

Master 821

Chapter 821 Light Resistance?

After the dinner that centered around Gil's successful hunt of the lord boar, everyone went their own ways. Walker and Su made a deal with Midnight to wake up early and work on the final breath attack. They needed to work on the light elemental attack since it was the last one remaining.

For a change, Walker found himself waking up Midnight who had been fairly exhausted with all of her training. It was clear that it was taking more out of her than he imagined. Yet, when he told her to slow down he was met with defiance. Midnight had no intention of slowing her progress and knew that if managed to get all of the elemental dragon breath attacks she would be closer to being the best dragon champion there ever could be. In terms of dragons, she was sure to be well ahead of many at her age.

"I didn't think you would be up so soon." Su walked in with a pot of hot water for tea. She usually would have sat for a little while she waited for Midnight to wake up Walker.

"I just happened to be up so I decided to flip the script a little. Plus, the light elemental breath attack will be interesting so I wanted to see if Onyx wanted to help out. He might not have light elemental attacks but he does absorb and consume light elemental mana." Onyx was just waking up as well from his sleeping spot next to Midnight and appeared to like the sound of this.

"Brother, I believe having me around may make it harder. I will absorb the light mana without trying." The look downward made Onyx seem like a pouting child who wanted to do something but was just told no.

Seeing this reaction, Midnight shook her head and used her snout to flip Onyx on to her back. "As you can tell, she doesn't seem to mind. It will also make her work a little harder for the attack. The challenge is always welcome." Walker was also thinking about the fact that he would have to work harder to condense the light elemental mana for the area. He didn't have many light elemental skills that had become physical at the end of the day. It was still an affinity that was mostly used for some forms of healing and illusion.

"There is something I have been wondering." Su had a pensive look on her face while she poured herself the morning tea she looked forward to every day she was home. "If I gain resistance to light elemental mana, will the healing skills that use light elemental mana be less effective on me? Will the skills that cause illusions be less effective on me? I have yet to find any answers in books I have read."

Walker brought his hand to his chin, he had no idea if this was a thing at all. "I don't want you to get a resistance to an element that could cause you to be unable to be healed. It would be a terrible thing if you were hurt in the first place, but if you couldn't be healed? Much, much worse." There was no way that Walker could allow something like this. It would be incredibly risky.

"Why don't we visit the cathedral this morning first. There is a lot of light elemental mana there and it could be helpful to speak to the light elemental affinity healers." Onyx came to the best conclusion they would all have reached. The cathedral was the most concentrated place for light affinity individuals. Mostly because they usually had some form of healing skill.

"Then we get to go to the cathedral. It should be a fun day then." Su was more than happy to reach this conclusion. She would be able to see her friends and even had a few ideas of who to speak to.

"Mhm, we should head out after breakfast. There is some left over stew and I know just where it is." Walker snuck some of the leftover stew from the kitchen and they all relished the meal for a second time before they left.

"The streets seem busier today than yesterday. I wonder why." Su had taken notice of the many people and carriages out on the roads.

"I think a lot of people are heading out for work at Genesis city today. Some have even decided to move there. Actually, I think there are a lot of people who received quests that had no systems that are leaving to go there as a new start. It could be a really big deal." Walker noticed many who appeared to be learning new tasks as well. It was a nice thing to see through their entire walk to the cathedral. A new opportunity was always a positive thing in the world.

"Su!" One of the nuns outside the cathedral welcomed Su as soon as she saw her.

"Good morning! How are you? Normally the others are outside. Why are you doing it today?" Su knew that her friend would not normally be the one greeting those that came to the cathedral in the morning.

"Well, you know how we had a lot of people here after the farms were attacked?" The nun saw Su nod, "Most of them have been healed and it exhausted a few healers so we are taking small vacations before we begin education for the new cathedral to be built in Genesis." It made a lot of sense. The education of new nuns and healers for a new cathedral would be very tiring. Especially since the high priest was

going to be in Genesis to find two people that would take over his position and the new cathedral's operations.

"But get this, Alice has been talking. Someone heard her say a full sentence yesterday!" The fact that this was gossip to the nuns and healers was not missed by Walker. However, it was amazing because they were so used to Alice rarely speaking a single word due to her skills causing the light to be affected. Overall it was fairly surprising.

Chapter 822 Light Lessons

"We have all been trying to figure out why and apparently after we asked her for the tenth time she showed us this bracelet she had. No one has ever seen one like it before so we have a feeling it wasn't made here." Alice had obviously not told everyone about the bracelet or her relations with Walker.

"I found that with the help of Su on the forest elf city. It is a common item there for those with systems that have a hard time controlling skills that use their mana all the time. But when I saw it Su and I knew it was perfect for Alice. I couldn't help but buy one." Su's friend was slightly surprised to hear that it had been a gift from Walker but she also appeared to look as if she had just been told a great secret.

"Oh, by the way, is Jill here? We want to ask a few questions about light elemental healing skills." Su changed the topic to keep her friend from fully embarrassing Walker.

"Yes! She took the morning to play and is taking a break now. She is tuning her harp right now. I bet you can catch her in the back of the seating." There was a little bit of confusion as to why Su was going to be asking about light elemental mana but it was overshadowed by the fact that her friend was able to get some good gossip to share later.

