

Master 2381

Chapter 2381: Prepared And Ready

"The wind is picking up a little more." Walker could sense the wind outside the protection of the wind magic rune formations used to completely nullify the wind as the floating ship moved. While the runes were doing their work, Walker's senses went beyond them.

"Is that going to be a problem?" Su knew that if Waker had stopped their sparring and her training to switch through the armors she had gathered from the wandering blacksmith that this was not just a simple small issue. Walker could easily tell what issues might be attached to the fact that the winds were becoming more violent outside.

"Yes and no. The ship is made to handle any storms that may occur. The wind dragons helped test its ability to resist wind storms in general. Some small ones have already passed us in the last hour. But this is a strange change. The wind isn't just coming from one direction. Two air currents are crashing in to one another while the winds change. I think it's one of the effects of the world returning to flow properly since more manas are coming for the elemental planes."

This was something known. The changes were already being documented and changes in wind currents had been sensed by weather mages and also by the dragons or more sensitive echidna who were in touch with natural mana. Since people knew of these dangers, they changed their plans accordingly.

Some days the harpiers and other aerial traveling races would not take to the sky as high as they usually did. The dragons tended not to mind the changes since they had the strength and power to resist. "Should we have had Zephyr come and help us?" Su's thought was enough to keep Walker a little more occupied for a moment.

He knew that the spirit race had become much more independent. They were either focusing on growing their race in to a fully fledged standing race that bridged the gap between the elemental spirits and the more physical race, or they were resting.

Zephyr had been with Gil and remained so since their bonds were so developed. Whereas the earth, water, light, and dark spirit race leaders were slumbering or working on their own without those that they had bonded with in spirit marks. The only ones that seemed to be the same as Zephyr was the fire spirit race leader with Remy who had become very focused on fire control and alchemy just like Remy.

This left Walker to wonder if his partner would remain slumbering. She had been absorbing mana for a while making him worry. Yet, he also felt that it was needed. With the changes in the world, having any connection to natural mana would cause a lot of change in the way that someone acted.

The echidna who had connections to natural mana had been struggling. They had either lost touch for some period of time or needed to go in to isolation to properly adapt themselves to the changes in the world as a whole. None of this was a bad thing, just a fact that they had to endure.

Walker was only able to adapt because of his bonds with the literal grand elemental spirit of natural mana and also because he had deeply ingrained natural mana in t his very being as a member of the origin race.

"No, I think that this would stress out Zephyr too much. The many elemental spirits within the manages with some of the wind and fire spirit race would have caused a break up in their flow. They all have their roles and they are playing them perfectly. Having an outside spirit race change things or bother them could have caused more issues than help." He felt this was the potential issue of doing so. Hence why he also internally calmed his own mana so as not to affect the spirit marks where his partner slept and grew.

"If the tunes are affected at all I will add my mana and have the wind dragons work with me." Walker could sense that the two elder wind dragons above them had also lowered themselves closer. They were able to be seen through small gaps in clouds now. Before they had been way too high in the sky to even be seen from the floating ship.

Their preparations had been because they could feel more changes in the wind since they were exposed to it at all times. They did not need to sense the mana and flow around them. Every time they felt the air on their scales their instincts told them how to adjust their wings so that they could fly smoothly. Instincts were something that stood well above Walker's mana sense right now since he was blocked by the wind rune formations calming the wind.

"The stress on the underlying runes is not too great. We have thirty five formations still to activate. We will have several mages gather to begin the mana transfer process..." One of the working members called out this order to a few of the nearby members of the crew. From what Walker remembered, this was a dwarf working under the captain of the floating ship. The man who could feel the manas and the overall being of the floating ship by attaching his very own mana to it.

This closeness allowed for the commands to be sent out through the ship using his mana. The many stations monitored by his crew were always full of orders to make small adjustments. The spirit race also saw and heard these right away since they monitored all the mana within the ship. It was a system that was being considered to be built through all of Genesis.

The only issue with doing that was that the connections needed to be monitored by spirit race members at all times, the mana usage was very large, and also people had to be attached to the system with unique skills at all times. Small scale was doable, large scale was impossible. "They have rune formations that they are not using." Walker kicked himself internally. He had not taken that in to account when he was thinking about being prepared.

"They do. I came and helped for a little bit. There was a lot of worry about some of the parts that held the control over direction or even directed the wind mana to allow for floating at all. So, there are rune formations that will not activate unless another rune formation breaks or there is too much stress on those parts. It's to save mana and also to make everything more efficient." The small smile that Su wore proved that she had been waiting for Walker to grasp this fact.

"Oh? So you knew and wanted to let me worry about it?" He sensed a large clasing of wind and felt the next wind mana rune formation activate. The wind that was buffeting the ship was forced to slit around it allowing for the floating ship to maintain its consistent speed and flow through the air.

Walker made a small handful of fire balls and flicked them at Su. The sudden attack made her use the magic equip skill and a brilliant red armor for resisting fire mana took the place of her previous armor. She smiled with a more violent intent and charged at him wielding one of her twin shields. The fire was nothing with her resistances and the right armor to help those resistance. This was what Walker had been testing anyways.

As the show of Walker and Su sparring began again, more people gathered. Their sparring had showcased the speed at which a battle could take place.

While that would sound odd since both Walker and Su were holding back, the speed aspect was in reaction time to a changing situation. Su was changing her armors to resist the manas that Walker called up to attack.

This was the perfect to educate the adventurers and guards who were present that would be traveling the lava fields for materials. They could use this as an example of how they would be changing their mindsets to adapt to the tough terrain.

Whether lava plumes erupted nearby, the ground became unstable, or even different monsters attacked they would have a better mind to react to those situations.

For those worried and on edge, they were able to understand the strength of those going with them: the guards and adventurers who looked at Walker and Su calmly were showing off their own veteran status. They were experienced and relaxed, they were not panicked and being pushed to learn last minute.

While Walker and Su didn't think of this as a reason for training, they were never hiding. They trained in the open and never saw an audience as an issue: they knew where they stood and welcomed others to learn about and from them.

Chapter 2382: Going Out

Heat. That was the sudden change that everyone felt. The air itself had suddenly begun to grow warmer. It made sense though, the hot air from the lava fields would rise. While the smoke was blocked out by the many wind rune formations, the heat couldn't easily be washed

away.

No number of fire resistant runes could stop the heat from the ambient fire mana all around them. This was just what everyone would have to deal with since there was so much in the lava fields and volcanic areas. The size of which was definitely larger than what it had been before the world returned to its flow.

"Looks like we are at the edge. The area that is planned for us to land and leave the floating ship to hover for a few days should be right over there." Walker pointed out an area with somewhat flat rocks.

Su looked carefully and slowly began to make out the tents set up on the edges of the large flat area. The forward group had left days ago to get here and prepare a camp. She could also see the markings on the ground used to show where the floating ship had to float in terms of space. This would be the test to see if the ship would drift or move at all when it should remain still.

Beyond that, there were a myriad of other tests that would be done. All of these tests were not something that Su or Walker needed to worry about. Especially since they knew that they would not

necessarily know what they were testing specifically in the first place. That was for the masters and more experienced workings who developed the floating ship from the ground

up.

As the floating ship found its space above the large area, it began to decrease in height above the ground. Its movements were slow and steady until it was barely one normal house length above the ground. From there, many ropes and special platforms began to be set up for everyone to take them down.

