

## Master 2231

### Chapter 2231: Welcome To Genesis

The progress made cleaning up the homes and the damage from the ice was substantial. It had barely taken a full day with the assistance of the pure ice demons clearing the ice that built up. Not to mention the additional soldiers that came to clean along with various builders already on the island.

This was what led Walker to bring the, now thirty, pure ice demons. It seemed that Aie, the strongest, was not as well versed in their surviving numbers as Walker had expected. But it was easily explained that some of their people had not even bothered leaving their icy homes because they preferred to gather the mana.

This was just the level of their growth and how they lived. Some times they would go months without seeing another of their kind. There were even tales of the longest meditating pure ice demons appearing and finding that their entire village had moved without them.

While this seemed odd to Walker, he felt it was similar to the dragons who could mediate or slumber for even years at times. Judging the pure ice demons in the same way would be foolish since this was just the way their people worked. Changing their culture was not his goal.

"I gathered all of you here because we are heading to Genesis through this elemental tune element rune formation. It is always hard to handle the first teleportation but you will get used to it." The usage of space mana was shocking to the pure ice demons. They had ever been able to witness it but they had heard of it.

The space elemental planes were very rare and those that spoke about them would talk about how those within them could be anywhere and everywhere at the same time. A terrifying ideas in the least. This shaped an awe struck feeling when it came to the tales and the existence of those that could wield such mana.

"Once there, you will be surrounded by guards. We will escort all of you to the Genesis building. Aie will act as your race's representative. You will register while she is brought to the meeting with all the other race's representatives. From there, you will then learn more from her as she will remain your representative until she chooses someone to succeed her one day."

A lot of this was not fully understood because they had never seen Genesis and didn't know the benefits or values that came with all this. However, they believed that multiple races might apply to what they were seeing here.

The soldiers and the people that made up the village on the island were not all the same. They also clearly had different affinities and were not trapped within one singular elemental plane. To them, this was an odd place.

Rumors and stories of the world being a place where manas naturally balanced were proven entirely correct. Now that the pure ice demons saw it, they wondered if this place was some sort of mystical heaven. To be fair, they also could tell that they didn't need to worry about the pressure of incredibly dense water mana.

Their blessing of having very high water affinity was also their double edge sword of risk. They lost their minds if they did not control it enough. Therefore, they all learned that they had to grow mentally tough to handle it. If they failed even once, they would lose it all.

Everyone gathered closer together as Walker added the space mana he could control to the rune formation. He didn't need to do this for normal groups, but since this rune formation needed improvements and he wanted the entire group to appear at once, he gave a push.

He also saw the rest of the party waving since they were able to spend some time handling the island while he was the one working. He was sure that they would brag later so he made a mental note to steal some of their dessert from dinner later. It would be his grand evil plan.

Besides his thoughts, the group he was leading appeared in Genesis surprised by armored guards. They were not in battle stances but proved the power of this place. Meanwhile, the pure ice demons were stunned again.

The many buildings and large number of people were all together shocking. They had never imagined a place like this. They could even feel the various changes in mana as it interacted and flowed. An incredible feeling of energy and health radiated from every corner!

"Let's keep focus. We are following now!" Aie broke them all from their wonder. She was leading them behind Walker while the guards kept them all safe.

They couldn't help but get caught up as scents of food made their way through the streets. The pure ice demons also drew a lot of attention from the public who wondered what was happening to have some streets blocked off.

It quickly turned in to a large rumor and constant gossip. A new race appeared right after warnings of a potential enemy. Was the enemy these people, or were they a new group brought from the elemental planes to be allies?

Lucky for the public, a brave kid rushed through the guards and managed to appear in front of Walker. "Hero! What are they!? Who are they? Are they joining us? Can we be friends? What should-"

"Calm down, calm down. You were too full of energy that you didn't even think there might be some danger." Walker lifted the boy up with a little wind mana. "If I were to go tell your race's leader that his little goblins are rushing through the streets and potentially in to danger, what would he say?"

The teasing made the boy's face go a little shade of pale green. "But, you can be the first to know. Today, the pure ice demons hunted a monster that tried to sneak through the bridge to the elemental planes. As such, I have brought them to join the Genesis alliance and they will most likely make a home in the water territories. They should get along well with the water dragons."

Wanting to have a little control over the gossip wasn't a bad thing. Walker knew that the young goblin boy wouldn't be able to hide his excitement. Goblins were born of unique methods and they were adapting to being a proper race now which changed a great deal for them. So, being able to rush around and share a little gossip like this as they grew very quickly would most likely guide this child's class and future. Who knew what he would become.

"Is this normal for him?" Aie was unsure whether this was how all origin beings acted.

"You're their leader? I'm one of the guard captains. I can tell what you are thinking, but Walker is one of the heroes. He doesn't care about status or anything like different racial biases. He cares about peaceful growth and bringing everyone together more and more. Give him respect, and he will give you respect. Ask for help, and he will guide you to where you can get that help. Just accept the impossible when you are around him."

Aie wondered just what had happened for people to have a grand view of Walker like this. She kept walking ahead though. Her thoughts didn't stop her from being caught by awe when she saw the Genesis building or when she saw the large amount of people waiting to help the pure ice demons register their identities.

"Follow me, we will meet the Genesis council. Every single race is represented there. We all can explain things to you and we will take the time needed, so ask any questions you have. It won't be all said and done today, but we can handle things as they come. At the very least, today, your people will have a safer home."

The warmth in Walker's tone made Aie realize that no matter what happened, she felt trust. Not the sort of trust that came from those who promised it out loud. This was the kind of trust that came from an absolute power. A promise from someone who had upheld their words over and over without doubt in themselves for their goals.

"I understand. I look forward to meeting them."

This was what Aie said, but when she appeared within the Council room, she felt a great deal of intimidation. The power that all of the leaders of their races had was grand. Almost suffocating. Yet, they were all looking at her, especially the demon race's leader who immediately understood the similarities in their species.

The conversations could go on for hours, but everyone understood that the newest addition to Genesis was going to take some time to learn. But that wouldn't be an issue. They all saw the benefits in the pure ice demons joining them.

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## Chapter 2232: Frustrated Growth

"While Walker is busy, we can have a small vacation, right?" Gil stretched his arms over his head while looking at Su who he was sure would prefer to be doing something.

"No, you will be training the archers here. You understand that their new homes just had a possible attack from the elemental planes. How would you feel if a monster could walk in to your living room at any moment?"

"You should have seen that coming. Su isn't letting us leave because she wants us to relax. She wants us to help make sure that there are safe places for the people when the bridge to the elemental planes is used." Remy was backing Su up because she knew that Su would make them both work harder if she didn't.

"What about midnight then? She disappeared without saying a word." The idea that Midnight would even have been kept sight of was a hard one for Su and Remy to speak on. Mostly because she had gotten very good at sneaking off using the shadow wrapping skill.

They all knew that she had gone to Mordant to learn a little here and there. With his skill hiding in shadows and manipulating them, it was a matter of time before Midnight was able to use them better too. Maybe not melting in to shadows to travel like Mordant did, but hiding away, easily done.

"Sister is spending time with Erika. None of you noticed that Erica came with a group of soldiers behind us. She was curious and Midnight made sure to keep her safe. Now she is teaching Erica how to mix wind and light mana inside her body better. Brother was watching her but Erica was spending time in the cathedral until she saw the commotion."

"So that's where she went!" The fact that Onyx had kept track of everything was exactly what Gil trusted him to do. Onyx might not speak out often but he had learned a lot from everyone in the group. The scouting that Onyx did was partially learned from Gil's partnership with him while traveling. It was natural that Onyx would have kept an eye on Midnight.

