.

"You know what? I think I will just accept that. All of you are always doing amazing things and a star fox should just be normal now." Hilda had become defeated by the constant wonder that came from just her sons' actions. "But, give those star fox eyes to Remey, apparently they are used for some potion that can heal receding vision from old age." Hilda had heard this from one of her friends and not forgotten it.

"I will do that. I also have some thorn hare meat that could be useful for Midnight. If you wouldn't mind roasting it too." Gil watched Hilda get to work and he again realized his appearance of filthiness in the kitchen. He rushed off to wash himself and the star fox pelt for Lisa. His mind was already filled with hunger for the dinner he would have later.

Chapter 820 For Me?

"You really brought this for me!?" Lisa was so excited lately with her gifts. Now that Gil had also brought her back something to use as a material she could experiment even more with her clothing designs.

"Of course I did. I couldn't let the chance to hunt one get away from me. The first person I thought of when I decided to do it was you. It's a pretty great fur for clothing and only you could make the best of it." The entire dinner table was impressed with the pelt due to its perfect quality and pure black coloration.

"You might be getting a little too good at the whole complimenting people thing, Gil." Walker had a teasing look on his face after hearing what Gil had been saying.

"What? You know it's true. Lisa is getting lessons and experience from the castle's seamstress and tailor now. She will probably be the best in the kingdom soon. Plus, she is the only one that is learning or even

knows the elf stitched runes." Gil made a valuable point while he watched Lisa examine the fur in close detail.

"Oh, Remey. Now that you are the master alchemist are back I can give you the star fox eyes. I was told they are good for a vision potion or something?" Remey and the old master alchemist had just walked in after finally returning from the alchemy building archives.

"Reall? Star fox eyes? It has been a few months since I have seen a pair of them. They are a little young but I can make a very good position using the centers of them. It's a strange ingredient for sure, but the results are great. They are the central ingredient to making a vision restoration potion for old timers like me." The old master alchemist didn't let Remey even reach out a hand before he took it. "I will be sure to send some of my research potions to you. I have a unique one that should suit you."

"What do you mean by your research? You have been working on a new health potion with me...right?" Remey was caught unexpectedly by the old master alchemist. She had not seen him working on anything other than the things he did with her. The rest of the dining room also wasn't sure what he meant.

"None of you would know, but while you were gone everyone here was improving too." Hilda unveiled the steaming pots of lord boar stew. The smell filled the room and every single person began to drool. "Midnight, Gil caught this thorn hare for you to try. It had tough meat so I made sure to slow cook it with the bones still in it. If you don't like it I will just give you extra stew." Hilda gave her an extra scoop of lord boar stew anyways though.

"While you were all gone and off saving kingdoms and all that, we were working on our own systems. I managed to get a group together to train again and I plan to try to level up in my spare time. I have started to slack off and I was pushed to apply as a guard instructor at the academy." Walkers' father picked up where the others had left.

"Really? That's pretty amazing. I didn't know that there were positions like that." Su had not expected that there would be such a teaching position available.

"There are a lot of new guards that need to be trained to go Genesis city. It is important to have them well educated before the journey there." It was an expected realization.

"I have been working on my recipes and learned a new knife skill. It's called speed carving. Just look at the vegetables. All perfect as they should be." Walkers' mother was happy to see the look of awe on everyone's face.

"And as they said, we all have been working on our own systems. I took a break from the health potions and started to focus on something I have always wondered about. Can we enhance al affinity temporarily to cause better control for a mage using elemental skills?" The old master alchemist had grown too excited and spilled his personal experiments.

"That's why you said you might have something I would like. Zephyr and I have a good connection for wind elemental mana and if I was to drink a potion that enhanced wind elemental affinity then I would be able to bind with her more and potentially use stronger wind skills." Gil looked much more excited than Walker had expected him to be.

"What!? Why didn't you tell me? I would have been helping with that after we finished our archives project!" Remy felt that she had just had a massive rock dropped on her. This was a big deal.

"Hahaha, I have always wondered and with the free time, I have now I decided to put some work in. And let me ask you this, have you told me everything you have learned just yet about your new knowledge on elven herbs?" The fact that the pair had some secrets from each other just made both of them question the other more.

"Well, since all of you have been busy it shouldn't come with too much of a surprise that we have been working too. But don't worry too much. You will all get used to it since you spend all your time surprising us too." Gil's mother just smiled slightly waiting for someone to ask her about her new cross breeding skills. She had been waiting for a chance to tell them about the flowers she had bought.

"...what did you learn?" Gil knew the look on his mothers' face all too well and did not hesitate to ask.

"Oooh, it's nothing. I just learned a few skills and cross bred an icy blue rose with a pink rose to make a pink rose that blooms in the middle of the snow." The table was all interested in what it would look like and started to pry in to the thing every single one of their parents and friends have been up to.