This was the test of how quickly people could be left from the shop. Walker did not wait for them though, brighter did Su. While Walker stepped in to the air, Su flapped her dragon wings and let gravity bring her downwards. She and Walker were the firsts on the ground and the first to see the forward preparation group leaders.

"Everything looks very well done. The journey for us was smooth and nothing much of an issue happened. Just a little rough air which was handled perfectly." he smiled widely to ease the stress of some of the builders who had been waiting here to get reports. They also had a lot of stress not knowing the current situations while they waited for the floating ship to get here. This was all their hard work in action after all.

The entire atmosphere within the camp was that of relief. "We are reporting in. All temporary tents are set up for testing, for monitoring, and for resting. We also have prepared an organizational area for materials gathered. Please be ready to lead or to venture wherever you may." No issues at all, exactly what Walker and Su wished to hear. This made their lives easier as well.

"Walker, I am going to head out. I said I would explore on my own, I have my own senses for things too." Su didn't let Walker try and talk her in to a group or anything. She knew he would too.

It wasn't that she thought Walker didn't trust her. She knew that he would trust her entirely. But he would always worry about those he saw as family. Just because they may or may not be powerful, did not mean that his feelings and desires to defend them would change.

" then make sure you go and find something good. Don't let me find better materials than you." Walker shook his head. He knew that su was in his head. He knew she had seen what he might want to do. But,

he couldn't go against what she wanted. She was powerful too. She could easily walk through the lava fields and find whatever it was she needed.

Eh watched as the fire resistant armor appeared on Su's body. She was walking from the rocky area which was many times cooler than the distant lava and changing terrain in the future.

"We have healers here waiting for any injuries. We also have many fire resistance potions. Whoever is leaving had every right to take whatever they need. They are higher quality than normal so that they can be diluted with separate potions in the water flasks we are handing out as well. The water mages will draw in and let the water they gather be purified by some healers..." Walker listened to everything as Su walked off. The plans were perfect and he could only check through everything once before he moved ahead himself.

Su was able to hear just a little of this before she was too distant. Her movements were quick and her natural resistance to the heat allowed her to keep pushing ahead faster. She didn't feel any worry about her defenses. What she did worry about were the materials she may or may not find.

She had her own potions but using them would be against her plans. Mostly because Su planned to let the natural elemental around her push her body to get stronger. Improving her resistances in any little way possible was always the goal. She had to do this so that she could become a much better defender.

Her mind also rested on the elemental planes where the manas would be many times greater. She could not resist those dense and pure manas without help. That hit her hard. Every time she remembered it, she knew that she had been treated with kid gloves while there. She had not truly seen the real dangers.

While this rested harshly on her mind, Su didn't use it as something to stress her. Instead, it was a driving force to push back against what might be walls for her development.

She could see that Walker was getting stronger by the day. She could see that Gil had polished his skills but learned many new things. Remey had more than just learned about her body and soul, but taken it all as a path for new strength. Midnight had begun to take many years of dragon knowledge and use it for her own strength as well. Onyx was a constantly growing force of care for his

Race.

All of this was on her mind. All of it gave her strength.

"They said to find the hottest flow of lava and follow it to a spout or pool. That's what I'll do." Su started following a small stream of lava. It had broken out of the fake rocky black ground and was spreading out even more.

The lava and magma flowing was like a river. Eventually, it would split up and become streams. But inside them they carried many things. While a river would carry logs, a magma river would carry ores.

She could feel the what and knew that her innate senses would give her a better chance at

following

Them to the source. Since she had this, she could make sure that what she found was higher quality or entirely unique.

The lessons that the hotter magma pools would have ores, crystals, and other changing earth materials within was fresh in her mind. Walker had explained this from the time he had looked in to a volcano. The flow and changes in manas allowed for a great deal of potential.

While Su followed the magma's flow, she didn't worry about anything else. Her sense didn't pick up on monsters or innate dangers beneath her feet.

If she had been a little more observant, she would have noticed those following her. Something she didn't think would be an issue. However, she was a hero too.

"Following lady Su is the best we can do. If she needs help carrying materials we can do that. We can also help with monsters too. How else will we become better fighters? Train like her."

The small group of guards had worked with her before. She had inspired them to train their resistances. That was why they had tested themselves and been accepted to venture here as well. Their group would gather materials too.

Where they differed from others was that they wished to follow Su and be there when they were needed. To be able to repay her for her teachings and also to be able to grow even stronger and fight alongside the hero that took the time to assist their growth.

Chapter 2383: Forming Golems

The increase in temperature surprised Su. She had not expected that she would feel it at all. Especially since she had changed armors to a more fire resistant armor prepared for her. It was just a smart method to keep her prepared and also mindful of what each armor felt like when she wore it.

The comfort of her in each new armor would be important while fighting. If she was not comfortable then she might make a mistake. Or if there was an issue with an armor not moving properly with her body, she could find herself being harmed when trying to defend. At the worst case, she could be too slow to protect someone.

Her fire mana resistance was very high. Naturally, she should have been able to make sure that her body resisted the heat. But even with this fire resistant armor, the heat was wearing away at her more than expected.

This wasn't the simple fact that the fire and magma around was hot. She wasn't even approaching the major rivers of lava yet. Instead, it was something that was causing her body to react more than normal.

"The weight." Su stopped and stretched a little before focusing on the feeling her muscles were under.

She had focused herself on the fact that the armors she had received were for resisting certain element manas. She also knew that this would mean she could equip certain pieces like the gauntlets only or the boots only to build a set if she was able to learn how to use the magic equipment skill better.

What Su had not taken account of was the longer term effects of using these armors. The weight of the fire resistant armor was important. It had been made thicker to resist the heat and allow for there to be denser rune formations that would force the fire mana away from her as a whole. This meant that the weight added another set of stress on her body which was causing her to feel hotter.

It was also wearing away at her stamina in general. The results of which were her feeling the heat more as well. Her body wasn't being kept in an optimal condition due to the extra wear and tear of movement. "I might have to have this adjusted."

While Su focused on what she might have to have changed, she realized that there was some activity near her. The small crackling or rocks as they were broken made it feel that there might be another beak in the ground where lava might begin to flow.

What she did not expect to see were small round smoldering rocks starting to pull their way out of magma pools. "All around appraisal scrolls." Su grabbed one of them from the new and amazing medallion she had just gained. She found that having near a hundred all around appraisal scrolls was nothing in the grand scheme of her unique spatial storage now.

'Smoldering gollette

This is a smaller form of a smoldering magma golem. It is rare and hard to find but has been increasing in numbers due to the changes in mana flow within the depths of magma. They are normally peaceful creatures when left alone, however, they are sometimes territorial since they must eat metals and other molten ores to keep growing their bodies.

They can grow in to a myriad of forms but are often found in smaller round forms with roughly connected half melted rock and alloy arms and legs. They have a molten core and are easily broken. Their bodies can be very valuable but also fairly heavy due to their bodies being made of denser molten metals and rocks.

When they are fighting they often release sparks and shattered stone and metal. They prefer to remain partially within the magma pools they feed on because it allows them to move more easily. If they are outside of them for too long they could become a small lava rock golem...'

Su read how these monsters would not be much of a threat to her. They were also growing in numbers due to the fact that the mana flow deep in the magma was changing. Most likely this was all due to the fact that the world was returning to mana flow and would keep changing. Meaning that this could and most likely would become one of the more prevalent monsters in this area.

She knew that this was not a bad thing at all.