"Fine, let them be, but you! Are going to help!" Su made sure that Gil wouldn't go running off. And so, that was the start of the heroes training the village's guards. Plus helping out to prepare better plans for other potential elemental visitors from the elemental planes.

Meanwhile, Midnight was showing Erica a few of her special attacks. The little hatchling was very interested and had been very happy with herself for managing to get here. She had never been to an island and now her sneaking had paid off.

Well, she had gotten a small bit of reprimand from Midnight in the form of a few slaps and then a lot of growling. But that was fine, because now, she was able to learn from Midnight who was older than her and stronger than many of the other dragons. Even though Midnight was still pretty young, it made Midnight a role model.

The slashes from her claws continuously left deep slashes within the earth. Erica was amazed by how Midnight could breathe out some wind mana that she had stored within the body to make the claws stronger. To be able to send that gathered wind mana out with the strike of her claws themselves. It was astounding to a hatchling's eyes since she had never seen it.

Imitating Midnight was a challenge that Erica had taken to in an instant. The constant attempts to copy each form of slash along with each movement of her muscles was in accordance with how Midnight moved. But they appeared broken and clumsy. Enough to prove that Erica had never done such things.

Then it came to the leaps and bits. Midnight could easily crush the small trees she targets. Naturally, she was holding back so as not to damage the trees on the island. She wanted to ensure that there would be a tree left after all.

But Erica left small chips in the bark of each tree. Just enough to prove that something had been there. However, she was disappointed in the fact that she couldn't keep the wind mana within her mouth and cause the wood to shred in the ways that Midnight showed her. It only seemed more difficult the longer they worked.

Then it was on to the light mana. Midnight could easily breathe out a dragon fire breath with light mana as the focus. Let alone a purer light mana breath that could blind people while damaging them with the intense amount of light mana within it. This was all aside from the fact that Midnight even seemed to radiate the light mana on her scales as a boost to her defenses, however minute that might be.

The frustration that Erica had as being too small and too weak to copy what Midnight was doing only grew. Her annoyance began to show and Midnight only huffed softly since she had felt that way too. But where midnight had kept growing, Erica was still very small. She had to begin that training. Had to fight the fights needed to gain proper experience.

That was where Midnight left off with Erica. A lesson on how to attack with the basics while also seeing the examples of how to channel manas better form within herself. It left Erica in the clearing surrounded by trees with a single goal.

Improve.

While all this happened, Walker looked at the half dead pure ice demon Aie. he wondered if they had gone too hard on her at first since she had never had to deal with this much paperwork and learning at once. To be fair, she had been following her culture and focusing on the gathering of pure water mana.

"What did you think of your first day? A representative might have a lot to do, but there are a lot of benefits when it comes to being one." Walker finally broke Aie out of her stupor. He knew that he should do his best to show her some hospitality since her people had just been guided toward the water dragon and the water elf living areas.

"It will be a very interesting change. I can already feel it, I don't have to worry about the constant gathering of water mana whether i focus on it or not. It is more like I can cut myself off from water mana entirely if I desire it. I can think more clearly."

Considering that the pure ice demons had always had to worry about gathering too much mana and losing their minds, this was a good thing. Being able to cut themselves off from the water mana which had been both their strength and their weakness meant that they had the chance to think calmly and without other worries.

A large change like that would shake their foundations, but it could also strengthen them. Especially since they had the knowledge for how to gather water mana with varying purities now. It meant that they could strengthen themselves in other ways before they worried about pushing themselves to grow using the water mana they were so close to.

"I was very interested to hear about the coliseum that the demi-human race favors. It sounded like a very good training area when battling monsters which desire to break in to your home and feed on your body." This made Walker halt a moment.

He had not considered the ecosystem that came with the elemental planes. The pure ice demons had to worry about monsters roaming the planes and using them as food. They were a small group and fought amongst one another too. Therefore, they definitely did not have a settled village or safe place.

They had to deal with monsters in the wilderness of the elemental planes at all times. "You won't have to worry about monsters here. In Genesis, we have plenty of guards, heroes, and even some people you might think of as myths protecting the city. Even the kingdoms allied with us were formed with some ideas of peace for those that had always feared monsters or other dangers. So make sure you take advantage of that. Find new things out about yourselves and grow stronger."

"You know, you do not act like the origin beings we have heard of. Domineering and powerful. Demanding of respect. Untouchable. Impossible to hear speak or understand. You are closer to people than what I expected." Walker smiled very wide hearing this.

"Then I am doing it right. The people are my family and this city is my home. We all worked hard to make it. And I will keep growing my family."

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#### Chapter 2233: The Prepared Dragon

A week in full moved on in genesis as the pure ice demons found themselves constantly stunned by what they were learning.

Many of the races within the elemental planes were long lived, but not all of them were. The pure ice demons boasted that they could live up to a hundred and fifty years old if they could get strong enough. But many of them did not live that long due to the dangers within the water elemental plane.

With the fact that they could live safely within genesis, they were possibly able to live much longer. They most likely would live similar length to the demon race that had lived in the world. Not that they knew their potential lifespan since they had been treated poorly by their own people for so long.

Regardless of lifespan, this meant that the pure ice demons had only heard of the world in a very select few handed down stories. Even a few tales here and there from those that remembered the ancient times when crossing between the world and the elemental planes was possible.

This left the pure ice demon race confused and amazed since they had not expected things to be the way that they were. The simple things like being able to try foods that weren't hunted with great strength was hard to grasp. The pure ice demons had never kept animals for food, nor had they farmed.

This highlighted the facts that hunting and scavenging for herbs or foods was the focus of many races within the elemental planes. That was if they needed food in the first place. Many races fed on the mana itself as their nutrients since that was what made up the majority, if not all, of their bodies.

Another aspect that shocked them was the fact that everyone wore very proper clothing. In the sense that it was made for them and did not need to be crafted from the monsters they defeated. Even more so once the pure ice demons realized that elemental runes were carved in to the fabrics themselves.

All of these small occurrences were enough to attract a few of the other races that lived there longer to start teaching them. The water elves were somewhat interested since they could sense the depth of the water affinity which the ice demons had. However, it was actually the water affinity dragonkin that came closer than the others.

They were the ones willing to level with the pure ice demons on a warrior's common grounds. Specifically because the dragonkin represented loyalty to their dragons. Hence why they were proud to be warriors. The pure ice demons had pride in their hard work keeping themselves sane for their entire lives.

When the two aspects of pride and loyalty collided, they had various matches while learning about one another. It was literally a single day later that the water affinity dragonkin were showing the majority of pure ice demons every detail about Genesis. Whether it was just the dragon territory, or how to get a home for themselves in the future through working for money.

Besides this, the demons overall began their shouts to gain a faster chance at exploring the elemental planes. They just received a perfect example that there might be more to their race than what they knew.

Regardless of the fact that the demons and the pure ice demons had no records of other species of the demon race within the elemental planes, they both wanted to know.

This then prompted the other races to voice their desires for exploration again. It made the next Genesis council meeting come sooner than later since the voices of the people demanded

answers.

With various reasons flying here and there from everyone's mouths, Walker and the rest of his party had to put their feet down.

His statement that the elemental planes would leave almost everyone who went there dead was staggering. It was true though, there were powerful monsters and races there. They would not care where the explorers came from. They would see them as potential law breakers, food, or another race trading in their territory.

Beyond that, Walker had also explained the fact that the elemental kings and the true sages would have met by now. Meaning that in the future there was a high chance of representatives appearing from their gathering.