"We are heading in. Thank you for your help." Walker strode in to the cathedral with Midnight and Onyx right behind him. Su said her temporary farewell and entered too while looking around sharply. She had only spoken to Jill a few times but remember that all of her musical skills were light affinity. She had some of the most potent healing but at a high mana cost. But this didn't matter. Because she also had songs that would boost elemental resistances making her a very good person to ask about resistance to light elemental mana.

"I see her. She's over there. Come on." Walker wanted to look for Alice a little but decided that it could come after. It was mainly Su and Midnight that would benefit from the knowledge of light elemental mana and Walker was also sure that Su would want some time to speak to her friends before they left. There was no way they would just visit the cathedral then just leave after.

"Hey Jill, can we ask you a few questions?" The petit blond girl cleaning her harp popped her head up and smiled when she saw Su.

"For the honorary healer hero, anything." Jill recognized Su as everyone in the cathedral would even without meeting her. Su had a very good reputation as an honorary healer due to how much she helped out and the exceptional assistance she gave even without skills that allowed her to heal others.

"Midnight, Walker, and I are doing some training with light elemental attacks today and found a small problem. You have a lot of buff skills for elemental resistance and we wanted to ask you, do people with light elemental resistances resist healing skills that use light elemental mana as a base?" The question caught Jill off guard a little since it was not a common one. However, she had once asked the same of a senior above her in the church.

"No, they do not. I worried about this too and apparently the skills with positive effects will not be diminished as long as the users' intention is still good. If someone made a sword of light and attacked someone with light resistance then yes, they would resist the attack. But if I also used a healing skill then the healing would work normally.

"And would the resistance still help resistant illusion light elemental skills? I was wondering because they are technically not a physical skill that needs physical elemental resistances." The question was also easily answered by Jill who had partially expected it.

"You would need a mental resistance skill. The illusions don't usually attack you physically. I have heard of some systems that give the ability for illusions to cause physical damage but that is very very rare." Jill seemed to be enjoying the conversation and the educational opportunities that came to her.

"Sister wants to know if gathering too much light elemental mana can have adverse effects on the body," Onyx spoke up. This question from Midnight was based off of the damage that she had received from hurriedly gathering the earth elemental mana and causing her to cough.

"It can. Unlike some other elements, the effects of the light elemental mana are different. Usually, they would heal someone with certain skills but I have seen healers that push themselves too much and gather a lot of light elemental mana at once. The effect is similar to purifying. But the problem is that everything should not be pure in the body. We don't eat perfectly cleaned food or anything. There are always other elemental manas that the body needs."

"That makes sense. We have our own mana in our bodies so if we gather too much light elemental mana out own mana could be purified and pushed out. That would most likely cause some form of sickness." Walker made the connection easily.

"That would be called healers' syndrome. It's the coma that some healers fall in to when they accidentally purify their own mana. It will take months if not years for their body to recover and replace their mana in every fiber of their body. During that time they will be healthy but unable to wake up and function. It's very dangerous." Jill held a serious tone to warn off Su and Walker of this. Midnight and Onyx both nodded along with the lesson as well. It was valuable information that none of them had known. "If you could excuse me now, I have another song to play." Jill left them to think about what they had learned and soon the soft song of a harp began to play.

Chapter 823 Gather

"Oh, there's Alice. I will go and say hi, are you coming or will you go and find your friends to talk to before we leave in a bit?" Walker already knew the answer but it was asking just for politeness.

"I will go and see everyone. It wouldn't be nice to leave without properly greeting everyone." Walker nodded and saw that Onyx and Midnight were already sneaking off toward a corner they had deemed perfect for napping. With a shake of his head, he went his own way as well.

"So, I hear that you have become the center of a lot of gossips. Going around and saying full sentences to shock all of the healers?" When Alice hear his voice while she prepared the back up bandages for when they would need them she burst in to a bright smile.

"Walker!" Her voice was still soft but it danced on his ears nearly stunning him every single time he heard it. There was surprise all over his face when Alice hugged him as her greeting which was different than usual, however, he had no problems with it.

"We came to get some insights on light elemental mana because Midnight is going to learn a breath attack that uses it. Jill helped us with an explanation about what would happen with too much condensed light elemental mana and about light elemental resistances." Walker was proud that he was able to gather some information before talking to Alice so that he could have a little bit of a better understanding.

After making a slightly pouty face Alice pulled on Walkers' sleeve, "Ask me."

The realization that she would have wanted him to ask her for help hit him, "I couldn't bother you. I know you are always so busy. The cathedral relies on you and I can't take you away from your duty." His attempt to play it off as if he was afraid he would bother her seemed to work a little. But she still pulled his sleeve a little harder and gave him a stern look. "But I can ask you for guidance now if you have time? Midnight, Su, Onyx, and I could train here under your supervision?"

The idea caught Alice off guard since she had expected Walker to say that they were leaving soon. Her smile returned and she started to put away the back up bandages in an easily accessible shelf in the corner of the cathedral with a multitude of other healing items. "Come on. "Alice Pulled Walker along behind her after she locked eye son Su from across the cathedral.

Walker managed to overhear a few comments from the healers as he was pulled past, "I told you they were together!"

"Shhh, the couple will hear you."

