

Master 2211

Chapter 2211: Unrest

It was a silent day. The news did not take the city by storm, but settled over it like a quiet and cold snow. Bad news tended to do that. It would lay on people and wear away at them. Especially for those that had a deeper connection with that bad news.

Alice had not taken it as poorly as others expected her to. She was standing taller than usual as she met others. Especially her friends around the cathedral.

However, she was also very proud that her father had been the way that he was. The kind high priest who was always there for everyone. Regardless of his own situation. Guiding the hands that needed education. Speaking out when something was wrong. Opening his arms to those that needed a smile.

There had been many moments that mattered a lot to Alice and others. When the high priest had made contact with heroes and even pushed them to help the healers without being a member of the cathedral had made waves. Whether it was seen or not, that had been a defining moment of his foresight for the future.

To Alice though, she cared about every moment that came with him being there. Whether it was as a shoulder to cry on or advice, she knew that her father, the high priest, was always waiting for her to return.

He had even waited for her to return to hear about her first adventure. Waited for her when she had gone out to a village in need. Waited for her when she went to a large city that had been the seed for all churches and cathedrals. He had waited for her, a solid foundation to return to as he built her own.

Even more, he had accepted Walker multiple times. While his meanings in his words had been over Walker's head at times, he had seen right through Walker from the very start. Had certainly seen the future that Walker wished to build. Not only as a united city and alliance, but as a man wishing to grow a family one day.

Everything that the high priest left behind proved to be greater than what even his closest assistant knew.

Within the old office which had yet to be cleaned out for those who would take over for him, it was discovered that the high priest had written clear and careful self biographies. How he had learned his skills. How he had faced troubles in his life. Even how he had made the decision to leave the human city and come right to Genesis to build something he would never see flourish beyond his lifetime.

It was so amazing that there was a small argument over who would be able to read it after Alice. Naturally, everyone had accepted that these were Alice's to read first. So she could look at the world through his eyes. See what it was like while she grew up and her father figured out how to be a father.

Even though they had never been related by blood, the high priest had become a father above any other that would call themselves a father. Not because he had acted like it or just been there. It was the simple fact that he did not push an abandoned baby on to others. He had seen the problem and decided that he would take up all hardships related to that child and raised them with love and care that many were envious of.

His legacy had been cemented in stone in the small garden behind the cathedral. A place where he and Alice had sat for tea. A place he had rested in the sun. a place he had enjoyed in life more than the cathedral when it was full of song.

There was plenty more thought about and said on the day that he was put to rest. However, the news of the origin city of the church was hard to explain. Maybe the word explain wasn't the best, the best would be hard to handle since it brought about a lot of anger.

This sparked many controversies about the current state of the cathedral within Genesis and how it was so strikingly different. How the pure saintess who had helped so many had been harmed. How those that went to learn were instead ostracized and even threatened with execution.

The spark was slowly burning more and more as the gossip spread. It was only until a crowd formed in front of the cathedral that things seemed to truly be heading down a poor path. That was when Walker and Alice made their appearance.

Recounting his anger filled words after Alice had stopped him from lashing out, the large crowd in the square around the cathedral calmed slightly. They could feel that as Walker explained he was struggling to keep himself calm.

A hero should control themselves and their strength, however, the reason that Walker was so loved as a hero wasn't just his actions. It was how people, felt being around him. Every single person in that crowd felt how Walker had felt. They could sense that he felt the way he did but many times more over.

Beyond that, they could see that Alice truly held the bright belief that the people should have a chance to leave and try again. That calling for a war when Genesis alliance had become so brilliant would be a crime. That the roots would rot if they were to push everyone in to flames of war over this.

Not only that, but the difference in strength was major. Their opponents would surely perish, even without the fact that an army from Genesis would come, that their enemy would fall

soon.

When Walker made that point, the crowd was stunned. Alice soon explained that leaving them had set an unstable balance toppling to the ground. Those that had forcefully controlled with threats and fear had been pushed to their own end. That when Walker, a hero announced by all systems of existence, had contradicted them, the people had taken a chance.

Some fled immediately trying to reach a new home. Others had to fight directly to take control or power. The others, had clung to their cruel beliefs and either perished or locked themselves away. All of that was what Walker had been sure would happen, but a few of the sneakiest scouts had already left to find information.

It would all be provided in time.

It all seemed to calm down as many of the church members used their skills to calm and ease the situation. The people were rightfully angry, but they did not need to fight here. They understood that now.

It was all fine until Alice spoke up again. This time, she kept speaking about what happened when she returned. How her father, the high priest, had smiled when she told him she was back. How Walker had ensured she got to him so he could properly rest. And how Walker had

asked clearly for permission and for his honor.

The response that Walker first heard, "Finally!"

Apparently, everyone had been waiting for the official announcement that their beloved saintess and golden hero would make it clear they would move forward with their engagement and marriage.

It quickly changed the way gossip flowed. Not about the enemy city that was falling to pieces in the distance, instead, it was about what dress Alice might wear. When they might get married. How large the celebration would be. How many great dragons would attend. Would there even be people from the elemental planes?

It made Walker's face turn bright red and Alice hide behind him. Yet again winning them a wave of shouts and adding to the gossip. Walker felt that he preferred being upset instead of this. He preferred standing ahead and fighting some monster with everyone watching rather than standing here and being asked what color his robes or suit would be.

Things only got worse when Gil arrived from the inside of the cathedral. He had listened to it all but left things alone. Now, he was immediately messing with Walker about actually

moving forward.

Leaving both Alice and Walker to flee when they had the chance. But it did leave them alone for the first time. A chance to just sit and let time pass without issue. Some people might think that silence is hard to handle. However, with the right people, silence can be enjoyable. It can be more than words being spoken.

Silence with those that truly understand you isn't silence. It's just a moment of peace to respect one another. To dwell on the emotions between them. To expect more from the future between them.

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Chapter 2212: New Starts

Two weeks had passed before there was news of someone arriving at Genesis. They had listened to Walker's words and come all that way. Encountering monsters and fighting with everything they had.

When they arrived, they met with a guard who had asked for their identification. It was normal for them to need this since Genesis had ensured that they had made small metal badges with runes on it connected to the innate mana that each person had.

The idea was simple and easy to put together within genesis. It made things much easier overall for merchants and everything else that was needed. Especially since there were plenty of matters that required approval from higher leaders within the city due to all the building happening.

Upon showing the gold painted symbol that they had been forced to carry which was representative of a star shining through darkness, Walker was not surprised that they had thrown it in a nearby fire.

The fires near every single entrance wall were there to burn certain pieces of trash or forbidden plants. Sometimes an invasive herb could make its way where it shouldn't be. Hence how it had been added to the guard's training. Just another thing to learn for the future.

Regardless, the man that had made it was young. He was barely twenty but had managed to carry his younger sister on his back all the way there. He had sat down and interviewed with the guards about why he had left and what he had done relating to the cathedral.

The news quickly became part of a report brought to Walker.

How the young man had gone against his parents will to steal his little sister and leave. How he had been stopped from venturing outside the city at every single turn due to their strict rules. How leaving was the same as abandoning their faith entirely.

The moment that his little sister had spoken out that she wanted to see what the mountains looked like, their parents had looked at him. Had begun to pray and talk about how he had corrupted her. How a pure soul was already tainted by heretical thoughts that prayer should release them from.

What was worse though, was that the young man only had one arm. A so called method of removing impurities by forcing them to one part of the body through prayer. Then brutally severing that part.