Besides the fact that the elemental kings stood to maintain balance, they also represented various races who fell beneath their rule. Partially to help maintain that balance, and partially because they sought allies between races.

This was enough to call things for the time being. Especially since everyone understood that the disappearance of the pure ice demons overall might be noticed by a few others here and there. Maybe even the water elemental king since they can sense anything and everything within their plane.

If it came to representatives from the elemental planes, Walker also knew that they might need more help than the pure ice demons. Especially if they needed mana to thrive let alone survive.

That was where the advancement in the mage tower came in. This small aspect in the grand scheme of building and creating was enough to stop the conversations and bring full focus back.

Since there was an arcane architect now, the smaller mage towers beginning to be constructed through unique herb gardens with the assistance of the spirit race, it would be adding to the full benefits Genesis offered.

This would be seen in the density of manas overall. Not to mention the new additions of herbs returning to their natural state based on what race grows them or is around them.

Accidentally, some herb seeds had been tracked in to the dirt stage of the coliseum. When a demi-human with lizard traits had bled on the small sprouts, they had become tougher and even appeared to mimic scales. That was how the willow scale grass had been rediscovered and Remeys' research was publicized properly.

In addition to this news, the first test of one flying rune formation for the floating ship was tested. Not only was it a massive success, it was discovered to be more efficient because Ventus had personally provided purer wind mana to the mana gems that started the runes overall. An amazing fact since she was a wind dominator dragon able to use her mana in this unique way. The positive news with clear development paths made everyone calm down over exploring the elemental planes. Mostly because there just were not enough bodies to make that happen. Losing leaders right now to explore a dangerous place would gravely harm Genesis. Besides that, the elemental planes were in constant flow. If the team exploring went in, there was no guarantee that they would find the bridge back to the world again.

This definitive fact meant that someone like Walker would have to go. Also, that the people with him would need to be just as or nearly as powerful as him. Meaning the royal dragons who couldn't leave right now since they had to focus on the development of their villages

within Genesis.

By the end of this long meeting, Walker found himself happy to be sitting and looking at the sky. The stars were a mystery to him still.

He knew what was outside the world, it was the elemental planes. Yet, if that was the case, what were the stars? Was it just the chaotic space between the world and the elemental planes? Or was there more to that space in between than what he could understand?

Part of him wished he could ask the other more powerful and wise Origin beings. They would have answers he might not even be able to comprehend when told. He knew that he couldn't though, he had already been told he had to grow stronger to be able to handle the power he wielded. So, he still needed to grow.

"I heard that the little one I left with you had taken quite a liking to the cathedral and Midnight. She's getting training from both."

Looking over at Ventus who settled on top of the Genesis building to look over the city with Walker, he smiled a little. "Yes, she has been learning a lot. When I took her flying she could have lived up there. Once she grows a little she might take flight and never come back to the

ground."

Knowing how Ventus had returned after checking in her children, Walker was glad to see her happy. "I will be the first to venture in to the elemental planes. I spoke with the others." Before Walker could speak in response, Ventus continued. "I am the only one of us that has someone who can take my place if I am to perish or become lost. Mordant may wish to search for the missing previous royal dark dragons, and Rise wishes to see pure light mana."

"I am the best choice though. The only one that is prepared. So when the time comes, I will go." She stayed silent letting Walker accept that as fact. In the end, he could only nod in approval. Ventus was not the kind of person to make these decisions without proper thought. She was sure.

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#### Chapter 2234: Wonderful Rune Advancements

It felt like events passed much quicker in the next few days. Not that Walker was actually able to notice the time passing with how busy he had become. The pure ice demons still need help here and there, but not to the same degree. His time was mostly spent on the large projects happening around the city.

Because Walker always wished to help, he quickly became more involved in a few events happening. The herb gardens that the spirit race was working on became a focus for him as he could help provide the right manas to help each herb take root.

Since the herb gardens had become so important to a potential place with a natural rune, there was also a growth in people wanting to be part of that. The idea that they could study herbs then be the first to create or fully understand a natural rune entirely was the greater desire here.

As a driving force, natural runes had always been something people would be amazed about. Especially since they had once been something thought of as almost mythicals. Now though, it had been proven to be possible, therefore, it would attract people's attention. Especially those that wanted to carve out their own future.

Few of the rune carvers who had made a lot of advancements in the styles of runes and the understanding of elemental runes, had brought Walker in to their workshops too. The differences in workshops between them and a blacksmith was somewhat surprising. Not in the size, but the number of materials present.

The striking number of materials for testing runes was incredible. Whether it was fabrics, stones, metals, or even different woods, there were plenty of test options. Even some monster bones had been kept to be used as carving material. The rune carvers mentioned the innate affinities of some monsters allowed for certain runes to work more efficiently.

In part, Walker was relearning what he knew about runes. Especially since the draconic runes, ancient runes, and modern day runes had all slowly been becoming something new. These newer runes had become useful formations that could do much more than what he had known of rune formations before.

The magic locks on the doors of the adventurer's guild upper offices had been some of the first rune formations he encountered. He had been amazed by them since they kept the offices safe along with everything within them.

But, they were basically nothing compared to the level of rune formations now.

Not only could a lock be made to prevent entry, the locks made with these improved runes were easily ten times better. Not only would there be a preservation function that kept the door from degrading over the years, but also a tougher defensive ability. Meaning even some dragons would struggle to break them with pure force alone.

Just the fact that the runes had been changed from something a dragon would not even care about to something they would struggle with was spectacular. That was why so many buildings could withstand the pressure from dragons flying by or even landing on them in some parts of Genesis now.

It would only keep growing in proportion to the research being done as well. Walker could see the many runes carved in to small plates for testing. There were variations of one rune that would be ideal for wind elemental mana to flow through. Then, that rune would be changed with smaller designs and smaller patterns.

Each needed the right balance of mana to be used when carving them. Not to mention many of these runes needed specific materials to even be carved, something that many people forgot to mention when it came to rune formations in general.

Hence why the elemental teleportation rune formations were heavily maintained and a greater focus on the rune carvers. They were the ones that needed to take the time to constantly rebuild them. Their hard work was used every single day to maintain the current functions of Genesis. The development of newer and better runes would take that pressure off their shoulders.

As he explored the rune workshop, Walker was careful not to bother those who studied and worked. He was there to learn a thing or two, but that did not mean he could ruin the progress of others. These were hardworking people, some who traveled long distances to be here and see what they had seen.

He managed to find a section dedicated to the recreation of ancient runes. The so called, origin runes, had lost that name and just become the larger umbrella term of proper ancient runes. The reason they had become this was because they were not as perfect as what everyone believed at first. Just much more advanced than what had been used before they had been rediscovered.

The ancient runes had been used in places like the mage tower and the city it had once been connected to. Those runes had efficiently boosted the manas of what the city could use overall. Since that was the case, it also made water gathering places possible. The same for fires to be lit in colder times.

Not that these were proper flames being made. They were fire mana mixed with the ambient wind mana to create a ball of hovering flame to put off warmth and light on the streets without much smoke at all. The water gathering runes would bring water mana from the air and force water to gather in small pools which also had a smaller light rune to purify the water so it could easily be drunk.

These two amazing discoveries took a little time to get from the ruins within the desert due to the dangers there. However, when they made it to Genesis they were greatly used right away. Mostly for the convenience and the fact that less dwarven plumbing had to be built.

It wasn't that the dwarven plumbing systems were hard to create for the dwarves, but the metals and other materials were better used elsewhere at the moment. For the large building of metal ships, the floating ship. New homes, and so on. So many changes were happening every single day that most people could not keep up with them. Having homes completely renovated when they might change again was troublesome.

