

Master 2551

Chapter 2551 Frozen Oddity

Su was not fazed at all by the speed that they moved. She had done a lot of training and had a high resistance to just about everything at this point. The wind that buffered her did not make her wince in the slightest. She was holding on to the feeling of strange water mana more and more though.

From what she could tell from the way that Current was acting, he was extremely uncomfortable moving closer and closer to the source of this odd water mana. But when his wings moving stuttered for a moment, Su knew that this was not a good sign.

"We are landing, we will need to walk from here." Su didn't need to ask, she felt that everything around her was more dangerous. Her instincts told her that where they were was not the same as the lake or even the woods around the lake which she had been to before. There was a baseline instinct screaming within her mind that everything was a danger to her right now.

As Current took his dragonkin form, he tried to pull at the water mana he knew should be easily manipulated by him. Yet The more that he tried the more that it seemed to be drawn in strange ways.

"The mana I gather just pulls itself apart again. Even the water I have in my hand is not directly within my control easily." Su watched the small ball of water dripping away from Current's hands. This was not at all what should be happening.

Current had some of the most powerful water mana controlling skills in the entirety of Genesis for there to be a situation like this happening to him, it meant something even more serious was occurring.

"The dribbling water is freezing too..." Su knelt and looked at the water on the grass, it was freezing in to a small icicles on the ground. They were freezing upwards with every drop as if the ground was so cold that the water wouldn't be able to run off at all.

However, the issue was that the area was not at all cold enough for this to be happening. None of it made sense and none of that should be able to affect the ways that Current controlled mana. Worse off yet, they were looking toward the lake and began to rush over only to find that the naturally formed water rune was nowhere to be seen over the lake where it had once been gathering more water mana and flowing in natural ways.

They also saw that the entire lake was frozen. Not the calm snowy frozen that came with the change of seasons. No, this was the kind of frozen that came with the sudden change in temperature as if someone had used a potent magical skill here. The water was frozen in spikes that shot out and could easily cut someone if they were to simply brush against them.

The wind pushed against them as a burst of mana came out from the center of the lake. They knew very well that the wind was just being pushed away by denser water mana.

"I think we just found something that Walker needs to handle." This was somewhat similar to what had been described by the interactions of the chaotic mana to the mana of the world. It broke the flow and caused there to be a dissonance that didn't make any sense. It also broke the stronger control of those using magical manipulation skills around it.

This was one of the few things that could cause Current to struggle so much. It was also clear that this entire area had been suffering since this occurred.

"Last time I heard that the condensed manas could connect the elemental planes through space. This plane was trying to balance itself and was putting pressure on space, isn't that the case?" Current was not out of the loop. He had the information and was deducing the source of this issue right now.

"You are right and I think we need to make sure that Walker is on his way here before it spread-" the pulse of mana that radiated opened what Su could only call a portal to a vast expanse of cold and slowness. She felt that she could now see in to what the world would be like if the water mana condensed and there was no one to hold it back and balance it properly.

"We need to get him Now!" She yelled but before she could use her communications crystal she felt her stomach twist and a pulling feeling. That pulse of mana that had radiated out was also being balanced by the natural reaction of the world to send mana back in to the elemental plane.

Thai was happening naturally with the proper bridges, not here though. It was all too dramatic. The vast variables moving back and forth were causing the manas to be sucked in and pulse out in chaotic violence. While Current was heavy and strong enough to resist, Su was much smaller and the gust of manas pulling her had dragged her thought in to this new elemental plane.

Torn between trying to rush after Su and whether he should remain here, Current realized he could get Walker here to handle the problem. He knew very well that If Su desired she could fight him head on and the odds of Su being able to beat him were not small. She had the strength to survive whatever was in that strange place he could not see and how she could handle the chaotic manas associated with it.

What he had to do was make a move right now without any hesitation.