After learning of how the young man had been lucky enough to have a chance to flee and leave his family behind, the guards had asked for extra time off. They had not realized that the situation there was so bad that even families would tear themselves apart. Seeing the results right away without grasping that was a fair reason to go home and be thankful for their own family life.

Once it was clear who this man was and the state of him and his sister, they had been accepted and brought to the Genesis building. The guards that took them had explained a few things, but overall, it had been a very long day for them before they were given a room within an inn to stay.

The relevant skills they were able to use were very basic. They had never been allowed to do much. A twenty year old without a class since they had not been allowed to do anything after the world had changed and a younger sister of seven that also was not allowed to try for a class.

The reason behind this was simple, when the world had changed, they had been told that the message from existence was wrong. That it was the whispers of heretics trying to stop them. They had not been stopped because of they chose a class without one automatically just appearing then they were against their god.

A double standard that by praying their god would somehow just hand them a class instead of them working to gain one. It was idiotic, but with so many risks if they did so they couldn't. It just went to show more of the oppression there.

Only a few hours later did a few of the scouting elves return with reports that a few hundred people were walking toward Genesis. All of them were injured in some way. Mostly because of the journey when they had never been able to leave and train themselves. Others from the resistance that they had to put up to flee from their past homes.

This prompted many guards and healers to make their moves. Setting up tents to ensure that people were healed was a must. But the guards needed to be there to gauge those who would or would not be accepted in to genesis. Because of the things said and done by these people, it needed to be carefully decided over all else.

Many had shown that they had fear when Walker was brought up. Especially when they mentioned the immense pressure that came with everywhere he walked. They were under the impression that Walker

gave off that sort of pressure at all times. A small comical idea that the guards explained as being untrue.

What shocked everyone, was when Alice arrived and began to heal those with injuries. Many feared that they would be turned away since they had been in the square when the saintess was brought out. They had not raised a single finger to help her or those that came with her.

Yet, no revenge or anger showed on Alice's face. Her song resonated with the light mana and began to heal all that were near her. Changing everything that they believed and showing that they had truly been cut free from the lives that they had lived in fear.

Naturally this did not stop others from heading to the tents to take a look. Ignus and Remy made their own appearances. Ignus decided that shocking these people by showing them his full dragon form before he returned to his dragonkin form was a good idea. And Remy also set foot next to Alice with her body ablaze before she began refining healing potions suited for individual injuries on the spot.

Booth made waves but showed what Genesis truly was. A united front of ideas and races that caused growth. These events prompted endless questions before Gil and Su also made their own appearances. The only pens that didn't go out too much were Midnight and Onyx who had made their own efforts to ensure that these people would be able to have homes.

The new buildings being prepared for the expanding citizens were always in need of more hands. Having Onyx there to help move larger items saved the usage of a few dwarven golems. Having Midnight to guide some enthusiastic young earth dragon hatchlings recently trying to master their earth skills also kept some trouble calm.

Walker himself was the last to arrive. Not because he feared he would scare them, but because he worried that he might lose his temper. Especially if he saw a few of the ones that came to cause trouble do or say anything to Alice.

And those that came to cause trouble were not few. Out of the few hundred people that came, a group of forty had sworn they came to cleanse Genesis. They had led their own foolish attack to try and break in to the city and fight those within. To purify the heretical thinking that caused their own city to fall in to chaos.

As such, Walker had allowed himself one slight in control. He had released a large amount of earth mana to create moving vines of soil that entangled all of them before leaving them to the guards. While he wanted to vent his disappointment, Walker knew that there had been laws for a reason. He would not be judge, jury, and executioner in this situation. Unsurprisingly, this had won him some faith from the people who came to find a new life and start again. It was odd in a way since they still held a seed of fear for Walker. Yet, it seemed that he had shown just what he meant when he spoke of Genesis. Just how he felt about defending the unity within Genesis.

Although, there was another development within Genesis when these people had shown up. The idea that there would need to be a lot more recruitment for new people had been pushed again. That it would be worth setting up academies properly.

The idea had already been pitched before. However, an idea that they should make a united academy for the brilliant top young people of the entity of Genesis was a decent idea. A potential new way to grow people that would be able to set foot in to the elemental planes once they had trained enough. Or to take hold of the forefront of certain guilds or industries

within the city.

A potential retirement opportunity for some of the masters that had already begun to pass on their knowledge.

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Chapter 2213: Affinity Balance

"Awake earlier than later Erica, did you go looking for Midnight again?" Walker found that the little hatchling had sniffed out his location. She had definitely followed the smell of freshly toasted bread and blackberry jam.

In the short time that they had been together, she had taken a very large liking in the food that Walker's mother made from scratch. So much so that she even refused to eat the strawberry jam that came inside a pastry from a street stall. The best was the best, and Walker's mother made the best fresh at home.

That aside, Walker had noticed that the little hatchling had calmed down a lot by comparison with what she had done when she was first with him and gone flying. In turn though, she had been trying to make her own wings fly her up in the the sky. Even trying to use the light mana she had access to to help her with that.

Her spending some time at the cathedral and opened her eyes up to the second affinity that she had not valued as much. Especially since she had the sense that she might be able to do something like the instrumental healing that was done. Focusing on the fact that Alice made the lights dance with just a few hummed tunes.

This was making it much clearer to her as a hatchling what she had to work with. Walker could only watch and give in here and there to her desires to see his magic using both manas. But he had shown her a mixture of those tow manas which he realized what what she was after.

As a hatchling, Erica had trouble expressing what she wanted. She had not mastered the draconic language at all since she was too young to fully articulate it. Onyx had some luck with communicating with her, but since she was so young, the idea that she could fully form thoughts and ideas was a bit out of the game.

Therefore, Walker worked with what he felt was right. At the time, he had mixed wind and light mana in different variations to see how it would work in her eyes. When he mixed equal parts, she had looked at the bright winds that filtered with a little rainbows and moved around the air. It caught her attention but she lost interest fairly quickly since it did not resonate with her.

The next attempt was making the wind mana very strong and allowing just a slight bit of light mana in it. Erica had not even looked up. The very same happened when he focused more on the light and less on the wind. But when he had tried to mix seventy percent wind mana with thirty percent light mana, he had gotten a larger reaction from Erica than what he had expected.

This caused her to leap up and try to catch up to the vibrant green wind mana moving all around the air. The radiant wind was enough to match the balance of Erica's very own affinity. She could sense that it was similar to her and that she could easily absorb the mana. Even take some control over it, even if it was a minute amount of control due to her young age.

Feeling that this had been the right direction, Walker had pushed together a larger amount of light and wind manas to make the entire room full of radiant wind. As such, he had watched and sensed how

happy Erica was. They had spent three hours playing with the radiant wind to the point that Erica had laid down to sleep for the rest of the night.

He worried that he might have tired her out too much, but seeing that she was bright eyed and energetic now, he didn't have that worry. He did notice that additional mana seemed to flow from between her scales. Proof that she had absorbed the radiant wind mana combination enough to be able to store it. A perfect way for her to get a good base for her future growth.

He even had learned a little something when he was watching how Erica had naturally absorbed the mana while they played around a bit.

Dragons were naturally close with their own affinities to whatever mana they were born with. Hence why their bloodlines were so very important. They allowed them to understand not only where they came from, but, also how they could grow in the future to be better at using the manas they had affinities from.

Due to that being the focus for them, they had many limiting factors. If a dragon did not have strong enough affinity, they were cast out. That meant to the dragons that the cast out hatchling would perish or become a rogue dragon. They would never grow because they did not have the bloodline related access to language or any other form of dragon history.