The ores and metals, and rocks, and whatever else they consumed to make their bodies would become immensely valuable materials for harvest. So while Su equipped two dark black shields with higher fire resistances, she thought of the value she was getting from these. The followers she had noticed her battle and watched as she leaped forward faster than the first smoldering gollette could even attempt to move. This was just because Su had trained to be able to do such things. Heavier armor or not, Su was able to use explosive force when moving in an instant to defend someone. Applying that to when she slammed a shield in to something, well, the first gollette shattered in an instant.

But that was where the followers trying to learn from Su made their own mistakes. They stopped observing their own surroundings and did not noticed the cracking the the ground nearby them. They had managed to make enough movement above them to alert their own potential foes.

Su felt the ground shake as she fought and felt that there might be something more dangerous. Her mind went right to another magma golem or a larger smoldering gollette. It made sense that some form of larger golem would be here where others were forming.

When she looked back, she caught sight of the soldiers in the distance that she recognized. They were clearly the ones that had fought for and with her before. But she didn't like that they were sitting right in front of what appeared to be a massive serpent golem.

'Magma river golem

This golem formed in a cooling magma river. As it cooled all the ores and mana flowed to the center and caused the other nearby magma pools to condense in to smoldering gollettes. As such, this is a powerful golem with a very dense fire and earth mana core within its head. It uses the serpent like form to smash and swim through the molten rock.

When consuming anything with dense fire and earth manas, it will often use that material to strengthen its body and core. If it manages to get ahold of enough earth and fire mana along with materials, its body can become more like a volcanic serpent golem which would be considered a ruler of a volcano in ancient times due to the defensive natural instincts it possesses to protect the volcano.

Some smaller races would even worship them as a god of an area.

Its body had extremely valuable ores, materials, and other things within since it will consume everything that has some heart and fire mana within them. That means that many other monster bodies often end up trapped and almost fossilized in its dense rocky body. This is why they can also be seen as a moving history golem...'

She snarled as the understanding that this golem was actually the remains of what had once been a magma river below the lava fields. Now it was well awake and ready to grow as much as its natural instincts told it to. But worse yet, the less experienced soldiers she had helped train were right in its line of attack. Adding on to that, they were all holding up shields that could not and would not properly defend them.

The snarl and growl that broke the normal crackling and shifting of lava and magma was powerful enough to make even the smoldering gollettes instincts cause them to pause. It was a slow of mana and sheer power around Su.

The sudden growth in her dragon scales underneath her armor was her natural instincts to

using more of her dragon half. That was the same as her wings flapped out and sent a large amount of force behind her. The stones beneath her feet cracked giving way for magma to ooze up from the ground.

The resounding crack as she slammed in to the head of the magma river golem was something that made the soldire's ears begin to ring. They had not seen or expected this amount of force. Enough that the fire resistant shields Su had held together were severely dented.

It was the damage to the dense and powerful magma river golem that surprised them. Half of its head had been cracked and shattered away. Showing off a semi molten core for them all to

see.

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Chapter 2384: A Learned Lesson

"Maybe you should all head back where you can easily fight and pay attention to your surroundings." The growled words shocked the following soldiers to their core. They did not realize that Su's dragon eyes could be so piercing.

The damaged head of the magma river golem was slowly melting back in to place as the large core heated up. It was releasing fire and earth mana to be able to reform its body where it was damaged. This proved to Su that she had to keep battling it right away.

The older age of this golem was only working in its favor. Its body was made up of a large number of different metals and rocks. This made it tougher but gave it the materials it needed to be able to reform itself if it ever got injured.

But that was the thing, it would rarely if ever be injured due to how comfortable and acclimated it was to the environment it was created in. It had grown here and absorbed a large amount of fire and earth mana which has allowed it to be able to grow much more. This put it at the top end of the list of powerful monsters within the entirety of the lava fields.

"You think I don't sense what you are doing?" Su's instincts were not just for show, she could feel the surge of earth and fire mana which allowed her opponent to reform its body. She could also generally keep the remaining smoldering golemettes in her view. She could tell that they were being weakened since the strength of a more powerful golem could consume them. It was the natural order of things within the lava fields. The golems were all malleable and could consume one another in a way to grow more and more. Especially these little golems. That was why they were instinctually trying to move away.

That was also why the tail of the magma river golem slammed down and tried to break and capture the smoldering golemettes. It could take their bodies as its own feed to repair more of the missing materials that Su had just shattered from its body.

The soldiers saw and heard Su and watched as she leaped ahead again. This time her normal twin shields took their place in her hands. They were her toughest shields and would not dent or break so easily. Using her fire resistant shields did not matter much right now. She didn't need to worry about the heat or damage from that heat.

She needed force and powerful defenses turned in to attacks.

The next resounding crack and shattering of stone and sparks made the soldiers stop in their tracks again. They had thought the first attack from Su had been powerful, but they had been wrong. This one at closer range using the pointed bottom end of the shield was even more terrifying. She had completely shattered the stone and ore connection to the main body from the head. The core was still exposed and now molten ores were melting out where it had been broken.

The golem was not defeated, it was sending out pieces of stone to reshape its body again. That was the instinctual drive of a golem like this. But it had no choice. The mana it had was being drained away constantly by the damage that Su had just done.

"I wouldn't try to build another body. I am going to break you apart now." The growl came as Su slammed her shields downwards and cracked the molten core of the magma river golem. The fire and earth mana being released were both fusing in to the pieces of the body that had been controlled and also spreading out in to the surroundings. It was sure to attract more trouble.

"I felt that!" Su looked up to find Walker stepping through the air down to the ground next to her. "You really had a lot of fun with that one. Looks like you managed to get a ton more ore than anyone else just yet." He laughed a little as Su nodded.

"I also damaged the fire resistant shield set that I was given. It wasn't tough enough to take a hit using half my full force. I got stronger." Su looked unhappy with this as she calmed herself. The dragon scales that had spread up to her face had receded slightly.

"Really? That's a good thing though. We can see what the wandering blacksmith says. He was going to have to adjust some of the armors anyways, right? That water armor is a little right around your neck, you said." Walker knew that this was because Su had grown due to the dragon half of her but that didn't change the fact that the armor sets would all need to be adjusted accordingly.

"Want me to take them with me while I'm here? They are in a little rougher area than I think they should be." Walker was looking at the soldiers who had followed Su. he knew that they would not normally be here by themselves if they had fought their way through. Proving that they might have pushed through trying to impress her or having some other foolish ideas in their heads.

"Yes, make sure you give them a harsh talking to. They should focus on their own growth rather than follow or watch someone else. They are not me." She gave them all a hard glare to make sure that they understood they should work on their own styles and not follow her every single step. But she was also

a little happy that they had followed her. She had their respect and that meant she was doing something right.

"They might be the group to start your healing escort squadron you wanted to make. For the wandering healers. Think it over." Walker mentioned this before capturing the soldiers with some wind and pulling them away. He wasn't going to store away the materials Su had just won. He also didn't touch the incoming smoldering gollettes. He knew Su would handle them.

While Su knew that she had only tossed the idea of forming a completely dedicated squadron for escorting healers as an idea, she had liked it even more when she heard that Alice would support that. The number of whalers that could defend themselves were low and the guards they had always came from other places or were too few. Especially those who went with a healer when they wandered around town to town and village to village.

If Su pushed for this to happen, it would happen. No doubts about it. She even hummed while contemplating it before getting in to another fight against some of the smoldering gollettes. "So, you all know where you went wrong? Su was not there to defend you. She was training herself and also preparing materials for Gneiss. What have any of you done? Trained at all? Gather anything to bring back?" Walker knew that they were not all experienced guards. They lacked it which was why they had been able to learn from Su.