"Ooohh shush, if you make a big deal you will miss their wedding."

The red face that Walker had was completely different from the determined Alice who was already grabbing Su's arm as well, "Time for training." The healers that Su was talking to just giggled as they watched Alice try to pull Su away even though Alice was much less strong than Su. Naturally, Su allowed Alice to pull her toward Midnight and Onyx in their napping corner.

"Training." The voice of Alice was not very familiar to Midnight since she had only heard it once or twice. Onyx had spoken to Alice in her mind so he was able to tell that it was her and greeted her quickly. Midnight on the other hand was slower to get up since she was not sure what was going on.

When Midnight noticed that Alice was the one that spoke and was holding on to Su and Walker she became intrigued. "Midnight, We are going to the back garden to train. Alice will supervise s since she can use her voice to control the light. It will be better to train here in case we need to ask more questions of others as well." Walkers' point was clear and Midnight did not object at all. She silently followed Alice in curiosity since she was a little amused by the smaller girl pulling Su and Walker behind her. Unknown to everyone else, Midnight started to believe that Alice was secretly stronger than Walker and Su to be able to drag them along.

The garden in the back of the cathedral had not changed. It still held the pleasant gazebo that someone could rest under and the spot that Walker had practiced his water elemental mana manipulation to create the frost whip spell.

"Here." Alice stood in the middle of the garden and was giving Walker a harsh look. Before he could ask why she was looking at her he realized that she was waiting for him to begin to call on the light elemental mana with his skills.

Alice nodded at him when he started to do this and Midnight fell in line so that she would be able to train as well. Onyx took a spot opposite Midnight so that he could constantly absorb the light elemental mana that she breathed out while practicing. Yet, when Su moved to sit too Alice stopped her.

"Train with me." Alice was sure that Su would understand but when Su was looking at her confused Alice removed the bracelet that helped her keep her skill under control. This made Su even more confused until Alice raised her hand and spoke again, "Gather." The light elemental mana that Walker had been starting to pull towards them was completely taken from his control.

The light began to condense in to Alice's hand in a pure white light shaped like a stick. It was a staff without any shaping or gem at the top. Just a plain stick of light that somehow did not blind any of them. "You can make the light a weapon with your words?" Su was too stunned while saying this. When Alice had said she wanted Su to train she expected meditating and resisting what Walker and Midnight did, not that Alice could fight as well.

Chapter 824 Light Absorption

"Alice! You can attack with light too!?" Walker was hit pretty hard with the realization that he had never actually asked or learned about Alices' capabilities. He had only ever known her to heal using her skills and not condense light to a point that she was able to create something physical. Overall, this was a pretty big shock and lesson to him for not being able to pay attention well enough.

The smile on Alices' face showed that she was happy that she had surprised Walker, however, she was not going to let it cause her to lose her own focus. Her eyes were locked on Su, "No armor." She knew that Su wanted light elemental resistance and that her armor would cause her not to gain it as well as she wanted.

Su was slightly confused still but since Alice was ordering it for the training she stripped down to her normal clothing that she wore underneath the thicker armor. It exposed her arms more which worried

her since that was one of the thinnest places in her armor anyways due to the maneuverability she needed for her shields.

"I see now, Su. Alice might attack you but you need to block with your body more. That is condensed light elemental mana so you will be forced to resist it with every strike. If your armor blocked it-"

"Then I would have lost out on the training and it would have been a waste of time and mana." Su caught up easily and Walker smiled while reaffirming his hold on the light elemental mana he could feel around. The condensing started again and the area felt and looked brighter. Even the plants in the garden appeared to perk up a little more to absorb the light they would normally get during the day.

Midnight was of the opposite feeling, however. She was naturally a dark elemental affinity monster because of her mother's blood. The dragon champion bloodline may have awakened and been upgraded by the system yet, that did not mean that Midnight was not uncomfortable around such high volumes of light elemental mana which was in contrast to the dark elemental mana she was used to.

There was also the fact that she could tell that her shadow wrapping skill was unusable right now. The light elemental mana would leave her open for the world to see no matter what. Even if she hid behind someone in their shadow she would still be unable to disappear as well as she usually could.

"Alright, light elemental mana is bright and we all saw how that pure light griffin used it to attack in a bright beam. That should be a good vision to have in your mind when you condense the mana and push it out of your mouth." Walker knew that having a solid vision when trying to train the light elemental breath attack would be all too valuable for Midnight.

The worry that Midnight had was clear to Onyx and Walker prompting them to think of a way for her to become more acclimated to the mana that she was not comfortable with. "Sister, brother, I will start to absorb the light elemental mana and try to share how I feel with you. We are bound together after all." Onyx had the smart idea to try and share the feeling he had when he would absorb the light elemental mana to eat. If he was successful then both Walker and Midnight would be able to feel the same sensation without actually doing it. This could open their eyes to the way the light elemental mana would feel and flow.

Midnight knew that she would gain the most from this. If she could feel how the light elemental mana would permeate a body, then she would be able to understand how to take it and hold it inside her body before expelling it in a breath attack. Paired with the memory of the pure light griffins' attack, she

would be able to much more easily use the light elemental breath attack. But this was all in theory, she needed to try it all first.