Plus, with the water gathering rune formations now, people could have these small pools of safe to drink water in their homes whenever they needed them. This only went alongside the other smaller rune formations being used.

Communication runes were beginning to take shape. They would rely on the small but know about space runes along with other aspects of runes already used within the communication crystals which were being sought after with greater need every day.

Looking at the runes used, Walker could see how the patterns changed as different elemental manas would be channeled to ensure that a message made it to wherever needed to get it. He could also feel that the rune was missing a few things when he used his abilities to sense the mana moving through the runes.

It wasn't an easy puzzle either. What the rune formations were missing weren't some small water rune here or earth rune here issues. It was finding a way for the manas to flow through certain sections without clashing. Which could in turn cause manas to explode or other dangerous reactions.

From these failed attempts good had come. Certain failed runes and produced unique mixture of manas which led to a small lighting rune being created. While it did not have a specific

usage yet, it was part of new theories when making rune formations.

Some people had managed to create theories about trap runes that could be applied to the walls of a city in case of attacks. Others had figured that certain runes could be used to create a proper flow of

manas when someone's body was full of chaotic manas. And even more people had assumed that these rune formations could be used during droughts to better water crops

naturally.

As he moved through the building to a larger area where a significant number of rune carvers and rune researchers were standing, Walker realized they were all looking at the work of a

single elf.

On the floor, a thinner, and somewhat sickly, looking elf was drawing a rune formation that Walker could not recall seeing. "Even the hero came to watch him. I knew he was a genius. No one else is a rune formation genius like this guy." The whisper didn't escape Walker's ears as he watched and sensed the manas being used.

The various herbs ground in to ink so they could be used made the area smell earthy but it also brought more manas around the elf. His work was like watching an artist draw a masterpiece they cared for greatly. Walker could only wait to ask more about it when it was finished.

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#### Chapter 2235: Rune Smith

Enn the rune formation being drawn finished, a small circle of wind built up within it. Someone pulled the thin elf away who had drawn it just before a spark of flames erupted within creating a small tornado of flames. It was an interesting reaction within from the runes, but clearly an intended one.

The small wind and fire tornado did not change its course or anything else about it. Mostly because whenever it started to, earth and water mana would guide it to repel it from doing so. Effectively creating a stationary way to trap or to burn something. It could also be used as a deterrent.

Walker could think about the farm lands which would deal with pests. The insect type monsters would easily fear the flames like this. So, if these rune formations were put around farms when a swarm of them were on the way, everyone would be a little safer. Furthermore, it would protect the crops better than having constant patrols of guards.

In the next second, the runes cracked slightly. It was clear that the constant pull of mana was not regulated enough. Before the flames and wind could fully break and cause damage, a second rune formation absorbed the mana and created an earth wall.

The strength of the wind and flames caused the fire to push up over the wall prompting everyone to move backwards away from it. Walker just stepped forward and forced the wind and flames to dissipate while the rune formation as a whole broke down entirely.

"That was very interesting. I didn't expect that a rune formation could be used to make a trap like that. I bet it could even be used for heating things a little faster than basic fire runes." His worries were only slight since Walker had seen a second rune formation pop up. Meaning that this would be safer for those experimenting on these sorts of runes.

The thin elf man eventually stopped thinking and stood up. He looked at Walker who had helped on stopping the flames from spreading. His eyes were a deep green matching what any of the forest elves had. But there was a slight spark in them that told Walker that he had a mind which never stopped running.

"Thank you for your help. Your name is Walker, this will be the first time we have met since I came here from the forest." he paused slightly. His way of speaking seemed to be slow because of his thinner and weaker body. "The mage tower and mana here helps me a lot. I can walk and even use my mana now."

This made Walker a bit happier that he had even a small part on the building of Genesis. Not that many people would say that he played a small part in this. Not that it mattered right now. "I'm glad that you are able to move about and even make rune formations like that. Should I assume that you are the one who made all those rune formation diagrams?"

Not wanting to keep the man focused on his sickly body. Walker saw that it was the right decision to ask about all of the rune drawings. "I couldn't do much, like this." he took a deeper breath, "but when I was shown runes, something felt better. I started to memorize them until the world changed and I received a class."

The small smile that broke out on his pale face made Walker smile too. It was a genuine smile that told him everything he ever needed to know about this man. "I am the rune smith. I carve, create, and experiment with runes. As metal is to blacksmiths, runes are to me." there was a clear understanding that he was right where he needed to be. In the perfect place for him.

"I can tell you are right where you need to be. Especially seeing that I know where other rune carvers have used your runes. I didn't know that you were the one who made the most recent discoveries related to spatial runes were your doing. They are going to change a lot." while Walker talked, he had used the all around appraisal.

He noticed that the weakness the man had likely suffered his whole life was a simple and small disease. Something that was not unheard of. Basically, it was mana sickness. A disease where the mana in the body was expelled immediately because it would build up and flow improperly. No race or being was born perfect. Everyone has flaws and sometimes those flaws are harder to survive.

Luckily, coming to Genesis after surviving in the forest elf territories, this man had been affected by the whaling aspects of the mage tower and even the cathedral. As such, he could get mana from the air and it wasn't flowing chaotically or being trapped in parts of his body causing damage or pain.

"Since you are fitting in to Genesis so well as a rune smith, you might as well keep up making these interesting rune formations. I came here to learn a little more about how these rune formations might play a part in the mage tower expansion project. Especially since natural runes might be involved as time goes on."

The moment that Walker said why he had come, everyone nearby paid him close attention. A natural rune was like giving them the secrets of all runes. The natural runes being created had not been solidified and the hope that one could be created in the unique herb gardens where the smaller magic towers might be built would be a spectacular advancement for rune research.

"If we can manage that, then I think you all know what it means?" he didn't even need to say another word as the newly met rune smith had already cleared a space on a table to begin writing.

"I know, natural runes are mysterious." His hands began to draw out the basic runes all holding shapes similar to the flow of what many people believed the manas took in nature. He drew draconic runes that

were more optimized through force but in a clearly domineering and natural way. Then finally made runes that were ancient. All that he wrote showed the differences.

"Runes take forms we can't fully understand because of perception. The perception of those who made them." He started to draw out the newest forms of runes which took all of these different rune forms in to account. They were very impressive and Walker could understand them at a glance. He could feel a sort of closeness.

"There have been people that saw natural runes. They failed to record them properly. Those people were able to learn amazing things. Mages gained knowledge of that elemental mana. Rune carvers altered entire rune formations. Forgemasters made magical weapons." His words were being hung on to by everyone, Walker included.

The rune carvers were not very competitive. Osnetad, they all seemed to possess an innate desire to learn more. Their desires were the same and their knowledge could be shared. They understood perspective was invaluable to runes and their understandings of runes.

"If we can make a natural rune appear, it could be a very big place to study. And, with you working with the arcane architect and the herbalists to plant the right herbs..." Walker let them gather what he was getting at.

They would be connecting various projects to create a better flow of information. "If we work together we can change a lot more and grow rune research much faster." Walker saw that he had them hooked. "Oh, and Remy is researching the influence of certain races and their mana on herb development. So she will be there with plenty of alchemists that want to see how all

of this comes together."

Walker was prepared to go in to detail about how the herbs being used in this mana dense area where a natural rune might form could change, but he didn't have to. The sparkle in the rune carvers' eyes was clear. He had made their entire workshop interested. A few of them had already gone to start spreading the news more and more.