That was why it was a tragedy of a dragon to be weak. The exception were the dragons born of unions between pure elemental dragons. Just like Erica who had a strong wind affinity and a weaker light affinity.

But how did those dragons learn? They had to focus on their innate affinities, but they clearly didn't gain the proper pure bloodline dragons normally had. This led Walker to a simple conclusion.

They didn't need that knowledge through bloodline because as a dragon, they had nature's guidance for their affinities. It was why Erica felt a resonance of sorts the moment that the manas Walker mixed matched the strengths of her affinities. Therefore, someone could be able to find the exact strengths of their affinities and create the ideal environment for them to train in.

As such, Walker could apply this to everyone. Even going further to be able to teach the mages how to set up specific training that matched all affinities. Most people only had a singular affinity for elemental mana. But what if they had two? Or they had a powerful affinity and one extremely weak affinity?

While this was already done in the mage tower and other places using runes, this was not done for dual or triple, or even more elemental affinity beings. It meant that if they could learn to fine tune a small area for training, that the speed of growth for that person could become much faster. It could also make a much clearer test for those that wished to learn certain magics or skills overall. Especially when it comes to the potential future of a joint academy for everyone to attend.

The best students of the best could have their training areas perfectly crafted to match the perfect percentages of their affinities. Something that would be a luxury for those that showed the best skills. Something that could be tested and known to ensure that the person born had the best chance of using those affinities for their own unique skills.

The potential of what this information could bring was very high. It also was something not perfectly shown in the system of existence. As if existence wanted those using the system to figure that out themselves. Otr at least that was what Walker had thought at first. He swore he felt like he had just uncovered a secret hiding in plain sight.

Using a little of his mana, Walker made some radiant wind and caught Erica's attention. "Want to come to the echidna and elf living areas so we can see if we can gather some unique dual and triple elemental mages? Maybe we can test out how they react when we find their exact affinity percentages."

Walker's idea to test this out was to be able to prove it when he presented it to the entirety of Genesis. To be fair, he felt that this was something he had already touched on. Just not in such

a specific format.

Many of the mages and the dragons looked for ideal places to rest and meditate. But more specifically, the dragons moved their entire villages to the best possible places so that they

could grow better.

With that in mind, creating unique rune formation could also be possible. This could also be a better method to ensure that someone with incredibly weak affinities might be discovered. A test that changes the manas in the room might make it clear exactly what smaller affinities someone might have.

For example, if someone has an affinity that is extremely small, they might believe that they never have a chance to grow. But even with the smallest affinity for an elemental mana, they could have the chance to learn skills related. While it would take more effort, this was a major boon for that person in their grand journey.

Chapter 2214: perfectly Working Theory

"Wait, where are you going with those kids?" Gil spotted Walker and his band of seven kids who had been on their way to learn a few things about potential classes they could pursue. Instead, Walker had found their teachers and taken them for a special lesson.

All the while, Erica was meeting the elven and echidna children who were much more interested in befriending a little dragon than whatever lesson the hero wanted to show them. Not that they weren't excited for the sudden change in plans. This was much more fun.

"I heard that some of the teachers got a day off since they were going to show off some of the newly documented classes. But you are the reason they aren't now? Today was a day where they would learn about the forest archery class that they could get if they had the time to learn it."

"Isn't that the class you were supposed to visit last week when Alma was ready to yell at you for going off and doing other things?" Walker had the perfect counter to Gil.

"That's not what we are talking about here and you know it. Spill it, what are your plans?" there wasn't much that could fool Gil. especially when he knew that Walker was just trying to get him flustered to make their walk faster.

"Let's get to the mana sealed room first. I set up a special stone room that was once a temporary storage area for tools. I had some rune carvers isolate it so that mana was more or less repelled from flowing around it easily. With my mana control, I can alter the mana inside completely."

Now Gil was lost. He knew that Walker could completely stop mana from flowing in a certain direction. Even halt someone else from using the surrounding manas if he desired it. That was just the height of his understanding of manas overall. A level no one else had on the world right now.

"Just listen and learn along with the students today. I chose the elven children and the echidna children small class because they all have a closer feel for their natural affinities than what many other races have at a younger age. And, everyone here doesn't have a class so this might help them choose their own paths better."

"Yes sir hero!" The response made Gil shake his head. Walker had the kids backing him up so it was what it was.

The small room was a decent size. Everyone stood inside easily and could see where the temporary tool racks had been when there was building within the area. All that remained were the finished products and the small hut itself. All made of stone which was newly carved with runes by the rune carvers.

"So, lesson time! Erica, you too. You are a student just like them. You just have a little more to learn." Erica huffed slightly in agreement since she was also very interested to see how the others would use what she had already spent time with Walker doing as a game before.

"Your affinities, I am sure that you all have learned them. And I also know that all of you have more than one affinity." Walker made it clear that this was the focus of the lesson now. "Because I knew all of you had multiple affinities, I wanted to teach you the strength of those affinities."

"Yes, a question." Walker caught one of the young elves wondering what Walker meant. "I just have a weaker fire affinity and a stronger earth affinity. So that's all I need to know, right?"

"Yes and no. Yes, you know which affinity you might focus on to guide your future path. No, it's not all the information you might want. Especially when it comes to the exact strength of your second and first affinities."

"For example, Erica and I were playing with wind and light mana. She is able to use a very strong seventy percent wind mana and thirty perfect light mana. While she can not wield it at her age, she can absorb wind and light manas in those balances much better. Because that is the exact strength of her two affinities. Can anyone guess our goal today? Why this is important?"

Walker saw multiple answers come at him while he saw Gil's eyes widen. "You managed to find a way to create the perfect environment for anyone. Better than just runes, but a specific and ideal way to grow, learn, and use those manas." Gil was ready to make Walker explain it all out more clearly so he could get someone to record it all. It would be very important.

'I am testing it now. Also helping these kiddos to find a better understanding of what they might want from their futures.'" Walker pointed at the boy who had asked first while everyone watched.

The mana in the room shifted and only fire and earth remained. Walker slowly changed the values of the earth mana with a weakening fire mana. Both were dense because of his control, but the boy suddenly got more energetic and had a look of awe on his face.

"So you have a ninety percent earth mana and a ten percent fire mana affinity. Not very strong as a second affinity, but knowing that. You can ensure that you focus yourself on goals that would utilize that mix of manas. Potentially finding a class that best suits your usage of those two manas in that mixture."

"Can anyone tell me why this is very important to know if you become someone like a mage in the future?" Walker saw a smaller echidna girl look at him.

"If I use mana balanced to match my affinity, I can grow an entire forest like my mom did. She helped and said that I can do it too even though I don't use natural mana like grandma." "That is exactly right. But more specifically, if you use mana that matches your affinities, you will be able to ensure that every single magic skill you use is perfectly aligned with your will and your body itself. A perfect match to who you are. That means it will act like another part of your body, potentially."

That was the feeling that Walker slowly guided them all to feel. The perfect match to their manas. The perfect match to their affinities. A feeling that would ingrain itself within them so that they could better use their affinities throughout their entire lives.

"Will it be hard for Erica to grow without having the mana balanced the right way around her?" One of the young elf girls had caught on to this worry since she understood that Walker was trying to find an ideal way for them all to grow. And since the little hatchling was their new friend, it was only right to be concerned.

"No issue at all. It just means that she will grow slowly. Every dragon born with multiple affinities learns about those affinities themselves. They have no teachers since they are not pure elemental dragons with one affinity. Does that make them weak? No, just gives them a longer path."