"I will try to pull the elemental mana toward you specifically. Just hold on for a minute." Walker was sure that he could do this but light elemental mana was being pulled toward Alice who was striking out towards Su, who easily deflected every strike with a shield. However, Su was moving slowly to allow the light elemental mana to have an effect on her.

The mana began to be pulled towards them and Onyx curled up into a coil in front of Midnight and Walker. He started to glow slightly between his scales as the light elemental mana was pulled in to his body. Walker was closing his eyes to focus on the feelings that were coming through to him from Onyx.

Since Walker was the middle man, Midnight was in turn feeling what Onyx was doing through him. The feeling of a tingling warmth was the sensation that Onyx experienced when he pulled the light elemental mana through his scales. This was then met with the slight pins and needles feeling hitting his muscles. From there it would become warm and powerful. This final feeling was something that pushed him to grow and want more of the light elemental mana.

The part that Midnight focused on was the way the mana traveled from the scales to the muscles to the bones. This would allow her to guide the mana in to her lungs and be pushed out when she breathed out and flexed her neck muscles. It would also allow her to understand how she would be able to allow the mana around her to fuel the attacks she used without directly condensing and breathing them in. She could pull the elemental manas in through her skin in the same way as Onyx. It was enlightening.

Chapter 825 Combat Basics

Walker was observing Midnight's attempt to absorb the light elemental mana similarly to how Onyx did and even attempted to breathe some in to absorb it that way. Meanwhile, Alice was showing off how she could attack with light that she personally condensed. Su had realized that the attacks were fielded by the mana in the air and not by Alice's mana completely. This meant that Alice was using her natural stamina to attack and no skill was behind it.

The thwacking sound repeated over and over as Su had dropped her shield to block using her own body. Alice lacked strength and attack power. This was simply due to her weaker level compared to Su's and physical defenses. But this worked out. Su was able to avoid being damaged while training herself against random attacks and attempting to resist the light elemental mana that would burst from Alice's attacks.

The light elemental mana was proving to be the dangerous part here. Due to the fact that light had a purifying effect the attacks from Alice pushed away Su's mana. The attacks would cause Su to feel like she was being burned slightly even though there were no actual injuries. This presented the challenge to control her mana when she blocked it so that it would become thicker and resist the light elemental mana more.

Continuing the attacks, Su saw that Alice was becoming more determined. She knew that Walker had once talked with Alice about going on an adventure and could foresee that the adventure would most likely be the journey to Genesis city for the summit. It would be the perfect time to escort the high priest and Alice there along with others that may come as well.

"You want to travel with us, correct?" Su began to question Alice while they trained. She wanted to push Alice to show what she could really do and potentially enhance her strength. Even if Alice could fight a little it would mean a higher chance of survival and greater safety while traveling.

"Yes." The light staff in her hands vibrated in response. "Gather." The staff thickened and changed slightly. "Heavy" The end of the staff became like a club and came down on Su. Su was forced to deflect it and roll to the side. The attack wouldn't have done damage but it carried more light elemental mana than before.

"If you want to come you need to be prepared to survive a monster attack. Instead of you just attacking and me just attacking, I will attack now." Su picked up the earth dwelling shield and prepared herself. Alice also changed stances and narrowed her eyes.

The stance was that of a beginner and would not hold weight, however, it was a good natural stance for someone that had only ever healed and trained their attack skills in private. When Alice attacked again, Su ducked to the side and pushed Alice back with her shield. It was not a hard hit but it was enough for her to stumble.

"Keep your feet under you. Bend your knees to absorb the force. Be ready to fall and roll back to your feet in an instant. If you fall you die!" The change in Su's attitude was a shock to Alice but she clearly understood that Su was trying to establish a proper lesson. Alice had intended to help them but was now being helped as well.

Su continued to push Alice after she attacked until Alice managed to dodge the soft shield bash for the first time. "Good, now try and counter. The moment an attack is dodged or deflected is perfect to attack the weak point." Su was slowing her movements so that Alice could learn more.

The pair continued this over and over dancing around the garden not even realizing the high priest had come out to the gazebo to watch. He had feigned ignorance when Alice had started to condense and trained light elemental mana in to a staff. He had always known this was possible for her since her words controlled the light elemental mana. However, the mana cost was too high for constant use. Since Alice had trained and received a gift to assist the control of her mana and skills, then it was finally possible to safely condense the light elemental mana.

The moment that Alice finally dodged and countered with a hard thwack to Su's side the high priest jumped to his feet, "That's my girl!" His excitement shifted to embarrassment as everyone looked at him. "Ehm, sorry. Please continue with your training. I was a little too impressed." Alice was pouting since she had not thought she was being watched. However, Su began to explain the benefits and took the pause to talk through further strategy.

Meanwhile, there was a slight white air that was expelled from Midnight's breath. It was a small wisp but it was most certainly light elemental mana. Onyx confirmed it when Midnight managed to breathe it out. "That was a small start but I can tell you adjusted enough to the light elemental mana to breath it out. Concentrating it will take time but remember not to absorb too much. You are not Onyx and can not consume it safely."

Walker was sure to remind Midnight before standing up, "Now that you have grasped it we should take a break and clean up. If we stay here all day then we will end up falling asleep here." His laugh made Midnight and Onyx both realize they had been training for four straight hours to get a small result. Onyx had also absorbed a very high amount of light mana and needed to sleep it off while his body processed it.