"I will take this project on. I have already finished the improved wind rune formations for the floating ship." With the affirmation from the rune smith, Walker knew that this would be a great endeavor. Now

he just had to jump in here and there learning along the way. Once there was enough coming together, they would have results.

What he should have realized, that as the days went on, things would move forward much faster than what he could keep up with. He had seen a lot happen due to the changes in the world. A few more changes should have been expected.

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#### Chapter 2236: Dark Herb Planting

Finding himself enjoying the progress being made, Walker had been moving around Genesis and preparing the areas they needed to clear for the potential mage towers which would connect to the main tower. His efforts in this had been revolving around magic and ensuring that those who worked on the project did not have any issues.

Out of everything that he had done so far, he was finding a great amount of calmness in planting the many herbs that would be related to different elemental manas. It wasn't just that the act was calming, it was that he could take a deeper look in to the flow of elemental manas around herbs.

He was basically meditating while he worked. Not that this was a bad thing. It was similar to what some unique mages did. Alma was one of them. She could only grow the plants she used for combat because she understood them at a deeper level. Hence how Walker Was

considering this job.

Right now, he had made his way in to the darkness dragon territory to plant herbs related to dark mana. Some of which looked nothing like an herb with dark mana affinity at all. But that was nature. It changed and developed in unique ways giving birth to things a normal person couldn't properly explain without researching for a great deal of time.

The herbs that related to dark mana were normally very easy to spot. Specifically those with purple or black colorations. But this one in his hands was deceptive. It appeared to be completely white just like some of the light elemental herbs. Yet, it housed potent dark mana which caused a greater deal of decay than what most people would realize.

'White rot herb

This herb is a very unique form of dark affinity herb that only grows in deep caves. However, it can grow elsewhere with the proper care and consistent dark mana.

The decaying mana is so potent that it causes any nutrients absorbed to become pale and white due to the breaking down of colors. This means that it can also cause the discoloration of the soil and stone around it.

However, it surprisingly leaves behind very well fertilized soil due to the constant breaking down of materials within the soil. In turn, plants and herbs growing around it are much larger.'

Walker didn't even have to read the entire part of the all around appraisal. He was planting this herb because it had been selected to make this small herb garden. He could tell the value of the white rot herb.

It was already helping the concentration of dark mana. That and the curled trap plant which was a carnivorous plant that ate insects. The only downside was the chance of it becoming a proper monster if left to grow out of control. However, there would be utmost care in this herb garden so the chances were very slim.

"I knew you would already be here today." The sound of Mordants' voice wasn't a surprise at all. Especially since Walker knew he had been working in the dark dragon area of the city.

Mordant had been working hard to bring in natural herbs and plants that attracted dark mana. He also had buildings and stone brought in resistant to dark mana so that there would be places for others to stay. People without dark mana affinity would have a comfortable place. This level of care proved a lot about Mordant's goal with his territory. Especially with the fact that he was one of the first and most accepting dragons of change when Walker had approached them. His acceptance easily contributed to

the other dragons adapting better. The same could be said for Current. Not that he had been very active lately. His had been a little more reclusive since his adaptation to becoming a water dominator dragon had been a little slower. But that also had been good since he had brought together water elves, merfolk, and his water affinity dragonkin at the same time.

"I thought you would come by at some point. You were a bit more interested in the mage tower expansion than I thought you would be." Trying to make a little conversation with Mordant was easy. Walker had always been comfortable around him. But as they were always so busy they hadn't been able to speak much to one another.

"It's very interesting. If communication rune formations are mixed in around these small mage towers, then I expect life will become much easier." His focus on communication meant that he was interested in whatever that would bring for the Royal dragons and their elders who like to spread out often.

"It will be even more interesting if there is a way to make it all work from here to the Sigil continent. One day maybe even in to the elemental planes. But that could be harder. Lots more dense mana to figure out."

The theory that Walker had was sound but the mana would be the struggle. He could only hope that as the manas became even more balanced that the runes would be able to manage through denser areas of mana. It was something that many of the rune research topics might

cover.

"If we manage to communicate across all that water without needing to use a teleportation formation, I would be very glad." Like many others, Mordant had taken an interest in the Sigil continent due to its somewhat unexplored lands.

While the unexplored aspect was due to the rough relationship between the angels over the past years, it still was a fact. There were also herbs and monsters thought to be extinct there. It was enjoyable to explore and rediscover them. The dragons could vastly assist in this.

"I'm sure you heard the news about the rune formations being changed too. Plenty of potential." Walker noticed that Mordant was guiding dark mana around the herbs he had just planted. It would help them take root without issues.

"I was more interested in the changes with herbs. That little red and black here becoming a vibrant purple under the influence of my mana is astounding. I would have never imagined there were plants that changed due to those races not eating them as often. Or not growing them."

To be fair, this was a big deal since there were herbs that tied deeply in to what race was around them or eating them. The simple fact that they had been in a somewhat dormant form was considered amazing enough.

"The next hatchlings born may have a chance to become stronger sooner because of them. There is also the increasing mana density. I would never have imagined I would see things like this in my lifetime."

While anyone else would see this as something very unusual to say for such a long lived race like the dragons, Walker understood. The dragons were set in their ways but upon breaking them, they had broken their perceptions of the world. Even aspects of it that they hadn't realized they set in stone in their minds had been changed.

With Mordants' help, Walker found that the black venom grass, ebony root, and circling vines all began to grow within minutes of planting. It wasn't the same as an herbalist or farmer, but these herbs had all been found to enjoy higher dark mana environments. Along with attracting dark mana more often.

They could both sense the dark mana getting denser in the area of the dark herb garden. It would cause more of the spirit race to gather here naturally. But it would also allow the spirit race to be born from the denser dark mana which would mean a higher chance of a natural dark rune appearing.

If everything went as planned, there would be a large focus on this project as the first small mage towers were built within the herb gardens.

They would house elemental mana knowledge. That would allow there to be better access to knowledge in that area where that mana was more concentrated. Also, the additional fact that teleportation formations would be around the more popular mage towers.

Some people were even considering how the mage towers could expand in to the wilderness. It might create specific areas for monsters to live with focused manas but also allow for

rescue points.

Someone could go to them if there was unexpected trouble while they were outside of the

city. Using the rune formations to communicate their need for assistance or to even teleport themselves would be life saving.

It could change the risk levels of adventurers as a whole. Not to mention travelers and merchants. They would have a higher level of safety than they ever had before. It would take years to achieve, however, the efforts were never going to be a waste.

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#### Chapter 2237: Risky Experiments

"So that's where they have been. I thought that they would have been lost somewhere else by now." Gil's words were pretty calm considering he had just run through the city looking for Walker before he had found Onyx and managed to have Omyc help find Walker for him.

"Then I will leave you to whatever you need help with." It wasn't that Onyx didn't want to help, but he knew if he got dragged in to whatever Walker and Gil ended up doing, he would be caught up for hours. Sometimes he could even be pulled in to a few day's worth of events. It was just how Walker worked.

"Thanks again." Gil

Leaping down from the rooftops that Gil had used when moving through the city, he caught the eyes of Walker and mordant. "What brought you here? I thought that you had to scout out the best places to make herb gardens for the forest elf section of Genesis.

"Well, that's the thing, we ran in to something a little odd when it came to the herb gardens." Mordant looked at Walker and then at Gil. he knew that there was clearly more to do than just stay here and finish planting herbs.

"You go ahead, I will finish this. There are a few of my dragonkin that have recently begun training and desire to assist me in this." Mordant pointed out toward a shadow of a tree and four dragonkin wearing thin dark leather armor stepped out.