"However, Erica knows her affinities and one day should be able to bring the manas in the air to her in that balance. Or, we can work with very talented rune carvers to make a unique rune formation that perfectly matches her affinities. Allowing her to always have a small place to go with perfect manas balanced to her and her alone."

The children asked a few more questions while Walker was sure that they all had a lot to think about. A few of them had even sat down and started to meditate right then and there. They had grasped an aspect of themselves much more powerfully than before. They had to accept it

inside and out.

"You know that you have to share this with everyone. Especially with this as the result." Gil's focus was on how this would cause another wave of change within Genesis.

"I think that I need to find some talented mages and rune carvers to build formations to test this now. It will take a lot of work but will be well worth it." Many thoughts of how Walker could use this as part of the academy building plans came to his mind. He wanted to push through time and see it all finished already.

If he did that though, he would miss out on all the fun surrounding it. He needed to take it slow and enjoy the life he was building here. He had plenty of time to do so, so why rush it and let it waste away?

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Chapter 2215: More Support

"Why are you calling this meeting? There are very few representatives that are available at such a last minute notice." While Alma was not very angry, she still felt that Walker had rushed this sudden meeting.

"I know that you have a lot to do, I also know that The merfolk and dwarves are too busy to be here themselves. That's why we have their second in commands here." Walker looked at the two unfamiliar faces that sat waiting to record everything for their representatives. It was a good look on their part with how prepared they were.

"I came because your letter sent to me said that you have something that would make everyone stronger." There was a clear aura around General Scylla that made it very clear she was ready to see what could make everyone stronger. Especially when she was setting things up for a host of small competitions within the coliseum.

The recruitments from various guilds forming and growing and the city busy already. The usage of the coliseum space was always booked and waiting for someone to come and test others. Or for competitions to begin to prove the skills of those looking for a chance to join the guilds with better starting points.

It was not unfamiliar for the guilds to offer better resources to those that had more talent and experience. That was the same with any job or any place in general. Making sure those with talent grew was well worth investing more in to them at the start.

"This must be about the research that Gil mentioned when he called on me? I was sure that i would be consumed with budgeting even more than before when he mentioned you taking control of research and needing more gold to begin building new testing rooms?" Markus Raven had been advancing himself smoothly.

The progress with his and his entire team's budgeting was showing extreme benefits for Genesis. The expansion of trade routes and roads had produced a very smooth flow for every single item to come in and out of Genesis. Especially with the teleportation rune formations beginning to be refined and even described to other kingdoms for building within the very near future.

"With the harpy queen's representative here now, we can make progress." Walker looked at Mordant and Ignus who had also taken their seats now. The other royal dragons were busy, but the two would be able to get the information to them without issue. Walker also saw that Erica was very comfortable sitting with Midnight watching everything calmly. A good boon since he was in charge of watching the little hatchling.

The goblin representative was sitting with the gray spider representative while Fleur moved around aimlessly in the air as the spirit race representative. Not that the spirit race had much carte as long as

they were able to freely learn and adapt to the entirety of genesis. Spirits were always free after all. They formed their bodies from mana so putting them in the same mold would be hard.

"I am interested in how this will affect the future plans for development. The angels are sure that you are not calling on us from nothing. Especially since this would be something that might greatly affect us." As the angel race absorbed ambient mana through their wings, Walker knew his experiments with affinities would be valuable to them more than others.

"We trust it too. The stronger Genesis is, the stronger our bonds with our saviors is." the demons had begun calling the army that went to the demon lands their saviors. Something that made it clear of their growing respect for a new way of life. It made Walker feel warmer since he could see the clear joy in their eyes compared to the situation he had seen them in before all this.

"I would prefer to sleep a little more. Why do we need to meet during the middle of the day?" A vampire was a vampire and no one expected how similar to stereotypes they would be. Sleeping the day away to live to their fullest at night. Fairly funny.

"It's about the class he led away from their schedule yesterday. My niece was one of the students who rushed home very excited to tell me her test results from the hero himself." Now everyone looked at Walker after listening to the echidna representative.

"My plans for an academy with general knowledge from all races is beginning to form much more clearly. As I said before, important things like testing general knowledge base first and also skills will be needed. Mostly to decide classes and find the path for them. However, I found a way to test their affinities with more clarity than ever before."

"The mages should be ready?" Walker saw a nod from one of ten mages who would be blocking mana for him while he meticulously controlled the mana within the room. It allowed him to maintain a perfect focus while explaining rather than worrying about the outside mana interfering.

"Erica, want to show off your affinity?" The little hatchling leaped up and jumped right on the table as the mages blocked mana around them. Walker began to explain affinities and how they could test what affinity someone had. But now, he could test the exact percentage of the affinity as a whole.

He then proceeded to show them how Erica began to absorb the mana in the air naturally when it was perfectly catered to her affinity balance. How that would allow her to adapt faster and also understand her own body better.

"The better we can test everyone, the better that they will be able to choose what to pursue within their lives. Whether it is to learn new magic or to find new classes. All of it will be easier for them as they grow. If we look at the dragon race or the angel race, they absorb mana naturally. But what if they know what their perfect mana balance is? Won't they be able to find better places to grow? The same reason why dragon villages always moved. And why I believe the angel cities once floated and moved too."

"Wouldn't a mage battling in an area perfect for them give that mage an advantage over a warrior?" The vampire representative made this clear question heard to everyone as they were contemplating the usage of testing rooms run by rune formations.

"That would strengthen them for sure. But what if a warrior was in the very same situation? Wouldn't they replenish mana better too? It's the same for everyone. But when it comes to their growth, they would definitely grow better at the start." Everyone understood Walker's

point.

"With this as the start of your academy, you could allow students to grow in their best potential environment. Meaning that everyone would be able to learn at a faster pace too. Not to mention whatever they needed to compete in competitions and one day join guilds or go out in to the greater elemental planes." Scylla grasped what Walker was thinking beyond all this.

"Exactly. A stronger base for a stronger future. This would give us the ability to handle some of the weaker beings within the elemental planes. Especially since they are often singular or dual elemental beings. It would also increase the potential that we can form better relationships with beings within unique elemental planes since we would understand those manas better and the relationship with multiple manas to one another."

With such a point made, everyone was excited. They also wanted to have their own affinities tested since it would help them grasp their own bodies better. Scylla in particular wanted to see if she had been training herself poorly compared to the ideal that she could have been following for the entire time she trained.

If no one had stopped her, Scylla would have been half way out the door wanting to find a way to create every single affinity testing room within the day. Regardless, after an hour of adjusting manas and testing everyone that wished to be tested, they all understood what

Walker was so excited over.

Upon feeling the flow of manas to a higher compatibility, those who had never been in that situation understood the dragon race much better with their moving habits. Mordant and Ignis also provided their own accounts of why they had always enjoyed these mana dense places which they could grow in better.

When it came down to it, they also decided that they would fully support building an academy outside of Genesis city so that there could be a larger amount of growth for the future. They even offered to bring out some of the dragon race's wealth from the elder who kept their history. A major show of support even now.

"Oh, and this testing will need to be free for everyone that wishes to wait for the chance to be tested. It will be a basic right when a child is born when their parents choose to bring them."

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Chapter 2216: Chase Walker

Walker had made waves again. The information traveling throughout Genesis was enough to make many mages want to abandon their studies within the mage tower altogether. Not because they cared too little about them, but because they wanted to learn more about

themselves to see if they should continue on that path.

Some mages had stopped to reconsider everything about themselves. They were unsure if the foundations they had built with their study and strength were enough. If it was truly what they were meant to sue for their skills.