Threw as a soft woosh as a pair of wings came down to land on the roof of the cathedral. A pair of pure white eyes watched the group from above.

Chapter 826 Praise

The pure light griffin had felt the change in the light elemental mana and had moved to see what was going on. This was a strange occurrence in this place from what it knew. Normally there would not be large amounts of light elemental mana building up unless someone was making it do so. This realm was different than the one it came from which was flooded with light elemental mana.

It watched as Walker directed it and as Onyx absorbed it. The fact that Midnight was trying to take it within her body and use it as an attack was interesting because it reminded the pure light griffin of itself

learning to use the light as an attack when it was younger. However, what truly caught its' eye was when it noticed Su and Alice.

Seeing that Su was taking the attacks and resisting the light elemental mana was not unusual. It was a very good way to train and the pure light griffin had respect for the method. The fact that Alice could speak and the light would bend to her will even without her intention was amazing. The pure light griffin had grown in the light elemental mana and learned to use it as needed. But Alice naturally caused it to change and even condense.

The thoughts of someone like her entering its realm and controlling massive amounts of light with a whisper was terrifying. It was also terrifying that Ibis had summoned it more than once now to ask for assistance along with the many other light elemental creatures for the realm of light. This world was different but allowed access to other realms. A grand mystery of existence that the pure light griffin was touching upon.

As the group it watched began to take their rest it flapped in to the air again and rose back in to the sky to enjoy the suns light. The pure light griffin was not happy to meet the light elemental spirits again but they were constantly bothering it, however, it was just part of being in control of the most light elemental mana there. Not a single person noticed it had stopped to watch and learn from the training group.

"I see that all of you have made great advances today. I just wish there was something I could do to help. I only have my healing skills though and even they are fading with my age." The high priest feigned being sad but the proud aura around him radiated too obviously.

"Even a few words of wisdom are enough. I am sure there are a great many things you could teach all of us." Walker was playing the polite part but knew that the high priest was all too happy seeing them training in their many ways.

"I believe that Alice will be protecting us if we let her train too much." Su was putting her armor back on while joking a little.

"I definitely feel more at ease seeing her strength. All with a few words she can make light physical. The light of the church shines bright with her around." The praise made Alice blush since she was not expecting the high priest to be so happy. It also made her remember that he had jumped up in joy after seeing her.

"I was surprised to see her do that too. I was foolish to think that all she could do was heal through song. She is much stronger than I was able to see. I can't wait to see what else she can think up." Walker was still stricken by the image of Alice condensing the light in her hand. It was something he would struggle to do without a lot more practice.

"Brother, Alice is very strong. She can take the light that I am trying to eat. Not many can do that that I have met." Onyx was praising Alice too causing her face to deepen in to a deeper shade of red.

Seeing that Midnight was starting to droop her head and her eyes were looking foggy made him realize that she had long reached the end of her strength and needed to rest more than anyone had noticed. Midnight had been using much more mana than usual to try and breathe the light elemental mana attack. It was because she was unfamiliar and resistant to it due to her previous affinity. All of this put more and more strain on her that was beginning to show itself.

"I hate to say it but Midnight looks like she should head home. I think it will be best if we call it a day here." Walker could see that Su needed rest as well since her armor appeared to weigh on her more than usual. As much as Su would not admit she was tired, her body was all too telling.

"If Midnight is feeling tired it is wise to head home now." Su agreed a little faster than Walker expected but it was what they all needed.

"It was pleasant seeing all of you in that case. I wish you could stay longer but I do believe it is nearly time to work myself. I may be old but I am not done running around yet." The high priest and Alice saw the group to the entrance of the cathedral and waved as they descended the steps.

"Well, Midnight, you have felt every single elemental breath attack now. It will take a lot of practice but in time you should start to be able to use them faster. One day you might even be able to combine them to use them interchangeably." Walker could only imagine that day when it would come. However, he also knew that at the rate Midnight improved it could be sooner than he expected.

Chapter 827 Morning Dew

When Walker went to wake Midnight up in the morning he found that she was already off in the training field behind the mansion trying out the breath attacks. Unlike Walker thought, he saw that she was trying to switch through the different elemental breath attacks. The fact that she was starting to do this early made Walker proud. It meant that Midnight was thinking ahead instead of only thinking about the immediate learning of the skills.

"I won't bother her today. She is already training hard." Walker saw that Onyx was watching over his older sister from the side and gave him a pat on the head, "If Midnight gets tired or starts to cough tell her she needs to rest. You're in charge." Onyx may have been a serpent but Walker could tell he was smiling when Walker trusted him with this task.

There were not many things that absolutely had to be done right away and knowing that he had the freedom to do whatever he wanted was pleasant and relaxing. His thoughts fell through helping the wandering blacksmith who was still changing and adjusting his tools or to join Remey and the old master alchemist. There was also the future herbalist Lewisia who he knew was in the garden with Gil's mother working hard to learn.

"I should probably work with Fleur and get her the mana she needs." Walker realized that even with the wandering blacksmith occupied he would still be held up if he could not provide Fleur with the proper natural mana she needed. The weapon they were making required her assistance.