That Was the issue though, they had gotten it in their heads that they needed to follow Su exactly. "We were-"

"Yes I know what you were doing. And right now you will be left in a safer area. I expect all of you to carry enough materials back that I can look at your contributions as significant. Also, you have potions you could have used. You have the tools. You have everything you need to carry what you gain from the lava fields to the floating ship. Use them and prove that you didn't waste the space coming here. Others would have gladly taken that spot just to mine a single ore here."

With Walker putting this on them, the soldiers realized that they had not at all considered their greater duties here. They had not pursued what they should as representatives of Genesis out in the world. They should have cared about their duty over their own desires to grow and follow a powerful fighter.

"Understood!" they all saluted and responded instantly before Walker stepped back in to the air. They also realized though, that Walker had not told them where they were entirely. That they could only see

a few smaller landmarks. They would need to follow their maps back to the floating ship. As an added test!

"Well, that was fun. I need to stop doing this though. I keep feeling the stronger fire mana and I know there are some good fire mana crystals out there." Walker mumbled to himself while he used his mana sense to pick up on higher quality materials. With his mana senses, he could pick up more of the highest quality to be used in Genesis. For the most important projects.

Chapter 2385: Midnight's Explorer Finds

Walker's adventure had led him in to the depths of the lava fields. Pulling fire crystals of higher quality than what most people had been able to find so far. He had even managed to find some ores that had innate binds with fire mana and earth mana. Otherwise, he was

wondering if he would be able to find anything else unique.

Originally, he had been pursuing everything to make sure that he gathered some of whatever he needed. But right this second, he did a count and realized that his mana senses had really only found fire mana crystals over more ore in bulk.

They needed more than just a few higher quality this and thats. Genesis was in need of everything, but that's what the others should be able to do. Yet, after he had helped Su, he realized that he needed to change his thought process to be able to focus on the monsters that were forming.

Just the golems that he had seen were more than enough to be a massive help when it came to the rebuilding of walls and general defensive buildings. But if he wanted to think even further, Walker knew that he should be considering the building costs that would come with more than just that.

The territories of the dragons took the furthest outer area of Genesis. There was plenty of room between everything to keep building and even expand fields for various farming or herbalism reasons. That was not a concern.

The concern was being able to defend the smaller villages, towns, and merchant areas outside of the major Genesis territory. An increase in the monster's strength and an increase in everything else that came along with wilderness dangers made that a focus for everyone.

Adding in the fact that dungeons existed and that there would be entire cities that could potentially form around them depending on when they are accessible and what they could offer for resources, then there was a lot more building that might take place.

Just the changes that came with higher amounts of mana in the environments proved that more valuable items needed for crafting would appear. As long as nature had the time, it would provide for them. That was also a basic belief of the elves and the echidna races. Walker could see and understand that as well since he had sensed and used natural mana.

With that being the case, Walker believed that there was more to come. The materials that they had gained so far in life and even these better higher quality materials they were gathering now were nothing much.

His thoughts landed right on the fact that the elemental planes clearly had better items and many mysterious things that he would have never seen in a lifetime unless he managed to go there to explore even more.

Therefore, the idea that there was a lot more when it came to materials to be seen from the world was easy. The mana could increase and he would be able to look forward to the changes and the growth that would come from the world fully changing. If he were to see the changes in materials when there was an opening of the third bridge to the elemental planes...

His mind trailed off with all this thought. He knew that he could keep thinking and mindlessly gathering materials. But he had been way too focused. He hadn't even remembered that a certain dragon was wandering around the lava fields as well and had been sleeping the entire journey to the lava fields until now.

Walker had even confirmed that Midnight would go with him. But as soon as they had gotten there, he had been forced to focus on the camp being settled and how people were heading out. From there he had rescued a few overzealous people from exploring and fighting while also checking in on Su when he felt a large burst of mana.

Midnight was finally in his view again and it seemed she had found something to snack on. 'Volcanic eagle

This eagle is one of the many ancient monsters finally able to hatch due to the increase in earth and fire mana around them. As eggs, they require dense earth manas to grow their bones and the fire mana to warm them. When they hatch, they gain a powerful fire and wind mana affinity which unite to be able to commune with the flames and heat of volcanic eruptions.

They will always make their nests on a volcano that is spewing lava and magma. The more violent that volcanic eruption is, the happier they are.

While they hunt various monsters, they also are known to guard and consume growing fire elemental herbs. Oftentimes they will even gather earth elemental herbs to create a nest. This allows them to grow their young better and stronger...'

The monster did not seem to be a massive threat to the world. More so, it was one of the ancient monster species that had been harmed by the loss of mana and managed to survive now that their eggs had the manas they needed.

Since the mana had returned and the lava fields were never greatly changed from ancient times other than becoming smaller, their eggs had remained dormant. They had survived as a monster species and returned to the world properly.

"That's a volcanic eagle you found. It's an ancient monster species. Did it fight with you in the air?" Walker could see the soot and other ash on Midnight's scales. From the way it looked, she would be dragging him to help her clean up later. She was very meticulous about her scales being clean otherwise. Most dragons were though.

Midnight looked up and nodded a little. She hadn't minded at all that Walker was so busy. She knew that they were here for a few more days and helping the others was part of her and his responsibilities. But now, she had been training her fire resistance and also hunting monsters. She had enjoyed the exploring much more since she didn't have to worry about anything else.

"I was thinking we could go hunting for some unique herbs. That way we can compare them to the herbs that we gathered at other times. Or the herbs that are grown elsewhere without the constant

natural fire and earth mana in this area." Walker saw that this captured Midnight's attention. She looked toward some lava flows coming from some larger groups of rocks. It appeared that she already had some ideas.

"Follow me!" Her response was in an instant as she dashed away. Her dragon form had grown a lot more with all the mana and the proper food she had gotten. Walker was proud to see that she was stronger every single day.

Just the fact that she was able to rival fully grown dragons and elder dragons was amazing. Beyond that, she was definitely able to give the royal dragons a good match. Even though they had all become dominator dragons, Midnight could wield manas of all forms just as Walker could. She was a true dragon champion capable of much more.

With her ability to grow also through the binds with Walker and Su, Midnight had a greater highest ahead of her that Walker could see being much better than what she had now or would have without access to the elemental planes.

"Here!" The small nests that were most likely the first start to the volcanic eagles' nesting since they were not close enough to the main volcano of the lava fields were made out of some earth and even a few fire herbs. These herbs had higher affinity and one or two of them seemed to have different leaf shapes than what Walker recalled from past herbs of the same kinds that he had seen before.

"These are great! You weren't planning on dragging these all back yourself were you?" He wondered if Midnight was going to take them all. It was a lot to carry and bringing open out here would be tough because of the intense heat.

Her response was a quick huff proving she had thought just that. "Really? I will store them

away. Some of them even have seeds and flowers on them still" Walker's smile prove she was more than fine with how much Midnight was working but also his reprimand proved he

wished she was taking it easier on herself.

What should we hunt For next? There should be some wind currents caused by the magma geysers over there. Maybe they have some unique fuel or triple affinity herbs. Could be interesting." This brightened Midnight's eyes. She had definitely waited for Walker to catch up and explore with her.

"Let's go then." He smirked even more before getting ready to race Midnight to the nearest

one.