It was very normal for the youngest dragonkin to want to prove themselves in some way. Whatever way that was, it had to be something that showed they held loyalty for the royal dragon they were born under. Therefore, they had been waiting in the shadows for the chance to assist with anything that might appear.

"Good luck to all of you. Show Mordant what you can do to build the territory the right way." Walker saw a few slight nods. They understood why Mordant trusted Walker and would not hold back when they saw his encouragement. They did remain serious though, definitely a positive mark here.

As Walker began to follow Gil through the air and hopping on to rooftops and then trees, he saw that Gil had been hiding some worry. His face held a very open worry now since he had managed to get away from all the others.

"First off, it wasn't the spirit race that caused an issue while this was happening. There were some mages that decided to boost the mana in the area along with a rune carver. It was inevitable that mistakes would happen."

Looking at the way this might be going, Walker felt that Gil was about to tell him that there were issues with the density of mana in one place. Or even worse, that the runes carved had interrupted the flow of mana for a small area of the forest elves' forest.

"We thought at first that there was a mana flow issue. Making the manas slightly chaotic and also too dense in some places. They made an elemental rune formation that gathered all elemental manas in a place where not every mana was equally represented naturally. So it made a few of the more sensitive elves and echidna uncomfortable."

"From there, I went and found that the guards were blocked by the spirit race and a few elemental spirits that had recently awakened. They won't let anyone come nearby. If anyone tries, even me, they will attack. They just tolerate me more than the others so I was able to tell them that I will have the guards make a perimeter while I got you."

Now Walker understood.

Something had happened that the spirit race and the newborn elemental spirits or those from the elemental planes had sensed. Not that many of the elemental spirits had come to the world. They didn't like the fact that there was not denser mana to keep growing within the world right now.

"Can you sense anything when you get closer?" he was ready to call for Fleur if things didn't go well. She had been very busy handling the elemental spirits that were growing and awakening in to full spirit race members.

The fine line between the two was something that came from being part of the world and the changes applicable with the world as it returned to proper flow entirely. Hence why it was hard for people to fully grasp which was which. As such, the learning that the spirit race needed right now was higher and Fleur had fully dedicated herself to doing so while also utilizing the fact that her body was made from natural mana.

"That's just it, nothing feels wrong. It actually feels better than normal. So much so that I can feel like I should be meditating rather than doing anything else when I start to get closer." Now that was odd. Gil would rather work on arrows. Train with his bow. That was all how he meditated compared to the sit and just sense the manas all around him as a mage would. As they began to approach the part of the forest that Gil was talking about, Walker felt a tugging at his senses. Not something bad, but like the mana wanted his attention. He also noticed that there was a line of guards keeping some prying eyes away while the spirit race moved around patrolling and pushing everyone away where the guards did not immediately do so.

When Walker saw this, he made a show of releasing some extra mana and bringing attention to himself. The guards looked to relax visibly while the spirit race moved around him. Those that fully grasped how to properly communicate were trying to get his attention. They also asked if he could bring Fleur here too. However, Walker shook his head before releasing more pressure by manipulating manas.

What he had learned from his time in the elemental planes was that his control over mana had grown above what the elemental spirits and the spirit race could do when they were within the world. Hence

how he was able to keep them in check if they were angered or acting erratically. He could push them to snap out of it by pushing the manas around.

"Can all of you calm down?" His eyes were sharp and none of the spirit race present wanted to push back. "Very good, Gil has told me that nothing bad happened, however, I know that some people were doing things they were not supposed to be doing."

After a deep breath, Walker spoke again. "While I know that people are curious to move forward in life and to make a name for themselves, There are lines. I will personally speak with the mages and rune carver that took it in their own hands to experiment here in the herb garden made for the mage tower expansion project."

"Regardless of good things coming from it, they were risking a lot when it comes to the balance of mana within Genesis. That's why I am glad that all of you came when you sensed it. I am unhappy that you acted as guards and forced your way here though. You should understand that one of you should have gone for a leader to speak with instead of letting Gil discover it on his own."

"Now, I will do my best to understand the situation. Please bring me to what is happening and I will evaluate what to do from there. Alright?" Walker saw the faces of the spirit race become serious and firm. They understood that Walker was both disappointed but not throwing their feelings aside. So, they treated him with the same respect he was giving them.

As the spirit race guided him to the herb garden, Walker found that the rune carver and the mages were actually unconscious. They had used all their manas and passed out on the spot. They had also caused the newly planted herbs which represented the first elf people to be

uprooted.

Yet, the herbs had grown where they had been tossed and even become much larger. On top of this, there was a broken rune pattern which had failed working entirely. All the mana brought in by it had been the culprit for the larger growth in the herbs. They had the mana they needed to grow and the soil here was nutritious for them. It was perfect.

But floating above all that in the center, was an odd mix of manas. The elemental manas were pushed together improperly but still somehow formed as one. It felt right in a way. Not wrong at all. But like it was something unfinished because not enough mana had been brought in to

it.

"Let's see what this is with an appraisal first."

Chapter 2238: Partially Made

"How can they have done this?" Walker was looking at the space where all the manas had come together. He was sure that the all around appraisal had to be wrong.

"I finally got them to let me get closer. But what is that thing?" Gil could see it too. The manas condensed to the point where they were able to be seen even without the proper mana sense. Not that Gil lacked the ability to see things at a better than normal people. He had high elf blood in him now, therefore he could sense these things naturally.

"I am trying to figure out if this is right. There is nothing that gives us an answer and the runes broken here don't have enough strength to make all of this happen. So it has to be the herbs in combination too." Walker's annoyance was rare to see like this.

Gil had seen Walker frustrated before. It was nothing new since Walker would constantly work on his own strength and skill. Yet, right now Walker appeared to be a little more frustrated than usual. Especially with the fact that he didn't believe his own all around appraisal skill which he had relied upon for a very long time.

"Just tell me what your appraisal says and we will go from there." Gil smacked Walker on the back trying to snap him out of his own head. It was better to share the weight than to sit here and keep trying to figure it all out.

With a large sigh, Walker began to read the all around appraisal out entirely.

'Partial natural mana rune

This rune was condensed ahead of natural growth due to the involvement of multiple elemental mages and a lower class rune carver. Due to this, the mana was not sufficiently balanced nor was the mana melded together as nature would have done. Causing the manas to be forced together in a dense ball unable to settle properly.

With this as the case, this partial natural mana rune is shifting dangerously. It could cause magic nearby to become chaotic or to fail entirely. If it flows through a rune formation, it will break the runes that were placed due to higher pressure on the formation and runes unable to handle this high density of mana.

If anyone attempts to channel this mana and control it, they will face the entire strength of nature. Mana in nature is not always calm and can be intensely destructive and trying to control. Therefore, this mana will push back as if it has its own will. Making this mana very hard to even touch for those that have a very high degree of control over elemental manas altogether.

To properly balance the manas, a great force, and control of elemental mana along with affinity and control of natural mana is needed. It will take at least a week of control and slow accumulation of manas to solidify while nature adapts as well.

This is also dependent on the materials used to balance the direct area around the potential natural rune. There needs to be materials that balance the core manas within the area to a higher level. A base material for each elemental mana which will remain intact and the same through the entire process without breaking or showing damage to cause the mana within them to escape.

Beyond this, there is a higher degree of failure regardless of the materials and the person involved due to the hasty nature of this partial natural mana rune being created...'

As Walker trailed off, Gil was already cussing out the mages that had been taken away to the healers. He also wanted to have a few words between his fist and the rune carver's face. Not that he would actually do any of this. He knew very well that he was going to be the one that needed to come check on Walker while this issue was handled.