Feeling the natural mana had become something that seemed to nag at his senses. This was not bad since he was used to feeling the other elemental manas around him, however, it was new that he could not feel them combining and mixing with each other at a more common rate than he even realized.

Walker could feel the small mixing of water and earth elemental mana as the dew from the morning dripped on to the soil of the garden. He could also feel the mixing of the light, fire, and water elemental mana as the wind elemental mana caused the water to evaporate. If he focused too much he knew he could end up lost in meditation for a long time. The way nature worked was much more complicated than he had even realized when he focused just on single elemental manas.

The natural mana combining together was not the same as the natural mana that flowed around. The natural mana was a balanced mana that seemed to touch everything. However, there was also the feeling that more was working here that Walker still could not see or control. It was on the very edge of his mind but he could tell whatever it was, it was connected to the natural mana.

Walker ended up sitting under the small dragon fruit tree sapling that was growing much faster than he had expected due to the perfect care it was receiving daily from Gil's mother and the additional attention from the elemental spirits. Walker could only think that when it was able to grow fruit that Midnight would have another treat that she would convince everyone to give her.

Before he could sit properly to meditate he saw a drop of dew falling from a leaf. This would not normally be something that would catch his attention so much, yet, for some reason it did. The drop of dew fell and slowly dissipated until a much smaller drop landed on the soil sinking in to the roots. Walker could understand that the dew evaporated and condensed again on the leaves keeping them cool in the morning sun. The dew that landed in the soil was absorbed and the sapling drank it up as more nutrients. It was a cycle that would repeat every single morning to a degree.

Feeling that this was something miraculous, Walker reached out a hand and tried to make the occurrence happen again. Surprisingly, the natural mana responded instead of the elemental mana. The elements were all together in making this seemingly simple occurrence happen every single day. With Walkers' manipulation the cycle sped up and before he knew it he had caused the sapling to absorb more nutrients and the dew to be pulled toward it from the other smaller plants.

'The skill dewdrop has been taken from the nature fairy system. The skill dewdrop has been automatically learned through the user action and the young sage title condition.

Dewdrop- 1 mana cost per minute

The user is able to manipulate the natural mana to cause morning dew to speed its natural cycle. The plant being affected by this skill will be able to absorb ten times as much nutrients to be able to proceed to a growth spurt in the near future. The dew that other plants would have taken will be missing causing them to slow in growth for a short period of time. Excessive use of this skill in one area can cause unbalance in nature. This skill can be used to restore some balance to certain damaged places in nature.'

Looking around, Walker saw that the soil and leaves of surrounding plants were dry. After he read the description of his new skill he was excited that he had a skill that used the natural mana around him. He was also happy to have helped the little sapling grow more. But, he knew that he could harm the other plants and that this was a skill that needed to be used sparingly. It would be best to look for the plant that was struggling to survive and use the dewdrop skill there.

Without any other hesitation, Walker moved to get water to remedy the dry soil he had caused. It was a peaceful day to garden and he found himself spending a few hours going through and tending to some of the plants by pruning them.

Chapter 828 Necessary Materials

While Walker worked in the garden he suddenly found a shadow had come behind him. "Oh, I thought you were working on your tools?" The wandering blacksmith had a hammer in his hand and a serious expression.

"This won't work. It's too weak." There was an unhappy and annoyed tone to the words the wandering blacksmith spoke. He had been hard at work creating better tools and found that his hammer was not going to be tough enough to craft the way he needed to craft the parts of Walker's weapon.

This was not good news for Walker. He had realized what the wandering blacksmith meant by this when he was told and that there would be an even greater challenge now that he could not use the hammer to create the parts of the weapon the wandering blacksmith had created. It also meant that waking up Fluer was a pointless action since Walker would just be bothering her rest without a task at hand. He wanted her to rest and absorb as much natural mana as she needed before he asked her for help.

"What do we do?" The answer had to come from the wandering blacksmith since Walker was not sure about what they would need to improve or even make a new hammer that could take the abuse they would put it through while crafting.

There was a pensive look on the wandering blacksmiths' face before he nodded a few times, "The cooling runes are not enough. I need centennial ice shards." The cooling that was needed for the forging process was not powerful enough. If they were unable to control it well enough then the weapon could have dangerous defects. Such defects in metal could cause there to be explosions or imbalances of mana causing wild spells.

"I take it we need to move up your trip to the mountains then? That is the only place where the ice and snow never melt fully." It was clear that instead of a learning trip to the higher mountain that they would be going there for materials instead.

The wandering blacksmith gave a sharp nod and waited for Walker to tell him the plan. It was clear that this was unexpected and that they were not ready to push themselves forward just yet, however, he knew that most of the things that were going on with the party could be changed or adjusted as they went.

"I will get everyone together and we will see about getting there. We might be able to ask Elise for some help with the travel to the base of the mountains. The giant hawks are still around and she is planning on being here for some time." Walker headed inside and found that Remey and Su were trying a row of new tea blends with some regenerative herbs. "Good thing you two are here. I have to ask if you two are willing to head on the mountain trip earlier than expected?"

There was a silence in the room since Walker did not pause. He just opened with the serious portion of the conversation and jumped right in to it causing the two to think immediately.