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Chapter 2386: Too Much

"What's all this?" Walker had returned with Midnight. They had brought a large amount of herbs they had managed to dig out along with a few monster materials they had come across while they explored the lava fields.

However, it was what he had found when he returned.

The area for processing and spring while also organizing the materials found was overwhelmed. Not just to the point that they were too busy, busy would be a word too small to describe what they had to handle.

The pile of ores in front of the tent was dwarfing the tent. This wasn't even considering monster bodies, most of which were small forms of golems, and also the general herbs which herbalists were working to store properly so that they would not run out of quality due to not being held properly.

"Good. you're back. You need to work on this now. There are many people finding large growth of herbs. New veins of ore formed moving and cooling magma. Then I even found that one of the golems directed this way and taken down by five different guard squads had a core with some massive crystals in it." Su's face was covered in soot and sweat.

She had also returned to find that this was chaos right now. Not just chaos, but to the point that the people who had been working for the last three days had not stopped for a second.

"Reporting in..." The voice trailed off and showed to Walker that the sheer happiness to see him was enough to prove how overwhelmed they were.

"I can listen and figure out what I can do to help. The herbs and monster materials seem to need the most attention though. They are degrading." He didn't speak in a rush and actually felt that slowing the pace might make this more efficient. Pushing for speed would and most likely had already caused some issues.

"Yes sir. The beginning return of groups was slow. After about a day we received significant contributions we attributed to luck. Then there was an added growth when larger groups returned telling us about locations nearby with exceptionally high numbers of everything. One herbalist lead group found what they call the lava burst magnolia grove. Another group of dwarven cave explorers found cooled lava tunnels flaved with pure iron. Then we have the adventurers returning with various monsters all nesting closer than we expected."

It was a lot for them to handle and that was understandable. Especially since there was a clear example of how this would all need to be handled from this point on.

What they had not taken in to account was that there would be such a burst in growth within this area already. Walker knew that ores and other earth bound materials might be much more common as the lava flowed and as the magma flowed. Yet this prevalent that a literal hill or them had been gathered just after three days?

Then the monsters growing in number should have been a sign that things in the world had progressed even faster. The amount of mana that the monsters needed was larger but that was also more available. Especially since the weaker ancient monsters were hatching from eggs.

Yes there had been some more powerful ancient monsters, but they were fewer and in isolated incidents. They would appear more often as a longer time went on. But right now there were many more smaller monsters that had finally, gotten what they needed to grow. Especially the types of golems in this area.

"That's a spiked lizard golem. Right now the all around appraisal is telling me that this golem will purposefully find herbs with heart mana so that it can make a strong body and that after some time the seeds will even take root to siphon off the extra mana in its body. It will even grow fire affinity herbs on its back to keep its body solid and not melting." The reason that Walker pointed this out was very simple.

"It can't grow itself without many more herbs in general being around. The all around appraisal states that it is limited to the number of herbs within its direct environment. It can easily grow five times this size but this is still very large since it's a golem that could not survive before the mana flow returned to the world."

Bluntly saying that the herbs were growing at an incredible rate in the wilderness was the point of this. Walker knew that if there were that many herbs here, then what of the other wilderness areas that had yet to be explored? They would be growing exponentially and giving unseen monsters massive amounts of food to grow and awaken the past bloodlines.

"You are worried that we will have to call for more help and that we might not be able to handle the wilderness if this is the case." Su knew that the world had changed. They had expected the terrain to become more difficult and even had theories that were spoken about to prepare for contingencies.

This though, meant that as they grew and as the wilderness grew, that those contingency plans were a moot point. They would not be applicable if the wilderness was changing at a faster rate than what Genesis was growing by in the day to day.

"I am saying that we should get these handled and stored away as soon as possible. Also that we are going to slow down and properly store them. Anyone tired needs to rest and the groups returning will be held back to assist with storage in the floating ship since we still have room in there."

As much as Walker knew that he and Su could store a massive amount with his high spatial storage and her new medallion, that was not the point. The resources gained here needed to be brought through the floating ship. This would prove that the achievement of the ship and the goals had in the entire creation process were valuable. Also that it could in fact function properly to help when there was not anyone able to take all these materials or jobs on by themselves like Walker could.

As this was communicated and Walker began using natural mana to hold the herbs to their quality, the information was sent by communication crystal. It was why Remy found herself stopped from moving to another tent of the crafting event to share knowledge.

She now found herself with a host of different attendants who needed her to act and focus on the herbs that would be coming in massive amounts. Not only would they be focusing on the herbs to be plants

and evaluated by the herbalists, some would be going right in to potion prosecution for lower tiers of fire or earth affinity potions.

When she had suddenly been caught up in this, Alma and Gil were also caught up. They were two prominent figures being a hero and a representative of the elves as a whole. But more so, they were brought in since someone needed to split up and focus on the monster materials and also the ores. Three routes that ended different storage and handling.

It only took a few moments to get to the magical crystals used to amplify the voice and transmit the notice that the three had led to become one to handle the information they and the other representatives of Genesis had received.

"Hello! I have exceptional news. You should all understand that we are not ending this massive conference of ideas early for negative reasons. I spoke to the Genesis Council representatives present. We have received word from the lava fields that we have an unprecedented situation." Alma was taking the lead while Remy was standing to the side holding a pile of reports already. The information about what was being sent on the floating ship was too much already.

"When it comes to herbs discovered, ores and other earth bound materials harvested, and monster materials hunted, the floating ship will be full in capacity within the day. This is an amazing proof that the world is growing around us. To manage the cargo coming here, we ask that everyone capable will organize the plans we will utilize now. This area will become a processing area for every item found."

"Those with appraisal skills will come to the front here and register their names. Those with storage skills and abilities to store these materials will report to Gil. Those with archival skills will meet with Remy. Otherwise, we need others to speak with attendants about how we will transform this area before the floating ship arrives!"

The buzz of conversation overtook the area. The sudden announcement was not negative. Instead, it offered a very high amount of potential experience that anyone could gain from processing these materials. Especially those with appraisal skills who needed a lot of real life hands on time with materials to get to the best of the best.

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Chapter 2387: The Appraisals

Appraisal skills were the tough part out of all of this. The materials coming had to be appraised to make sure they were what everyone believed them to be. It was also the key to ensure that they would be able to find new items without any waste in the chance that these items were dangerous.

Alma, Gil, and Remy were considering this while they noticed the few people that had actually come forward. It wasn't that there were no people with appraisal skills available, but the fact that those with the skills could not use them well enough.

The lowest tiers of appraisal skills would more or less just give a name. Some of them would just say, this is an ore of higher quality. That form of appraisal was not as valuable as people realized. Just because it was a form of appraisal did not mean that the skill would give them any more information than what could be found originally.

That was why using the all around appraisal skills was so valuable. People had them made and copied, all derived from Walker's all around appraisal skill as magic scrolls. The other appraisals being copied to magic scrolls were often the higher tier skills which could find specific information about an ore, person, item, and so much more.

All of these scroll took materials and the count for them in the Genesis vaults were very important. Only a certain amount of them could be produced at one time and the same from them being sold. This was to ensure that there were proper appraisal scrolls of all types for when there was a major need for them.

If a dangerous monster appeared or a new plant that was causing a lot of danger to the people, they all needed to be appraised.

Since the world has changed, there were already changes to materials. Some of them radiated mana at all times while other absorbed manas around them. The ones that radiated manas were dangerous because they could push that mana in to others around them. It would also potentially interrupt the flow of mana through rune formations where those materials were.