"You can't even make Fleur handle this with her higher affinity for natural mana since she is made of it. She might get badly hurt while doing this." Gil knew exactly what Walker was thinking right now.

Who would get hurt the most of this partial natural mana rine failed. How it would steal away the mana from Fleur and just make the problem worse. How she could literally die since she was of the spirit race and had a body literally made from mana. This was like a trap waiting to cause damage to the spirit race and the elemental spirits. Not to mention the angels who pulled mana from the air to be able to survive as well.

"I am not happy with this at all. A partial natural mana rune shouldn't even be possible, but they forced one to happen. They risked a lot of damage to the city. And they forced nature ahead of itself causing this problem."

With all the work that the party had done to return the world to a natural flow, he felt even more hurt. Not that it was an attack on Genesis, but an attack against him and everything he had worked for. That was simply because he had seen the struggles in the world that he had tried to change. All of which could be undone if their balance was broken.

"What do you need?" healing Walker and seeing that he was not leaving, Gil began to work ahead. Since Walker had to put everything he had planned on hold, he would need to be the one to back him up. And, Gil was his right hand man, how could he ignore Walker's need for an assistant.

"Find Terron and get a dense rock with purer earth mana in it. He should have some ores or stones that will work. Also have them carved with earth runes. Then find the other dragons and do the same with materials that they placed mana in themselves. Then have the grand elemental spirits add some of their mana in to mana gems. I will use all of that. But have Fleur keep all spirit race away from here."

Walker stepped forward and felt the fierceness within the partial natural mana rune. It felt like it could become a great power or a great havoc. Both seemed in line with the situation he was in along with the mana he could sense. He was also worried about the manas being pulled from nearby in to the partial natural mana rune.

While the rate was slow, proving that the partial rune was not fully formed enough to have an effect on the larger area, the effects were still there and might cause more issues as time goes on. It also meant that the forest elf area would suffer slightly as manas within the air were not brought to where they would have flowed according to who Genesis was built. Instead, they would be drawn here making everything harder.

Alchemy would be tougher and the growth of herbs would not go as smoothly. They would need a much more careful hand when working on either. This was also not including any healing, training, or other

crafting that happened nearby. All of it would be slightly harder since another force was trying to draw manas away from what they were doing.

Shaking off the frustration, Walker took a sitting position and fully dedicated himself to the manas within the air and how he could guide them to fluidly meld with the partial natural rune before it could do so of its own improper control.

His immediate feeling of unease as he could sense his own mana being pulled at was enough to get a lot more serious. He had a week, if not more, to work on this. Nothing else could be brought to his attention nor his focus while he worked on this. As that was the case, he also began using the eternal codex to meld manas together to make natural mana which he could feed to the partial natural rune.

This had an immediate calming effect on the manas in the air pushing against one another. It slowed the rotation within the partial natural rune without causing any waves or damage. Not only because it was properly balanced natural mana, but also because this was the mix of mana needed for the partial natural mana rune to form entirely in to a natural mana rune.

As much as Walker wanted to keep being frustrated and annoyed, he realized he was seeing a new aspect of natural mana and nature as a whole. How it could and how it should form in to runes. He would just need to take things slow to figure it all out. It was just a matter of time.

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Chapter 2239: Su's In Charge

"I would have really preferred that Gil and Walker were free for this." Su had returned to the island. Not because she was worried about the recovery, but because she had been called on since Walker could not be disturbed at all.

Once she and the others had heard about the situation, they were both worried and somewhat amazed. The natural runes forming had been something that should have taken at least five years, not a single week of beginning the process. Yet here they were, reckless aside, there was a partial natural rune, and a natural mana one at that, not a singular elemental mana.

This left her, Remey, Midnight, and Onyx with a little extra work. Onyx was maintaining a connection with the gathering of materials that Walker had been keeping an eye on. It wasn't that there had to be

someone doing so, but since they were available, it was better to help here and there were smaller issues might appear.

Remey had been deeply involved in the herbalists and the alchemists' side of this. Especially since she had been leading the endeavors to find the right herbs to behind expanding these herb gardens. As such, she had taken an even more vocal role in approving or denying the research supporting which herbs could and could not be used.

This was all based on a slew of different factors. But what it boiled down to was research. She had to see defined research that proved these herbs were the proper selection. One that was denied immediately was the vampiric herb known as bloody nightshade.

She had seen the herb and thought about how valuable it would be since it was considered a useless herb only good for poisons. Or at least just as night shade it was. But the vampires proved that they had known about how to feed it proper nutrients which added a tinge of black to the herb's leaves and changing the poisonous tendencies of the herb in to an herb that could be used to help a vampire resist certain illnesses that came with them being somewhat related to undead.

Unfortunately, the cost of that change was not the mana coming from a vampire, but a vampire's blood. Upon learning the cost of blood from a vampire, she had understood that making these herb gardens with these dark and surprisingly blood affinity herbs would harm vampires more than help them.

At first that had caused some issues since the vampires believed their knowledge was benign insulted. But when Remey brought up their dwindling numbers as a race and how losing even one was a grand harm to their new era of learning and growth, they began to understand. This was not the age where they could be brutal and push forward with force.

They had the time. They had the support. They could take things slow and grow day after day without worries that they would be attacked or destroyed as a race. They had protection for the first time in their history.

There was more stress on Remey when it came to everything that she did not have the time to focus on matching the herbalists and the alchemists who were traveling in to the wilderness to find herbs that might be beneficial for research with the adventurers guarding them.

The reason that selecting the groups was so important wasn't because they were being attacked or that there was a need to be wary. It was simply because there were inexperienced adventurers that did not have the knowledge about how to handle these sorts of jobs right now. They needed to have the experience and knowledge to be able to handle these positions.

Midnight was working carefully with Clara's new attendants to make this happen. As such, she also got to know the newer adventures appearing. Some who were adjusting to Genesis and others who were making new starts. Midnight's surprising maturity shocked many of them since they believed her to be an aloof young dragon.

When it came to Su, however, she was handling a problem that was not at all expected for the recent times. She had expected something like this to happen after months potentially. Not just a few days after the pure ice demons had come to Genesis after hunting down an impure ice demon and fighting against their own kind for control of their small tribe.

Now, she was looking at someone she had never met, but remembered her because the king of water had paid some attention to their party as they moved through the water elemental plane. "I am Su, I came to greet you once I heard that you had sent a body here to represent you."

"I am glad you are going with the flow. The water mana within the world is very low and even this body is struggling to maintain form. I have been offered water mana crystals and also given some unique armor to use as a method of controlling the loss of water mana while maintaining my bond with my true self."

The womanly form was very fluid. Mostly because the body was made from various pieces of ice, water, and also herbs that came from the water elemental plane. "The armor is a basic womens' knight's armor. It's been carved with some water elemental runes, not the newest, but they are sturdy enough to help you learn what you came to learn. I assume you have come because of recent events and wish to see a little more?"

The nod came quickly in response, "As the true sage of water, when the water king asked why there was a disturbance within the edges of the icy depths, I went to understand it. Finding the remains of many impure ice demons did not bring us happiness. Then finding that the pure ice demons had ventured in to the world, we believed the worst had happened."

This was all very understandable to Su. She had been wanted by Walker even though she had expected something like this, that there would be dangers. That the water elemental plane may need answers for

what was happening with a race that had lived there for generations. "As you saw, there were many impure ice demons. A disagreement in leadership happened within the tribe of pure ice demons and that caused some to lose their calm. To lose themselves entirely." knowing the delicate nature of this meeting, Su didn't hide anything. However, she did not bring any negativity either.