To be fair, the idea that they might not have been properly using mana the entire time was a big blow to their minds. Especially if they could have done better in terms of understanding their own affinity. To a

mage, it was like finding out that they hadn't even taken the time to learn of their own names if they lacked understanding of their own affinity for mana.

Things weren't just going crazy with the mages though. Plenty of other elemental mana focused class users had been shocked by what they heard. The years taken to understand how to grow and use their manas could have been shortened through this process of using runes, a specialized mage, and testing?

Impossible.

Who had so many people missed this for years and years? Was it because the flow of mana was damaged to a degree and the world was separated from everything else? If that was the case, then it might not have been possible to fully grasp affinities at the start when they had been learning.

If this was the case, then the fact that they had just learned this still gave everyone a chance. Not only the young regeneration a chance to start with a step ahead, but for people to reclaim their glory if they had become too old to hold their power the way they had been when they were young.

It was not uncommon for some of the elderly to find a second wind in this city now. The mana and the growth of runes had already proven to give everyone a new way of looking at the world. However, it had also unlocked plenty of theories that had been seen as impossible.

Testing the true affinities people had was one of those impossible things. Walker was quick to discover that some people had become traveling mages in the past. Through multiple races, there had been mages with higher sensitivity that believed they could find a spot in the world where they could better understand mana than others. Just the same as the dragons did.

They had been limited though. They could only feel something was not perfectly aligned within their bodies and what they tried to achieve. Not exactly what that was though. There were pieces of the world missing. Well, the world was just a piece in the grand scheme of things. So any theory or attempt to fully find what that was couldn't be done.

Hence why it was so quick and sudden that walker had discovered this. He had just happened to follow that same thinking of others in the past but had the environment to make leaps towards a proper form. To ensure that he could succeed.

Many of the guards wished to have their affinities tested as soon as possible. Not just because they could defend Genesis faster, but because they might be able to discover something that helped them rise higher in their chosen profession.

They weren't the only ones that thought that though. There was a change in the dragons that had been more evident than others right away.

Mordant and Ignus had been present to heart and even saw what Walker was speaking about. They had not been surprised to find that they had pure elemental affinity with dark and fire as they had their entire lives. They were pure elemental dragons. It made sense that this would be the result.

However, this raised the question of the dual elemental dragons that had been born. Or those that had managed to get unique forms of an elemental mana by being born between two different elemental dragons for the union of different villages.

If they could perfectly understand their own affinities then come to Geneiss to have their specialized training place created, wouldn't they also have a chance to become dominator dragons? Even if that wasn't a possibility, they could grow to become as strong as the elders without being held back as they had been.

It also meant that the dragons as a whole would have to change their thinking about elemental purity in the long run. There could be a lot changing that they had never considered. A grand potential for their race to grow in the future. Especially if they did not need to maintain their thoughts about elemental purity as a whole.

The same thing that the angels had to fight against, just that their fight was slightly different since they embraced all elemental manas and not the ulterior manas like life, space, time, and death. Regardless, this was a large step for the dragon race to take and one that would need to be thought about in depth to ensure nothing went awry.

Walker was very clear sighted when it came to the way that dragons thought. He had heard about the fact that there was a steam dragon. Something that had been between two major fire and water dragon villages. If that steam dragon was called to Genesis, they would have the chance to find out if they truly were a perfect balance of water and fire. Or would they have a different affinity balance that could change what they saw themselves as?

This was all aside from the fact that a few of the rune carvers and the dwarves had rushed to be the first able to help make this all happen. The runes needed would allow rune carvers to test the limits of control when it came to mana flowing through rune formations.

Especially when compared to the other runes that were made. The focuses on runes right now were related to improving the flow of mana to one place. They rarely had to create runes that repelled mana from somewhere so that other runes could focus on the in depth control of the amount of each mana in particular.

It would be a challenge that could adjust and create new rune formations that specifically created an exact form of fused mana every single time. Or, one that could be adjusted through extremely careful control of the runes themselves to create an environment. This could lead to training areas that may even cause terrain alterations. An idea only theoretical for now using the runes to make rune formations.

The reason that the dwarves wanted a part in this was that many had already begun planning the academy and the academy grounds. If this would be part of the normal testing for the academy and for everyone within genesis, then they had to be involved. They were some of the largest contributors to the building of everything within Genesis. Missing out on this would stop them from leaving their marks on history!

There was another group that saw this as unique.

The echidna had all strived to learn from nature. Follow the flow of natural mana. But they were not all born with the talent to follow that specific route. They had to learn to find the flow of natural mana. Some spending years to do so with very little success. This discovery gave them the chance to find a unique place within nature that they could exceed in. an opening of their eyes to a method they may have missed.

There was no anger or distaste though. They were very happy to find this for their future generations and to keep showing off their culture to other races. They had become a very important aspect of life for the farmers and many others who had never expected that they could use natural mana in any form or fashion.

Herbalists raved about the way that the echidna suggested changing the flow of their planting schedules. It had already shown progress overall, but things would just continue to change if the echidna without as much to teach found a method for growing.

Everyone could only be amazed by the changes beginning to show. Walker was still at the very center of them since he was the only one able to fully alter all the mana in a singular space enough to test for affinities. Hence how he began to appear randomly through Genesis to ensure that he could surprise people with affinity tests.

Until the places he needed were built, he told everyone that luck would let them get their affinity tests sooner than later. It was the fairest way he could think of so that he would not be swarmed by people. Although, everyone else found the idea of many children in Genesis playing hide and seek with Walker as the prize very amusing.

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Chapter 2217: Proclaimed Students

"Twin shield arts. That's the unique form of combat I will show you all. Especially since you can all wield shields and are not limited to just one."

The reason Su found herself in this odd situation wasn't just because of the growing number of people finding classes that were similar to the heroes that they adored. That was just a part of it.

Many people had begun to idolize the heroes along with the representatives on the Genesis council. That was to be expected. Those that decided to pursue Su's example were those that had seen her kindness and ability to defend those around her. They had witnessed it and been inspired.

That was also part of the fact that rumors and gossip about how much time she spent with healers and assisting those who were injured kept growing. People just couldn't stop telling one another about the hidden guardian of all that had been harmed or who might be coming in to harm. A powerful twin shield that would block any attack then charge in to the battle to attack using the very same shield to prevent further harm.

The other large reason that Su found herself in this situation was one person.

"Walker is going to drive me crazy." Su's mumbling was unheard of by the more than twenty students that had proclaimed themselves exactly that, students.

They were not all young, but they had heard of the fact that those with certain classes might have the chance to gain education from the heroes and other higher ranked figures within Genesis if they had the proper class.

There was also the bonus that if Walker showed up while she was teaching them, that they might get their affinities tested by Walker personally. A major boost to their knowledge about themselves. Su knew this and so did they. Walker had caused this and now she was stuck with

it.

They had all begun showing up when she had volunteered at the cathedral for a few hours to ensure that it was clean and prepared for the inevitable injuries that would filter in to be healed through the day. Accidents were never perfectly avoidable. The world was not perfect but a constant flow of change.

"As you all heard, I can teach you these shield arts. But they are both defensive and offensive. Offensive shield skills are always just shield charge and that's it. Make a shield slam or two related skills. But never a full on offensive." the younger self proclaimed students looked at her as if they were seeing a chance.

There were some older people that had gained their class later because they had never had a system in the first place until the world had returned to its flow properly. It had taken time but they were ready to fully embrace whatever they needed to so that they could become stronger. To follow a path to a better future.

"As you all understand, an academy will be built sooner than later. Many are working on it and the project will be greater than what many expect since it will focus on educating those that wish to learn unique methods of growth. Or it will be focused on researching new classes. There are even the talks of making significant research on ancient bloodlines and their influence over growth."