The same could happen with any materials that absorbed mana. They could steal away mana from other things causing issues. But they could also be plants which meant that the mana absorbed would be growing those plants. Causing there to be something growing where it should not.

The storage of these items was also an issue. Each herb, material, or even monster material found would need to be stored specifically. The appraisals would be able to ensure that these forms of storage were found and upkeep.

"What do we do about the appraisals? You have a skill that lets you appraise herbs and potions Remy, your thoughts?" Alma and Gil had stopped what they were doing. They had everything more or less working to change the entire massive area for their processing. The floating ship could land and get unloaded much better even with this level of preparation being lesser than what it was going to be.

"You want me to have an answer? I never studied more than what I needed to. I just had the knowledge to get the skill. I can't just say what ways people could get better appraisal skills. I thought some people were lucky and got the skills from using scrolls too?" As much as Remy wanted to just help and have an answer, she didn't have one. But that was fair.

So many people had used the all around appraisal scrolls which were very high quality. Since that was the case, a few people had gained a basic appraisal, the all around appraisal skill, or even a different appraisal skill related to their class.

There was a swordsman who gained the sword appraisal skill, it was only for swords and it focused on the swords being useful to him. However, that was enough for him to have the knowledge that he needed.

Regardless, appraisals skills were not just exactly, as what the skill in the scroll used was. And the chances to even get them were very low. "Excuse me, I was scheduled to have a talk about the future of skills and teaching. I think I can help you all."

The voice was rough, clearly from years of talking. But the voice had a certain bit of mana that demanded some attention. That made everyone nearby waiting to report to hear from the three in charge listen as well.

Remy, Alma, and Gil all wondered why their attention had been taken so well when they had been very focused. "Sorry for using my skill. I had a teaching system for years. But it changed a little when I came out of retirement with all the changes and moved here to retire before I saw the potential of a future." The rough laugh was scratchy, but the old and thin man still held his head high when he was saying this.

"So what brings you here to use a skill to get our attention?" Alma was not worried at all. She just hoped that this teacher was not unhappy about having their time lost for a speech about education. She knew that general education was a major aspect of Genesis right now. Many young children could use the knowledge.

Basic knowledge about all races and the way that Genesis worked was invaluable to them. It would allow their safety within the city and also their future growth. Especially since the world was changing. Even just the general information about where the students could go to learn about specific classes was enough to help them massively in their future. "Well, my speed was about teaching. But the class I gained when things changed is called the skill tutor. I can help teach others basic skills that would help anyone at the developmental portion of their lifespan learn certain skills. Communication skills, focus, meditation, and even basic appraisal skills. I have used the all around appraisal skill scroll and gained my teacher's intuition skill too. So I have experience with the all around appraisal skill."

All three were paying a lot more attention now. "So that would mean with the rime and the mana, I can teach some of those younger class holders how to use the basic appraisals or awaken better appraisal skills if they work with me. Too many of them walked away unhappy just now."

"This is what we were looking for then. You can help them learn the skills then? How long do you think you need/ and what is considered developmental when it comes to the age range?" Gil was already getting more information. He set the papers he had been given down and was looking at the pile of people who had too weak appraisal skills for their needs. He even picked a few up.

"I have at least forty people that can't help but have or need an appraisal skill applicable to this entire project. What do you think?" Alma and Remey decided that even though Gil was trying to get the all around appraisal skill to a better level himself somehow, that they would let him do this. The high number of younger craftsmen that had come and found that they could only handle menial tasks was high.

The general attitude of all this had been poor and made many other craftsmen feel unwanted. It wasn't intentional, but there was just a feeling that they had. They couldn't be appraising the greater materials. They could only help with some storage. Nothing enough to brag

about.

If they gained an appraisal skill to help though? Well, then they would be able to brag that they improved at the best time to help and improve all of Genesis through materials and more. That Was something to base their foundations as a reason to grow more and more. To say that they saw the material from the day they got it in to Genesis and then to the day it was made in to its final form.

"Of course I want to help. I have been a teacher for sixty years. I know exactly what we need and how to teach any student. My eyes are not the best but the skills still work fine." The teacher laughed with his scratchy voice, but that was nothing to frown at. He looked happier to be of help rather than anything else.

After being a teacher and tutoring nobles or the odd rich merchant here or there, he had believed he would retire and that was that. Nothing more. But then Genesis formed and he moved to retire somewhere vibrant. After the changes in growth and teaching becoming a need, he came out of retirement. He saw so much growth his heart was feeling twenty years younger.

Chapter 2388: Heading Back

"Two days ahead of schedule and we have the entire floating ship full!" Walker shouted out the announcement and a cheer came from everyone who had been helping store the materials found.

When it came to everything, Many more materials for forging and building had been found than anything else. Some rare stones aligned with many ores that were higher quality than what was normally found had been obtained.

When it came to the herbs, there were kinds that had not been seen before mixed in to the kinds that were clearly larger or more developed than what they would normally grow to in the wilderness. This wasn't all because of the manas though. The entire land had been improved because of the world's expansion.

This was proof that the farms that grew all the food for Genesis would also be showing these results as time went on. The nutrients in the soil were perfect for them to be able to grow more food. The more food that everyone had, the less worries about the growing population. This also meant that some of the rarer ancient foods and herbs could be grown in focus rather than the bulk produce needed for feeding everyone in general.

Walker had sat down and talked for a while after they had taken a break with this announcement. He and Su had wondered if there would be more to worry about because of all this. But Walker had realized that even though the changes in the world would keep them busy, that it was a good thing for food production which always came up on the topics to discuss at meetings.

Walker and Su had mentioned the new foods from the various seeds that had been found. Especially the ones from the ancient ruins which were still viable because of how they were stored and also because of how resistant some of them were to the passage of time. Seeds were always that way though, they were made to wait for the right chance to grow. That was just nature.

Some seeds had also been from the vampires who had managed to retrieve a lot from their ruined home. The final castle and village that they had left in ruins after their race had been isolated for so long.

One fruit was just like an apple, it was called the blood drop fruit. A fruit that apparently had gone extinct because the vampires had been stopped from producing it when they were isolated and made in to slaves by one of their leaders, it had seemed completely lost.

The blood drop fruit was just like an apple, but the insides were nearly liquid and vampires could eat them without having to worry about any negative consequences. That was because it was very similar to blood. It also held denser manas which nourished their bodies allowing them to hold themselves in a better form at most times.

While many people had worried about the vampires as a race, the founding of more food was great for them. But it also showed that the new seeds being studied had more hope in them.

This made the general public happier and more enticed to learn new things. They could become more knowledgeable about the world as a while while making sure that they were growing too. Put in the fact that they were able to find new paths to change class by researching and growing food that was desperately needed, well, it was great for morale.

"So we can just enjoy the progress for a little bit of time." Su grinned a little since she knew that Walker had said everything for the fact that he wanted to ensure they both didn't worry about it at all.

"Looks like we are off." Walker watched as the mana moved and the floating ship began to rise against it was slower this time. The mana cost was more for the weight added.

Some of the monster's materials had been taken from golems. This made sure that whether they liked it or not, they were heavy.

Some were ideal since they were mostly made out of ores. That would go a very long way to help Genesis. However, the stones that they were made of were also valuable.

These stones had formed as the golem formed. Meaning that they were able to allow Alma to flow through them at a better rate than any other stones. Furthermore, if they had become certain kinds of granite rock, then they could be used for making amazing rune formation bases that could be used for a very long time.