"Yes, I can go. I have no plans and it will benefit me to train in the cold of the mountains. They are also windy so I can work on wind resistance as well. It's safer to go now than months later when there would be too much snow to get there and back." Su saw the benefits of going there now and was willing to go as a training trip on top of their other goals.

"I would say no if it was a month later. I want to be at Genesis sooner than later to help with the alchemy guild. This could be the ideal chance to bring down winter herbs so that they can become the first seeds to grow in the greenhouses during the winter. It would be a valuable start for the guild." Remey was worried that she would be needed but knew that the old master alchemist could travel in her stead. She was also one of the best people to get the herbs that grew there. Especially since the high mountain winter herbs were hard to acquire.

The wandering blacksmith lowered his head in thanks. "Thank you two. We need materials to improve his hammer and it will be better to get it all done earlier." Knowing that the two girls were ready and wanted to go sooner helped. "Have you two seen Gil?"

"He has been training with Zephyr outside. He wants to get his double shot and triple shot skill to use the wind elemental mana. Something about his arrows being too weak and that he needed to grasp the wind element better." Remey had barely paid attention to Gils' training rant but remember this part easily.

"And Midnight is out there too, perfect. I will have a plan by dinner." Walker left the two to the tea experiments and found that Midnight was still hard at work with Onyx watching.

"Midnight, Onyx. We are planning to leave early on the mountain forging trip. Are you two able to go? Or would you want to stay here and train more?" Walker almost thought Midnight would not want to. However, she was thinking about the chances she would see another dragon in the mountains and could not resist nodding a yes.

"I will go, brother. But I will need to stay in the tattoo form during the trip. The cold is dangerous for me." Walker did not have any qualms about this.

"Alright. I will make sure you can be protected with thicker layers whenever possible." Walker made a mental note to put more clothing in to his storage for everyone because Onyx could shift from person to person as he needed. At the end of the day, it was also smarter to have more spare clothing in case the mountains were snowy and wet. "Now for Gil." Walker looked toward the opposite end of the training area at Gil.

Chapter 829 Just Fooling Around

Walker slowly approached Gil while watching the training he was doing. There was a lot of the wind elemental mana around that Zephyr was bringing toward the bow so that they could constantly test out their skills.

The aim that Gil had was still perfect especially since he had done distance and moving training. However, the wind elemental mana that Gil was constantly adding to make the arrows travel faster was throwing them off their marks. It was a problem that would need to be solved with training and time.

"You are too stiff with the way you guide the mana around the arrow. Zephyr gives you the wind to use on the arrow but it is shaped by your will and skill. If you just let it overpower you and push at it like that you will keep missing. You need to flow with the mana and let it guide the arrow. It's the same as when the wind arrow that Zephyr creates with the bow is used. The wind spirals to create it."

Walker's advice was easier to say than follow. Gil needed to feel the wind more and since he had just begun to understand it he would need a lot of time to reach the same understanding as Walker. "I just want to get my multi shot eventually up to a multi wind shot. If I can do that I will be able to help against tough opponents without relying on elemental infused arrows. I nearly ran out of arrows against the yellow slimes and I can only imagine what would happen if I am in that position again."

The worry was clear and Walker understood it. For the same reason, he would boost his supply in his inventory with more food, wood, and water than they needed. He always feared not being able to make a fire to stay warm and ward off monsters.

"So, are you coming to train with me? Or do you have that serious look on just for fun?" Gil knew that Walker had come over for a reason and was definitely not going to train, however, he had decided that Walker didn't have a choice but to train and talk at the same time.

"Wait-!" Walker bent back to dodge an arrow fired by Gil. It was a close combat surprise that Walker had not expected in the least.

"Don't tell me you can't train and talk?" The taunting in Gils' voice hit a nerve with Walker. Their boyish rivalry burst in to flame as Walker manipulated the earth to rise in to a sword the same as he had done in the demi-human kingdom to combat an opponent. He had wanted to train with his technique in the hopes that he could be able to shape metal if he was able to understand it well enough.

This did not at all bode well for Gil who did not realize how close Walker was to him. The slash that came at him was a hair away from slicing through his clothing. The follow up attack he wanted to use could not be done because he would not have enough time to draw another arrow. Instead, Gil had to rely on the dagger he had on his chest.

The glint of metal tipped Walker off and he strategically rolled back and hopped in to the dance of the wild rabbit that he relied on. As he did so he felt that there were many attack possibilities before him. He just couldn't see them all perfectly yet.

Feeling that he had a little distance, Gil still held the dagger while drawing an arrow. Holding both was a skill he had practiced very hard in the forest elf city since he saw many of the archers let alone arcane archers, use the skill in their training. "Looking surprised that I managed to get some close combat and mid ranged training hmmm?" Gil taunted Walker as he let an arrow fly.

Walkers' answer was a slash using his slash zone skill for a moment to instantly retaliate and break the normal arrow in half. "Maybe I am just toying with you before I ask if you are coming on the mountain forging trip." Walker pushed forward and tried to close the distance while sliding on his knees to dodge another arrow. "We need centennial ice to make the hammer for forging better."

Since Walker was attacking from beneath him, Gil had no choice but to slash down and block the earth sword with his dagger. His bow whipped out and tried to slash at Walker as well, but Walker had released the earth sword and jumped back. "I could be convinced if we are going to gather materials for some ice elemental arrows that are different from the wither spike arrows since we lack materials to make more wither spike arrows."