None of this was a lie and it was easily found information by those that went looking. Especially those that were closely following the potentials that the academy being panned had. So many people would attend it and have a chance to grow. It was easier to say that it would be a continental focus rather than just a small school of education.

"But none of that will matter if you can not protect it. None of that will matter unless you have the courage to be both viscous and kind." Su's mentality was like this. Now that she had accepted her half dragon race, she knew that she, as a true draconic guardian, had to be able to fight with vicious brutality while defending those she cared for. Did that mean she was only that though? No, she would show pure kindness to those in need.

"Sister Su is teaching a class there. Should we join in?" Onyx was asking this to Gil who had managed to find Onyx for another small task they had already completed.

"I think we can do better than that. If you sneak in there and pretend to be a monster, we can start a little challenge to show off what Su means by defend and attack with shields. Plus, she will have even more people amazed by the skills she teaches. Making her class grow when that academy is built." Gil's small desire to cause a little trouble would easily get him slapped by Su if he was caught.

"Is that alright? Won't he be angry?" Onyx feared that Su would just get angry with them for interrupting. Gil on the other hand, shook his head. He was skipping out on some of his current tasks so that he could join in the fun here. He had been the only one enjoying the fact that everyone was so focused on affinities and the future of an academy instead of other things.

Not to mention that he had been sending out the gossip that those of the strongest within the academy once it was built would be able to travel to the elemental planes. A place of mystery and strength that has yet to be explored. It meant that they would be trailblazers too. A big deal.

Onyx effortlessly blurred in to the shadows. Unknown to him, Su had noticed him and Gil a while ago. She knew that Gil was trying to play something of a prank to get out of some work, so, she let it be. Now she was going to show him what he earned for doing so.

As the shadows stretched out, Su dashed to the center where she saw Onyx appearing. "For example, the shield charge I just used was a good way to boost my speed and get to a place that needs defending." shadows shot up and attacked but found that they had hit nothing but Su's shields.

"Your shields can be both your defenses and others. But traveling with them takes strength. Training your body so that shield is one with you means that it is like another limb. Like it moves to your will without needing to control it. Because it is a part of you, it moves like your body does." Su whipped a shield around and slammed it down breaking a small shadow coming from beneath here.

"Even using small amounts of mana mixed with your shield can disrupt the start of magical skills like shadow spikes forming as you just saw. Then using the base of your shield can be used to slam down and create uneven footing for those that try and follow you afterwards." Using both shields, Su deflected another shadow then used the other to kick up a rock. "Using some earth mana makes it easier to direct a potential projectile like this. Did you think a shield user could ever have a ranged attack? No, because you all looked at shield users as a stationary wall. Or even as a moving wall without much else to do."

The rock was boosted with Su's natural earth affinity. In a swift movement, she slammed the shield kicking the rock in to the nearby trees and right in to Gil who fell from the tree branch

he was on.

"Or you can use your shield to stop someone's fall." Su dashed ahead slamming her shields together and creating an angel for Gil to hit and slide to the ground. It wasn't a soft landing, but he had been saved. At least that's how su made t seem. Gil would have landed on his feet if not for her intervention.

"And if you think that this is all Su has to offer you, then you are wrong. She is definitely going to be teaching an entire class on the ulterior uses of shields. Onyx will be showing off the duality of light and darkness." Gil tried to make it seem that he had been participating normally. He even made Onyx out to be teaching one day too.

"Oh, don't forget that Gil will teach a class about climbing trees and how to prevent bruises and cuts when falling. He tends to fall a lot when he isn't paying attention to his own work." Su smiled softly, but the gleam in her eyes told Gil that he had just ended up with even more work for the future.

"Of course I will teach too. I can't let down my family when they expect me to help out." Gil smiled through the future pain he would be in by gaining a student following just like Su.

The students who had proclaimed themselves as such just looked in at the there in awe. They believed this all set upo to teach them alone. Amazing heroes who always went above and beyond any expectations. Or at least that was how the party was seen by many. Not that this was a bad thing at all. It would inspire people.

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Chapter 2218: Trouble In Flames

"What's so funny?" Remy had just finished another batch of earth affinity potions. She was working on making a grand earth affinity potion next. The only issue were the herbs that she had to decide on. They all were very good, but the quality of earth affinity herbs needed to be improved by the herbalists due to the dried herbs being too old.

Besides this, she was making a lot of progress making various replacements other formulas when it came to the high earth affinity potions. It meant that the same potion could be made with a larger pool of herbs. A great fact for when there were harder times or there were herbs that took longer to grow.

"That academy idea is making the younger generations go wild. Su has already been trapped in to teaching a group of shield users. One of them is calling themselves the future twin shield guardian." Ignus had flown over the area Su was teaching in and witnessed the entire situation.

"How is that different from the future flame broilers or the future alchemists that want to learn from me? I just have a guild to filter them through. Bi might teach a thing or two though. Especially if they want to gain a few bruises through the process." Remy was sure that if she taught anyone, they would have to learn to fight.

"Making battle alchemists and better fighters?" Ignus was ready to laugh again. He found all of this hysterical since so many people were trying to claim that they would be students to the heroes. Especially when they had the chances to meet many of those heroes wandering through Genesis in their daily lives.

"You should be wondering why you don't have an army of potential students wanted to learn from the royal red dragon. Oh wait, you do have a significant following that your dragonkin are stopping from bothering you. And more than a few swear that you will teach them to become dragons themselves."

The sour look on Ignus's face made Remy take her turn laughing. Not because Ignus was going to ignore these people, but because it was somewhat true. There were ways for people to become related to dragons. Even become half dragons.

The unfortunate part of the party's wild adventures was the fact that many people could change their race. Awaken ancient bloodlines within them. Or entirely alter their bodies to grow in to something completely unique. It left a lot of hope for the people of Genesis who saw themselves as too weak.

"Anyone that wants to learn from me can keep wishing. I will not teach anyone anything." Ignusb was stubborn but with a single glance from Remy, he stopped making his sour face.

"And what if I ask you to teach someone? You know that I can easily break a few scales to make sure it gets through your head." Remy's threat was light and somewhat full of laughter before she heard a knock at the door.

"Come on in."

"I thought you would be here. You know that it is easier to come here and find you rather than your own territory? Your elders are working to ensure that the runes are properly spaced." Current had been looking for Ignus since they had their own meetings to handle as the dragons were preparing to activate the rune formations within the week. At least the beginning rune formations.

"The runes are already prepared. We have the main formations set up. These are just the second, third, and fourth layers that will help condense the runes in the center of the territories. They can be done without direct supervision."

Remy glanced at the two, "Ignus, you know that they expect to see you there. So I will just go along with you. If I didn't go either someone would be angry." Remy knew that Ignus would much rather sit and watch her create potions. He would gladly help too. She knew that.

Whoever, she had become a unique existence. Besides being an alchemical brawler that was sought after by others for her potions and potential teachings, she was also a true fire dragon soul. A being that had taken major steps to be able to live in the world instead of moving to the elemental planes where she would be able to live more comfortably.

"Thank you. It would be nice to see you there as we move territory to territory activating them so that we can all live more comfortably. We also have smaller areas beginning to be built in the middle of each territory. The dual affinity dragon's are going to have better homes too." Current added this in with the recent information about the affinity tests.

It wasn't that they would all be changing a great deal of things. It was simply because there was a chance that these dual or triple affinity dragons could rise to be stronger than the other elder snow. If that was even a small possibility, then they deserved the chance to rise as any other cloud. Besides the fact that there might be a future dominator dragon among them too.