That alone convinced Walker that all this added weight was worth the extra mana. That and there were enough mages and spirit race members to ensure that the mana was gathered and replenished.

Since this was the case, he didn't worry too much. But since the movements of the floating ship were much slower, he began to worry. He especially since the working staff was running around much more now. They had the same worries.

As the mana flowed, Walker saw that the stress on the main rune formations had been passed to smaller formations previously not activated. This changed the amount of mana used and also added to the overall mana being used.

Feeling this, Walker could see how the spirit race were working to direct it. The stress on their bodies and their control was massive. The waiting spirit race members had already joined to help proving that the mages were needed next as well. There would be a lot of work to come.

The first three hours he did not relax and observed. Su sat with him realizing that he had stopped speaking because of his mana senses and more care in using them.

She had also noticed more though. The mana cost in the full storage areas had not been properly accounted for. Mostly because a full storage was not expected. Those in charge had done the math for

partial storage of materials and ores. Not completely full with some added weight for what people also carried in them since the storage was full.

With how strong her senses were, Su heard every word. It made it clear to her it was time to get up and help. Where she lacked the mana control that Walker had, she could move parts and hold areas. She could also use her strength of mind to boost others' mentalities.

"Walker."

"I know, you can do what you need. I am starting to help too. I'll bring mana in and release the stress from the pressured manipulating spirit race members. They need help if we are going to bring speed up and also manage the materials in the same quality we harvested them in."

It was easy to guess that if the stress became too much, the only option would be to remove the storage runes used to protect the harvested resources from the processes happening right now. The safety of everyone here and the floating ship was more important.

As long as it did not collapse to the ground, then it could be improved. It could easily be improved later to the point that the issues happening now would never be an issue again. Especially with how quickly people were advancing their classes and knowledge in general.

Su was off to help and Walker stood up. The mages holding themselves back to maintain their mana for later also stood. While they were not directly commanded by Walker, they understood that if he moved they should also move.

They respected him and knew that if Walker was helping it was extremely important. Even if they slowly added their mana to make their strength last longer, it was enough. A thousand drops in a bucket could fill it after all.

When Walker made it to the main core of all the formations, the mana gems, and the control center of the floating ship, the staff stopped. They gave him nods since they knew he didn't need any more information. Just his presence was a surety to them.

His hand softly touched the main mana gem predicted just for this floating ship. He felt everything with much more clarity. He could also see the errors in mana rune formations where too much mana rested at one time. It wasn't an issue for how it was made. This was an issue of the lack of overall knowledge in making the ship period.

It would be improved over time.

He focused on these stressed areas perfectly. He felt his mana being absorbed too but he didn't mind. The mages had all backed him up and provided their mana which mixed with the mana gem and was guided by Walker. The immediate sense of smoothness that all the spirit races and mages felt was a true example of the strength Walker had due to all his growth and learning.

Chapter 2389: Stress Cracks

"What is that sound?"

That was what people were first thinking when they looked up at the partly cloudy sky. Many of the staff needed for the unloading of the floating ship had already been brought back to be ready. They knew that the floating ship would appear sooner than later.

What they did not know was why the earth walls had been made. Why there were wind rune dampening formations? These would stop the wind from pushing past the walls and make sure that everyone was safe.

None of this was what they needed when the floating ship had taken off. Specifically, the floating ship had been made so that the wind it used to help it direct itself and float would not be an issue at all. So why did they need these specific rune formations and walls?

The sound of howling wind grew more and more. The flapping of dragon wings also were easily heard. The dragons were not helping the floating ship but their closeness proved their worries and how they were ready to reach out their talons at any second and grab the ship if it were to falter.

"Move in and prepare to unload. I need the mages present ready to control excess manas. Rune carvers, get prepared for repairs and breakdowns. We need a proper evaluation!" The orders were out and the floating ship caused a whirlwind of brutal mana and dust as it landed. Some tents not better protected took to the air and mages had to use their skills to capture them before they hurt anyone.

Even more dusty as kicked up before the floating ship landed on the prepared stone braces. The metal creaking and the other materials showing the clear wear and tear. The rune formations were constantly bleeding mana and many of the staff or soldiers on board without jobs had been put to work with watching or mending.

The clear loss of stress from them as they all relaxed for the first time in days told them everything they needed to know. Everyone waiting on the ground saw it. This included Alma, Gil, and Remey who were prepared to welcome them back but now gazed on in worry for Su, Midnight, and Walker's well being.

"All guards, prepare for us to be relieved!" The booming voice wasn't Walker's but Mindights. She stood in her dragonkin form and looked a little worn out. However, she was standing on the top of the ship with her head high, for what everyone could guess, she had been the one to remain above to be able to send information elsewhere.

Su appeared a few moments later, she didn't have her armor on and instead had a basic robe with various pockets. This was something she had been gifted for all her help with the healers. She was wearing a robe made to hold bandages, medicines, and whatever odds and ends that a healer might need when treating wounds.

"Healers, follow me. We have mana mana based and breaking metal based injuries. I need people to also handle the steam burns from some of the moving parts of the ship. We have it prioritized by those at risk and those that are yet to stabilize. Otherwise, I need carriers to bring off some that had broken legs from shifting metal."

Su's orders stopped everything and made a clear path for healers. She had made sure that her voice held every ounce of authority that came with making sure the injured were healed. What Su didn't realize was she had unintentionally used a dragon skill called dragon's terror speech. A skill that added the feeling of fear to those who would disobey her words.

"What happened?" Su didn't respond but Midnight did. While Midnight did not like talking as much, she had not had the choice since she had taken a role that Walker would normally use since he was too focused on mana.

"Damage because too heavy. Too much mana. Walker is busy. Four mana gems damaged. The main mana gem cracked. Long trip." they all got the gist but they could also tell Midnight was reserving her energy.

What everyone had somewhat forgotten was that through her bond with Walker, Midnight could share mana. That was what she was doing even now. She had given over almost all mana while working to communicate and share information. She had even been the one to send the communication crystal message.

"Gil went right down in to the floating ship followed by the mages. Alma and Remey could handle the other aspects but he was going to make sure his best friend was more than safe. Especially since Gil understood that the entire floating ship required focus on mana that would easily stress Walker.

Everyone had limits when it came to complicated control. Walker might be an origin race member now and also growing constantly. But was he all powerful? Not by a long shot. He was still Walker and needed to grow more to be able to handle everything life had to throw at him.

Gil didn't make it through the door before he felt the manas acting up. They were leaking from the massive mana gem made. He could also see where the rune formations had broken the metal due to the high flow of mana and stress in them as well.

These things could and would be fixed. This was the first time the floating ship left in an expedition after all. It needed this test.

As Gil watched, Walker forced the mana down and calmed it. He forcefully held it in place while new mages replaced the ones who were passed out or nearly passed out. But they were here in time to control the mana so Walker could step back and fall to his but gasping.

"I think we need to increase the strength of the materials used. We had a lot more weight. It couldn't last long but we held it together to keep from major failure." His words were still ragged but Gil smiled nonetheless.

"I didn't expect anything else. But maybe try to give us more warning that you are about to cause a tornado? The walls were a little short." With a pat on the back, Gil helped Walker back to his feet and

forced him to drink another man's potion. He wasn't letting Walker fall asleep right here before walking out proud.

Those outside were waiting for orders while also knowing they had to see Walker. They had seen the other leaders calling repair teams and such but not Walker yet.