The roar that Current released as he flew back to warn everyone was enough to ensure that every monster and anyone listening within the area turned right around. For a dragon to roar this way was

both a warning of their strength but also that they were not in the slightest bit happy, they were prepared to fly in to a rage at the smallest inconvenience.

"You do not belong here. You are very different than what we are." The voice was akin to dripping water and softly falling snow. It wasn't spoken allowed but it was spoken right in to su'e mind as she found herself somewhere within a raging storm of wind and ice.

"Who? Where?"

"All around you odd one. We are the storm. We are the biting cold. We are unnamed yet we still are." Her shields were up ready to defend but Su just found that there was more ice and snow around her now. The cold was eating in to her and she knew that her resistances were the only reason that she was able to function right now. Anyone else who is weaker to wind and water mana would have already fallen.

"We were visited once. A thing able to hold us and see what we are made of. It spoke of centuries before we could go beyond. What is beyond, it is where you come from? When do we see it? Are you one of them?"

The speed that Su's mind raced told her that this was something Walker had to handle. Something that he would understand so much more. But to say that she didn't start to assemble the pieces? Not at all. She had a very good idea of what was happening here.

She had listened carefully to what Walker had told them. She knew that the elemental planes formed out in chaotic mana. She knew that they could accidentally connect to the world. She even remembered when Walker told her that other more powerful origin beings took the formed elemental planes and brought them together waiting for the right time to incorporate them in to the greater elemental planes.

"I know one of them, an origin being who can move your elemental plane. This was not the way it should happen, but he will come to help you and i. He won't let you stay here and suffer like this."

"Suffer? Is that what this is? The odd other things coming here, that is suffering?"

It was like speaking to something entirely foreign. Something both intelligent but entirely lost as to what was going on around it. Closer to a child or an elderly man mixing up his memories. "There is a lot more to everything you will get to see, but until my friend gets here, can you help me survive? The cold and wind might be a little dangerous for me. I am trained to handle those other things so let me use my shields and protect you from those other things too." Su changed her armor with her skills and slammed shields together to take a stance in front of where she sensed deep mana coming from the world.

Now, she just needed to hope it would all go well and that Walker was on his way.

Chapter 2552 Bending Space

The feel of the space mana being moved with his very hands was something Walker believed would never be normal to him. If it ever did he might have to reevaluate how he felt about mana and himself as a whole. Luckily as he reached out and used the natural manas to heighten his ability to manipulate space mana, he felt the bridge he had been meditating in front of work with him.

Since he had manipulated the space and in turn, caused every bridge to the elemental planes to solidify even more, this was like being welcomed back to finish a job. While he had not realized the job was not done all the way, this was fine in the essence that he was improving himself and the bridge right away.

The space mana he'd gathered was influenced by natural mana, meaning that it was even closer to the world now due to the balanced mana on this side of the bridge. The wind and earth mana coming over from the elemental planes was not interrupting a single thing.

As the space mana and natural mana were blended together, the bridge to the elemental plane grew in size even more. The manas flowing in to it and out of it smoothed even more. It was a shocking feeling since Walker had not understood how calm the mana could be moving. He had felt the way it flowed before and thought it to be smooth and free, he'd been wrong.

Now the manas were being mixed ever so slightly as they moved through the bridge, meaning that the manas coming from the world worked in tandem to make the manas from the elemental planes safer for those of the world. It was not something that Walker expected but in terms of bringing the world and elemental planes closer together, it was miraculous.

The process had taken roughly a day to undergo but that was fine, Walker could do this nine more times and bring the bridges to the higher quality they were meant to be. He could also see that it would be much easier for larger beings to travel through this bridge while he would also be able to travel faster through to himself.

Just being able to travel through the bridge faster would be amazing since there were many elemental spirits that moved through the bridge. This would speed up the natural flow of their mana and growth which would in turn assist nature too.