Walker and Gil stood face to face waiting for the other to make a move. Walker raised a hand and a blade double the size rose from the earth. When he lifted it with both hands Gil realized that he had never seen Walker use a two handed sword. "Then we can look for materials, but first, let's do what you wanted and train something new." The evil seemed to drip from Walkers' words as he started to spin and try to hack at Gil with the two handed earthen sword.

"Do they have to fool around like that? They could have come in here to talk and try the tea so we get another opinion." Remey was watching the two fight out the window.

"They are just having some fun. They will test the tea when they are done and need something to drink." Su knew that the pair would be inside any moment now.

"I could always go out and encourage them. I have been focusing a lot on Alchemy lately." Remey smashed her fists together as she opened the door and walked outside.

Chapter 830 Unique Training

"Feel my wrath mortals!" Remey came from the sky after a large leap punching the two in a complete surprise attack. Walker managed to twist just enough so that his arm was the only thing left but Gil was hit full on in the side.

"What do you mean mortal!? You are the same!" Gil was already used to Remey's hits at this point and had only been sent stumbling a little. It was clear that she was holding back.

"Hahaha, you two thought you were here to train? No! You are here to be my entertainment after I reached immortality as the best alchemist in the world!" Remey was continuing her act as she jumped in to a flying kick that Walker had never seen her use before.

Since she had targeted Walker first he was forced to react and block with his arms. "You just couldn't let us be? You needed to come and see how weak your potion was. Ha! Elixir of immortality. What a joke." Feeling that the fun was just starting Walker gave in and began to join in the act. Gil in the meantime just looked at the two as if he had just been transported to another world.

Unfortunately, the three had forgotten about a certain dragon and serpent pair that was also in the training field. A pair that had access to the fire spirit which dwelled within a dragon style golem.

There were two roars and a large serpent hissing at them from the other side of the training field. "We come to crush puny humans. We are the mighty scaled trio!" Onyx delivered this line and slithered ahead of Midnight and the golem.

"See what you two started? Now we are battling for our lives." Gil held back laughter as he drew an arrow and finally accepted the game they had made their training session in to. While they battled it

out, Su had moved outside to sit and casually sip her tea with the wandering blacksmith who had been forgotten as soon as Walker had a goal to get everyone ready.

"We will leave tomorrow if that is alright with you. I know Walker will say that too but all of them might end up too tired to properly plan." Su knew that this was the final result they would reach. Walker wanted to get his weapon done soon and the wandering blacksmith was promised a fogging trip. If it was earlier there was no issue in going since the party had the connections to get it done properly and efficiently.

The wandering blacksmith smiled brightly and sipped a tea he had chosen from the table. "This is the best." They were small words but after Su looked at the tea she smiled and knew that it was the same in her cup.

"Remey and Hilda worked together for that one. The lemon zest and fresh raspberries were from the kitchen and the blue clover is an herb used in mid tier mana potions but can be reused due to their toughness. The majority of regenerative properties are gone but they give the tea a slight boost when it comes to regenerating mana. I think it will be a wonderful item to sell for the alchemy guild." The two enjoyed the show as they drank the tea that was easily deemed their favorite and warranted a second and third cup.

"Watch out for the flame breath!" Walker saw the fire build in the golems maw. He knew that it had a lower temperature than the golden flames that Midnight could muster when given time but they could still cause significant damage. The fire elemental spirit was also able to manipulate the flames to be more accurate adding to the threat.

Remey charged anyway toward the golem only to be met with a black tail swinging towards her. She barely managed to jump up and over the tail as it swept under her where her feet had been. "Onyx! I swear I will punch you if you sweep my feet again!" She charged at Onyx anyways and managed to kick out to push him back.

"Sister Remey, you kick hard but not hard enough!" Onyx was playing it tough. He had felt the force of her kick and it was concentrated by a lot of time and effort training. He had always wondered why humans were able to beat monsters when they were not even close in statistical strength. However, after watching the group he came to the conclusion that it was experience. Humans battled and learned constantly unlike monsters that normally could not or would not do so. Onyx and Midnight were a rare case along with Stella and the other sentient monsters out there. But again, they were rare.

The second kick was heading towards Onyx when Midnight tackled Remey to the ground. She had not used her shadow wrapping skill because she did not want to rely on it. Instead, she used her wings to give a burst of speed and knock Remey away. It was a sneaky trick but one that did its job well.

Their "Training" continued for some time until Su finally walked over and looked at the exhausted party members. "Well, all of you look like you had fun. Care to come inside and help with dinner? And maybe clean yourselves up a little?" All of them looked at Su and did not argue. They had fooled around enough and were exhausted. Su had taken the role as a mom for the moment but they all knew she wanted them to straighten up a bit.

"Oh yes, we have tea to try. Everyone needs to get cleaned up and try the teas so I can know what three I will sell first." Remey jumped up pretending to have the main goal in mind. The others followed her lead. They all tried the teas and gave evaluations while Su guided them to rest early to leave for the mountains. She had managed to speak to Elise while they "Trained" and they would borrow some of the giant hawks to be flown to the base of the mountain paths.