"As such, one member hunted down an impure ice demon that came here and attempted to cause trouble. She succeeded and we came. Walker offered them a safe place to live where the dense water mana would not push them beyond their limits or cause their minds to break. Now the remaining pure ice demons are meeting different kinds of their races and learning in a safer environment."

"They will be powerful and controlled enough to return to the water elemental planes one day. When that day happens, it will be a great day where we can unite the world and the elemental planes even closer. More importantly, we hope to see similar cases avoided within all of the elemental planes."

There was a pause for consideration. It was not unknown that Walker was a member of the Origin race, even as young as he was. However, the true water sage had not just considered this as a one and done event. "It may happen again, and you can learn more about the water elemental planes by speaking with them. By bringing them in to your alliance. I see."

The sage was not blind. They understood the state that Genesis was in now that the world had returned to the flow properly. It was changing rapidly and the more the manas grew, the more that the elemental planes would be open to the world. As such, they had to be prepared to avoid wars, violence, and general chaos.

"We are accepting of this situation, however, we can not allow this to be an immediate decision. Every race can not just travel to the world as they wish. Even with the permission of a young origin being. There is a balance maintained due to pure ice demons absorbing mana where they were. It changed, and now another will take their place. That can not happen with everyone."

This made perfect sense. The balance within the planes were always going to be delicate and would need to be monitored by those with proper power. They were there for a reason. "Can you leave from the bridge to visit Genesis? Would you have issues with teleportation formations?" Su was prepared to bring the body that the true water sage had made with her to learn about Genesis before going back and sharing this. She was acting as an ambassador

now.

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Mentally, Su told herself to thank whoever had the idea to bring water rune carved armor to the true water sage. It was a very discreet way to allow the water and ice body to be hidden from view therefore allowing a little more privacy.

This didn't stop the focus on Su that she normally had. The true water sage witnessed many people come up to her or wave to her in greeting. This was unusual for the true water sage because that was not the case for her whenever she roamed the water elemental planes.

Just the difference within culture from the water elemental planes to the world was already enough to make the true water sage wonder what Genesis was like more in depth than what she was already seeing.

Unlike the true earth sage, the true water sage was one of the sages born within the elemental planes. She was completely lost as to what the world was and how it came together. Only that it was a place where all manas mixed in unique balances without becoming chaotic. She even believed that origin beings desired to create a larger world.

Why else would they always be bringing together the elemental planes from the chaotic manas?

Regardless of these thoughts, the true water sage had not said a word while they moved through the elemental space teleportation formation. She had experienced teleportation before as she neared the space elemental planes in the past. It had been a simple check of a nearby elemental plane that had been brought nearby to be sealed.

However, it had left some awe within her, the sheer differences between it and the water elemental plane had been enough to do so. Not that Su saw any of that, the body sent which was made from water was able to keep emotions hidden well. It was just a copy of the true water sage's consciousness to bring memories back to her.

"You should be able to see, but there are many races that live within genesis. It's dusk now, so you are going to see the change from day to night. It means multiple other races who can not easily walk around in the sun will come out. The nightlife is much different here."

Many people would call it another city altogether since the demi-humans with traits more applicable to the night and the vampires came out during the night. However, there had been a sub species of the harpy race who took after bats. The harpy queen and kept them far away since they were less welcoming to others.

The issue had been resolved though as the harpy queen had complete control over them. As such, the bat men had come to genesis and begun enjoying the night life. When the vampires arrived, they quickly began to get along very well with them. Their nocturnal habits and similar diets proved to be a grand combination for them.

But one aspect that led the vampires to accepting the bat men as their friends was that the bat man race could easily communicate with bat monsters and bats in general. This meant that the vampires trying to form bonds with bats as familiars had a middle man that they could go to for help.

The busy streets were slowly changing in the true water sage's eyes. She saw the harpies leaving and heading to their homes in the high up areas of the city along with the nearby elf forest. She also saw the arrival of the bat men and even some of the gray haired spiders. The harmony as things changed was fluid, just like the flow of a river in to another creating a lake at the end.

When she saw an elder dark dragon take dragonkin from while leaving a bundle of wood for repairs to a small shop which had been hit by a carriage earlier that day, she was even more shocked. The dragons would never lower themselves to such things in the elemental planes. Yet here she was, seeing a peaceful and clearly accepting dragon.

"It's a lot to take in. but this is Genesis. Many of the races used to have their own negative views of one another. They lacked trust in others as a whole too. But when we started to traveling around, we started to see the solutions to their problems. It took some convincing and fair few tests, but we were able to find ways to bring everyone together."

"Many races lost their histories to wars, the broken flow of elemental manas, and even to themselves because of their own changing views. Now, we have reclaimed a great deal of history to be organized within the Genesis archives and shared freely for all to learn from." It was clear that Su could keep talking forever as she began heading toward the Genesis building. The true water sage couldn't even

come up with just one question to ask. They were so numerous that her mouth remained shut while she just watched and absorbed everything. "The mage tower you see over there was from an ancient race that was almost completely wiped out before heading in to the Sigil continent or the elemental planes. Regardless of the history being solid, we have brought it here. Eventually, an archmage will become the tower master and the effects will grow. Right now it provides mana gathering and also a revitalizing effect over the city."

Noticing that the true water sage was focused on a demon girl walking with a few of the younger dragonkin, Su spoke up again. "That's one of the demons that were saved from their own people. The demon lord and the sin title holders caused some demons to become monsters who enslaved their own people. While everyone can become a monster, they had gone too far."

"After saving them, they joined Genesis and have made a great deal of magical investments and advancements for the city. Their mages are currently responsible for taking important roles in almost every aspect of the city. That's why Walker extended a hand to the pure ice demons."

"You extended an invitation so that they may live the same as another of their species. They have less risk of losing their minds and becoming impure ice demons. They also can choose other paths to walk other than their tribal warrior history." It was expected that the true water sage would have knowledge about the pure ice demons and their ways.

"Walker told me that they would be able to absorb smaller amounts of water mana here because the world had yet to adjust to the proper flow entirely. That means that they will not be at a larger risk. After some time, their younger generation will be able to handle the denser water mana in the elemental planes."

"And every generation afterwards will also have the natural resistance passed down by their parents." The true water sage finished the sentence and Su nodded along.

"I may have missed the opportunity to meet you when you crossed through the water elemental planes. However, I am glad that this event happened. I wish to see even more. I also wish to meet Walker. The true earth sage was very clear that he had respect for him and his goals."

It was unfortunate that the true water sage was so open now that she had seen this. It was like someone seeing a chance to learn for the first time in their lives. The thirst for knowledge was

very clear.

"Walker is handling an issue with natural runes. An accident happened while someone experimented wrongly. Now we have to repair the issue. It should take a week or two. Will your body be able to hold up until then?" Su didn't want the true water sage to leave unhappily. Especially since there was a great deal to be gained from this visit.

"Then I will make my body go dormant for the time being. I came here for an answer about the balance being slightly disturbed. I have that. Now I wish to meet the rest of those that led this city to exist. I will also learn more about the world so that I can report to the king of water

later."

As they walked in to the Genesis building, the true water sage froze her body solid and a slew of water runes covered the armor. From what su could tell, she could somewhat understand what happened around her, but just enough to know when her goal would be met. "Well, now I will get poem guards to keep you safe and have an archivist come and tell you about the founding of Genesis. Hopefully that helps you pass the time." Su couldn't make heads or tails of the situation. She just knew that her life had become quite the oddity as well.