With Remy flying toward the fire dragon territory, she noticed a few people looking up at them. They didn't hang out in full dragon forms, mostly because Remy did not have one the same that Current and Ignus did. However, she could make flames imitate a proper dragon form. Potentially more dangerous than an actual dragon form since she would burn any and everything she came in contact with.

As they landed in the central square that had been built for the fire dragon territory, Remy were very impressed. She had only been here when the lava stones were being placed down. Now, she was able to see that the base which was built had just been the smallest part. Large stone resting places had been made for the dragons so that they could remain in their dragons without issues. But there were many smaller homes for the dragonkin or for the dragonkin form dragon to rest within.

Each had been ornately carved with historical art related to the history of each dragon. The fire dragons were focused here. Yet, an addition of dragonkin warriors that had served greatly for their dragons also existed. This united them much more so that those visiting could learn.

The flames and small pools of lava just made everything come together. It was a specifically created part of the fire dragon territory which would allow the environment to adapt and change as the manas moved through each territory. The heat also allowed for hot water to be produced where the water dragon territory interacted with the fire.

"Ignus, I have come to stand beside you as we activate the runes with fire mana." The voice that cut through the arrival of the other royal dragons was enough to make Ignus show an annoyed look immediately.

"Liliana, I have told you many times, I will not allow you to take any place beside me or around me. You are just another elder of the fire dragons and you do not have the right to stand as an equal royal. Nor will you take any further position."

There was an angry gleam in the female dragon's eyes. She may have been in her dragonkin form, but she clearly had expected more. "I have taken my dragonkin from now. I am one step closer to being the same as you. I will soon be a dominator dragon a few more years."

"I do not care. Just represent the dragon race with respect. With pride."

Losing patience and showing the fire that a fire dragon is known for, she retorted, "And you would rather some false dragon stand beside you? How does that represent pride and respect? You do not even spend time with your own kind. This would be to have a pure fire dragon bloodline in the strongest place. Create the strongest next generation!" The flames soared around them as the other royal dragons stepped back a bit. They would not interfere with

Ignus.

"You are tainting our pure blood by associating-"

A sickening crack broke through the air as Remey's fist collided with the fire dragon elder Liliansa. "You are barely a dragon. I have more control of fire than you. I have more control of any aspect of being a dragon than you, and I wasn't even born a dragon. And you are not going to touch Ignus since he is the only one I trust to create grand potions beside me other than my

father!"

A brutal heat radiated off of Remey as flames took the form of a dragon. The different flame colors radiating different heat which perfectly replicated the shape of a fire dominator dragon. "You are not a dragon!" Liliansa took her elder dragon form. Her brilliant red scales covered in lesser flames than what Remey controlled.

Chapter 2219: In Their Place

"I would have expected that Ignus would stop her. She will definitely get burned." Current's interest was not on Remey but on Liliansa. As an elder fire dragon, it would be very incredibly insulting if she were to be burned. Let alone by someone she had just called out as not being an actual dragon.

"I doubt Ignus will. Liliana has been chasing after him to become the closest to being as royal as possible for years. Before his last mate, she was already trying to take the position. She was just too weak back then." Mordant had recalled hearing of this.

"I don't see why you care about these things. He could have multiple mates if he desired. Isn't that how most of you work?" Since Terron was an earth dragon, he didn't understand most of the other dragons. However, he did know that most dragons did not limit themselves to

partners.

"No, Ignus is powerful enough to have many. He does not wish to have many. Ignus may be more like us light dragons than what he admits. I can respect that." Since Rise was doling out some praise, the others were somewhat surprised. To be honest though, Ignus had gone against what the previous royal fire dragon did and only been with one partner at a time.

"Stop worrying so much about them and what else might happen. I think this is very romantic. Someone came to take her man away. An unlikely but amazing pair. Remy is about to show exactly what happens when a foolish weaker female tries to touch their chosen partner. A dragoness is a dragoness. There is a very good reason why we are more powerful than most male dragons of our own kind."

This was what Ventus believed and what she was excited for. Whether Remy had wanted to, she had once given her some small pieces of advice. Especially since Ventus had needed to show her own teeth when she had chosen a partner years ago before they moved on to a smaller village. Now, she could see another younger relationship bloom.

"You do not have the control over flames that can defeat mine!" The roar of anger was in the draconic language, however, Remy knew exactly what had been said. She also responded with the same actions. However, her roar was nearly silent. Instead, it carried devastating heat which she could create using the fire mana naturally gathered within her body.

In return, Liliana breathed inwards before releasing a blaze of dragon fire. That would have devastated anyone or anything else. Ignus even took a wave of his hand to stop the flames from entering the other royal dragons. They were in his territory and he would not let them be harmed by someone that was supposed to be serving under him.

To the complete dumbfounded astonishment of others witnessing the sudden spectacle, the flames from a powerful elder dragon who had devoted their time to becoming just as strong as the royal fire dragon leading them, the flames became nothing.

They were completely tamed with a single motion from Remey. In return, the flames that had become a dragon from slurping Remey grew. In a single movement, insane heat was directed with extremely high accuracy at Liliana. Remey's anger clearly showed on her face for those that could see past the flames surrounding her.

The beam of condensed fire mana didn't hit anywhere but for the body of the elder dragon it targeted. However, the scales didn't seem to be able to handle the heat. "You call yourself a fire dragon yet your scales melt under my flames! What does that say about you if you call me a fake dragon? Can you even fathom what it means to be a true fire dragon soul?"

The claws of flames that struck next tore at those melted scales. Liliana couldn't even utter a sound as she was too trapped by pain. Pain that burned through her. A pain she had never experienced as a fire dragon. Even a hatchling could withstand basic flames.

However, Remey controlled flames that were many times greater than any fire dragon which had not stepped toward becoming a proper fire dominator dragon. Her flames had been condensed within her body and were always in a condensed state. The fire mana within the core she created and also within her heart was incredibly potent. Even monsters that had been born and raised in literal lava would have been burned by her attack.

"I held back since you are an important member of the fire dragon race. You are not strong enough to even approach the fire elemental planes where my race would live comfortably. You should understand your limits. Ignus and I can walk within the fire elemental planes and feel at home. You would be crushed."

The flames receded as Remey stepped down right next to the eye of the elder dragon. "And if you dare try anything like this again, I will tear you apart in front of every fire dragon and dragonlin possible. There's only one person that has managed to keep up with the heat in the alchemy lab, and he has every right to stand beside me as my own family does."

Remey flapped wings of flames and made her way back to the royal dragons. "Sorry, a friend gave me some advice about these situations. I had to act a little more than talk." Remey grinned at Ventus who smiled openly. The others realized that Remey and Ventus might be closer than what they had realized.

If they knew that Remmey had sent a few wind affinity potions to Ventus's children at her request, they would understand. It only made sense that the two would be closer when Remey had helped her and Ventus had helped Remey. Just in slightly different subjects.

"Now that this had been sorted out, I would like to continue. We all agree that Remey had a very large right to be here now? As a true fire dragon soul she is a member of our dragon race. She has the power to prove it as well." Everyone agreed with Ignus.

The elder dragon Liliana was quickly tended to. The melted scales would take at least three years to heal properly back in to the normal shining red scales of a fire dragon. She had learned a dangerous lesson.

If one were to challenge a dragon, then they should be prepared to be treated the same as a dragon. The fact that Remey had not been born a dragon of any form was just one step in her life. As she was now, she was most likely closer to the dragons than what many current dragons were. So much so that she could represent an important aspect of their culture.