As Walker stepped out it was confirmed that everyone was safe and the situation was in control. That was just the presence he had. It was also midnight's sign that she was free to leave where she stood and begin looking in the direction of home where she could sleep for a day at least. Not to mention the food that would be waiting for her.

To be fair though, everyone in the floating shop and this expedition deserved a good meal and rest. The massive number of materials were their payments for a short vacation.

With a deep breath, Walker took a little mana and made sure everyone heard.

"As everyone knows, we put the floating ship through an extremely rigorous test behind the plans we had originally. We also carried back many times more harvested ores, stones, monster materials, and herbs than we had planned. We have brought it home with success. Let the Genesis alliance continue its rapid growth for the races united!"

This was what everyone needed and wanted to hear. The roar of approval echoed as mage moved the earth walls and the rune formations were dissolved. Now, repair teams were in full movements while the appraisal groups and moving groups accessed the storage areas.

It was only a few moments before shocked tells of the appraisals began to arise. Many new appraisal skills were being used. And many people were questioning if they were even able to use them properly. Yet here they were, proved correct.

The highest quality that some people had ever seen was right there in front of them. Not just there but in high numbers as well. It was shocking. No, it was proof of a greater future. Right in their hands were materials they never imagined they would see.

When they all began to see even better materials and the herbalists began to shout too, it was over. The energy flowed around the area and a few people with stress became the most vibrant

people around.

Whispers of the next crafting competitions started immediately. How they could all use these materials. But that also started the conversations about the next herbalist and alchemy challenges. A boom of ideas a new goals.

Chapter 2390: Leaving For A While

While things didn't seem to be calming down whatsoever, Walker found that he managed to find himself a free moment. He also found that while he had dozed off in a small tent away from the main focus on things, Onyx had managed to find him.

What Walker was a little surprised about, was that Onyx looked a little different. "Good morning brother. You look better now." Onyx had been more or less handling the processing of the light mana he had recently gained. While he had been awake he struggled to do too much.

However, Walker had felt the manas that Onyx transferred to him through their bond. It was why Walker was thankful the moment that he saw Onyx. It was also how Onyx knew that Walker had been in a very stressed and tired state before he had been able to sleep a little.

Not that Walker had a choice, the moment he had sat down to rest his body and mind had taken control and knocked him out. But that was what happened to everyone went through stress themselves too much. Sleep is always a good choice for resetting.

The scales on Onyx's body had become slightly sharper looking. That wasn't it though, Walker could tell they had become denser. Much better to defend Onyx. It was also clear to him that there was mana moving through the scales. "You have made your light and dark mana armors in to a permanent skill. It's a passive skill?"

This meant that the skills Onyx possessed had absorbed in to his body and become nothing close to a skill at all. It had definitely changed in the clearest and most true sense. It was not at all what the skills had once been known about or when they had mingled together.

"I have, I was sleeping and making the light mana become one with me. I realized that I needed more dark mana too so that my body could handle it. That was when I felt like something inside me was finally awake. It was more like I had just opened my eyes after hatching." The warmth Walker felt through his bond with Onyx proved that Onyx remembered that moment and this new moment with great happiness.

"When that happened, I felt my heart rush. Everything became better. My mana moved better and my body was bigger in just a few moments." Now Walker felt that Onyx was a little uncomfortable.

"How much bigger?" Now Walker could somewhat tell that Onyx and potentially had a little problem.

"I only damaged a little of where I was resting." Now he knew. Walker could tell that he would have to help fix a few things up. "I grew another ten feet in length brother. I believe that I have awakened an ancient part of my bloodline. I also can vaguely sense that I am no longer what I was. That any of the heavenly or abyssal serpents in the elemental planes are just that, they are not me and what we are going to become by living in the world."

Now this was something that Walker already knew. Onyx had already separated himself as a different king from his ancient ancestors who could not remain in the world with the manas changing. He and all the eggs left had been here, losing the chance to grow in dormancy because they did not receive the manas they needed. Yet, he could tell that there was a lot more going on.

Awakening ancient aspects of a bloodline should not mean that Onyx would change this greatly and fully take on that different racial name. Instead, it had to be because of how he united the manas in him and how he had grown so much. His intelligence and bond with Walker and through Walker with Midnight should have a say in this.

"I would say that you are more than just a patriarch to your race now. You might be considered the originator since if they get as strong as you they will look like you do now. The heavenly and the abyssal serpents I mean." The young serpents were also growing, but they didn't have the same binds as Onyx did. They were not groaning as fast or with influence from others in the same form as him.

"That's fine, I wanted to show you before I went back to explore some of the new ruins found. I want to make sure that more is found. I have the ability to let all of the younger siblings hide in my shadow now." Onyx's shadow flickered and Walker could sense at least a hundred different manas resting in Onyx's shadow.

He hadn't even sensed them at all and Onyx was in the smaller form since the majority of his body was also hidden in shadow. Another impressive aspect of his skill and the growth that Onyx had.

"So I take it you wanted me to know you were heading out for a while and wouldn't be home?" This was when Walker understood. Omnyx had been doing a lot more on his own, but right now, onyx wanted to lead an exploration of his own. More than just working on ruins, he wanted to find something in the wilderness greater than what he had done before. He wanted to live up to and beyond what his family did.

This wasn't a desire to stand equal to them, or based on worries that he was not standing with them. It was a drive to be more than what the young serpents needed. To be the figure established in history and ingrained within their souls from birth. That he would be the one who they looked to even a thousand years in the future whether or not he was alive.

He was making a legacy that would inspire every single young serpent born. "And Aurora, you know I can sense you too. I can tell you managed to get a decent bit stronger. You even managed to get some control of dark mana. You are the second strongest out of everyone. But what's with those little wings? Trying to give the angels a run for their money?" Walker joked a little when he saw that Aurora moved outside of Onyx's shadow.

"Alice is not going to like that you are both running off. I understand though. You are both going to be the pens to create a legacy after the ancient ancestors of your race left and never came back. A new race. A new legacy. And a home both of you are going to come back to so I can hear all about it. But you remember, if you both need help you are to call for me immediately. With everything you have, you call."

There was a part of Walker that knew that Alice was going to be extremely angry with him. Aurora was still the tiny little white serpent in her eyes. She cared for her the same way that Walker cared for Onyx. Yet, if Walker stopped either of them, he knew it would be the very same as cutting off their future and ruining their bonds as family.

"How about this though, make sure that when you come home, the story is worth listening to a hundred times?" He smiled a little and watched as Onyx and Aurora melded in to the shadows and the shadow darted off.

His mind was on the changed look in Onyx's eyes. One that said he would surely succeed. The little wings that seemed to carry Aurora in the sky setting her aside proving that she had taken same step as Onyx but was representing the female side of their race. Still a perfectly balanced dual race beyond what he could imagine.

Now though, they had begun to properly establish themselves a new history in the world. Not worrying about the ancestors and Onyx clearly didn't even wish to see them again. Instead, he was focused on a new path as he had always wished. But he had accepted that path now. All Onyx needed was the step and strength to do it.

"Well, I guess I should go find everyone since I am awake." Walker sighed a little as he stood up and stretched his back. Sleeping in a weird position in a chair and not in a real bed would

make anyone stiff.

Regardless, he could sense that a lot had been done. The manas from the floating ship were back in line and the spirit race who had been working on it were clearly at rest. They too needed to rest their minds regardless of being made of mana for the most part. They still felt the mental pressure and could make themselves go dormant willingly now. Without any negative side effects.

This all came second to Walker though, he had to check on everything. Not just the spirit race.