Pure and terrifying power.

"We don't need to be here, do we? Remey might want to fight us too." Su's normally positive attitude was a little shaken. She knew that Remey held herself back a lot. But seeing that she could meld flames from her core proved that Remey would gladly take a step further.

"You would be fine, you know. It's everyone else we would worry about. But yes, we need to be here. To be honest, I thought you would be happy that Remey stood up for what she felt." Walker' was surprised that it was Su going against his thoughts here. Normally, she would support Remey.

"I just feel bad. That elder dragon was arrogant like normal dragons, but she got put down very hard." Walker understood. He realized that it was Su feeling bad that the elder dragon would live with her unrequited love for a long time. Plus, Su had an idea that Remey would make a serious dent in her defenses now compared to the past. It meant she hadn't trained

enough lately.

"Awesome." The two looked at Midnight who was just happy to see Remey's skills. The form she had taken using flames was definitely a racial skill and not at all part of her alchemical brawler class. So, it meant that Midnight might be able to copy it a little if she wanted.

"You are not going to run around in a giant fire dragon form and melt other fire dragon's scales. But you can learn how to do it just in case." Walker's quick reprimand was enough to make Midnight sad until she heard that she could still learn it. She just wanted to be able to use cool dragon skills like every other dragon. Meanwhile, Walker was thinking that she would be doing a lot more later in life. She was already well ahead of other dragons.

Chapter 2220: Recruitment Efforts

"How was it?" Scylla had been waiting for Walker to return. He had said that he wanted to speak with her about the plans for the academy that would be built sooner than later with how much excitement had come about because of it.

While many people thought a more established education system was needed, the idea of an academy that started at a young age and had many classes and paths to follow was loved. People thought that it would be the best chance to ensure that all cultures could be taught.

This was also the biggest benefits of joining together with Genesis. All kingdoms could have a free and safe place for their people to travel for education. Especially those of nobility, royalty, or even those that just might be in risky situations.

The very simple reason was that Genesis was creating guards that were considered unbribeable now. The simple reason for that fact was the training.

There was already an elite guard group being trained with incredibly intense training of all sorts. Illusions to strengthen the mind, armors with rune formations to ensure that they were incredibly tough, and even more the physical training needed to handle dangers of all forms. These elite guards were even going to be sent against elder dragons to ensure that they could only be rivaled by the greatest strengths of the world.

Many had an unhappy feeling of this before they saw the methods of training. These were guards offering their entire futures regardless of race. Their armors wouldn't even allow for their faces to be seen. The amounts of rune seals and magic used to keep them unbiased and secret about all things was also immense and evolving.

That aside, Walker smiled a bit when he saw Scylla waiting for him. "The rune formations' second, third, and fourth activations went perfectly for the dragons. Their territories feel more alive than before."

By alive, Walker meant that he could sense the greater density in manas. He was sure that there would be an increase in that as well as time went on. Especially since the world's mana and the elemental planes were connected now. It would be interesting to see the environments of Genesis perfectly meld together over time.

"Honestly, I am very impressed with the quality behind the formations. They can run without maintenance for a hundred years. Not that they will. They will be walked daily by the younger rune carvers and rune researchers for education and maintenance. They will also be updated as time goes on. The multiple formations will ensure that no issues happen."

This had been something people worried about. If one rune formation collapsed, what would happen to all the others? The unbalanced manas would cause massive damage to the city and the people there. Luckily, the multiple formations ensured that if one failed or even three of the four failed, the mana would be balanced. It would also activate a fifth formation surrounding all of Genesis. A safeguard.

"That's very good. Some of the demi-human people worried that they would face dangers if there was an issue. We are often not magic focused compared to other races." Scylla knew this was changing though. More unique warriors were being born. Those who had found a chance to explore the magical abilities of their bloodlines, some being ancient bloodlines that surfaced due to the world returning to proper flow of mana.

"So, again, what was it you wanted?" Scylla wasn't being rude, she just got Walker back on the main topic. She already expected that the rune formations would go over well. She hadn't heard of Remey's little fight, but she would be glad to hear of it later. She wanted to fight a few dragons too.

"I was thinking that you should be the one that designs all the battle classes. Find the instructors. Find unique weapons and techniques. Find whatever you need. All physical battle classes will fall under your design. Plans for courses and the right instructors could change everything we know about battle." Scylla's eyes were already shining with her desire to create this.

As a demi-human, Scylla had found joy on the coliseums. And as she had grown she had become a general for the demi-human kingdoms. Now, she was a representative that represents all of the demi-humans within and even outside of Genesis for her king. Besides that, she wanted to do more. Make the coliseum even more lively.

This was a chance to do all that and more. But Walker had not stopped. "Besides that, we will need a unique teacher that will be focusing on the outline students that don't fit within some of the many classes. By that, I mean someone that can teach one on one unique battle styles. Preferably a proper weapons master."

Scylla was staring right at Walker as if she was trying to look through him. However, he soon caught on that her mind was running wild. There was so much that she could do. So many people coming to ming. All people that would make amazing teachers that could easily provide what walker needed.

"If you had not chosen me for this, I would have considered destroying all of Genesis in anger." Scylla wasn't serious, but Walker was sure that if she wanted she could complete that task. Luckily, she was very involved and had a deep connection with genesis now. She would easily do anything to protect it.

"Please stop making that joke. A few people actually think you might go wild and destroy the -city."

"The city? Maybe a building or two. But that's why I train in the coliseum where there are plenty of different protections." Scylla's sly reply made Walker give her a slight glare. But to be fair, she wouldn't actually destroy anything. She had trained her newfound strength and was completely in control. Any warrior was careful with the power they held.

"I will start to prepare plans and gather people to build their own plans. I have a few retired warriors in mind. They said that they wouldn't even teach anyone in the coliseums. But I have a feeling that those old bones will want to make their way here since Genesis has better healing for them to feel like they are alive again."

Part of Walker worried that Scylla was just going to head off and kidnap these retired warriors. Plenty of them would have crossed her path during her rise to become a general. Yet, if she did find them, he might be able to see skills and strength that he had not seen in his life. To be fair, Walker had not studied every weapon or form of fighting yet. Just a few.

"I will also find the right magic teachers. Plenty of mages had changes in their system to classes that are more in line with the kind of studies and affinities that they have. So many of the basic elemental mages took on different forms of magic or mage classes when the world returned to flow of mana."

"I did hear about them. There is an entire group that came together calling themselves the mag archivists. They gather more information for the magic tower and also document all the magic classes. You should start with them." Scylla's advice was much needed. Walker had heard of them but not really had any time or chances to look in to it.

"That's good then. I will do that. I have to check a few things around the magic tower too. I heard that an arcane craftsman had a few ideas about starting to create a new magic tower. One that would exist near the bridge to the elemental planes. Also smaller ones that would be the key to the teleportation rune formations." part of this seemed like he was missing information. Enough that Walker was becoming even more curious.

"I know that look. You are going to learn something crazy again. I can't wait to see it." With that, Scylla left Walker behind who was sure that she was right. Whenever he wanted to learn something new, no matter what it was, something interesting would happen.

Clearly, a class called arcane craftsman would be interesting. But to be fair, plenty of new classes like that would be very interesting. However, Walker had no idea if it would be something to do with all around crafting magic things or if it was crafting specific magic things. He had no idea. Too little was known.

What was sure though, if someone had gained such a class and they were interested in the magic tower, then they would have a lot to handle. Plenty of people wanted to see the full capabilities of a magic tower or a few smaller new magic towers getting built.