As it was not the end all be all of this though, Walker took a deep breath and began to contemplate which bridge he should go to first. He could go to the island and then start to move toward the Sigil continent to handle the bridges there while also looking in to what the others had found. He also knew that making his way to the mountains might be ideal since he knew there should be another bridge there somewhere with how he had sensed the manas through this bridge earlier.

While this was mostly instinct it was enough since he was sure that his instincts were right. This sixth sense was something he felt he would understand a lot better once he was closer to all manas.

"Walker! You need to come with us right now!" It was Almas' voice that broke through Walker's moment of peace. Yet, he didn't even hesitate to leap toward her, he could feel the stress in her voice and knew this was serious beyond serious, it was a proper emergency.

"What's wrong?" He felt a sudden pressure of water mana and looked in to the sky seeing Current in his water dominator dragon form flying in circles. The stress he had was also clear, his control of his own mana was somewhat disruptive.

"What happened in the new city building project?" Mow Walker felt there was something much worse going on.

"Current and Su went to explore some off water mana senses that came from the area of the naturally formed water rune. They found a break in space leading to an elemental plane. There was chaotic mana and it wasn't balanced. Apparently Su fell in and they need you to handle it because Current can't control enough water mana to change anything there at all."

Her words had barely finished and Walker was stepping through the air in intense leaps. The space mana he piled toward him brought him right in to Current's face before he spoke softly, "Let's go." There wasn't an ounce of panic or stress, just calm hardness that came with knowing he had the ability to help and he would not accept any other option than protecting Su and fixing the problem.

That was that. It would happen and Walker would not accept a single other possibility.

Current felt a large amount of mana move around him. It was every single buff to work on speed and flow of mana enhancing his abilities. While many had felt the abilities Walker had learned in terms of boosting other strength or skills in some way, it was normally spread out to many and not just one person. Current's mind struggled to comprehend the sheer amount of improvement he faced all of the sudden.

Every flap of his wings brought him forward much more than he was used to. He barely even registered that Walker had used space mana as well to bring them through the elemental teleportation rune formation in an instant. It was staggering the level of skill Walker possessed.

He'd seen Walker fight with everything he had, yet, that image in his mind was so far past now that he felt and saw this. Walker might not show it, but his level of manipulation and understanding of mana and his own skills was radically higher than it used to be. He just hadn't been tested recently to show it all.

As Current expected to fly right to the breaking space he started in that direction only to find he was moving larger distances ahead in single breaths. It wasn't only his boosted movements but also Walker's short distance teleporting them both to get there.

Even more so, Current sensed a protective bubble of natural mana around him keeping the flow of his water mana from being broken. He could still sense the water mana around him but he knew he was not at risk for losing control of it. In fact, he felt more in control than average.

"There was chaotic mana here but it is partially held back. There's something inside that plane halting it from developing too much and it's why Su was able to be pulled in." In an instant Walker sensed it, a force holding back the mana with all its might.

'Blizzard elemental

While many would think this elemental spirit is one larger being, it is actually thousands of smaller wind and water elemental spirits bringing their minds together to become an elemental. While its intelligence is slower to develop, its control and understanding of ice and storms is very high.

The unique form of water and wind mana united as blizzard is unique to it and it can communicate through the entire area that it governs using its mana. While it would normally take hundreds of years to understand its place in nature, it felt a connection with a naturally occurring water rune and was able to absorb it to understand how it can join the world.

It has the potential...'

"I know what happened. The water rune drew out a connection to the being within the blizzard elemental plane and from there it broke through. That's also why there is less chaotic mana, it realizes that something is not right and it wants to survive." Walker could also sense the delicacy of the manas here. It was struggling.

"We will save it, I need you to make sure the water mana doesn't flow out from this area, when this elemental plane comes to the world, it will cause a little trouble but if we don't good the water mana properly the blizzard elemental and Su will be harmed or die."

As much as Walker wanted to go within the blizzard elemental plane, he couldn't. He saw the blizzard elemental and understood the balance right now. He just had to make sure everything joined together seamlessly.

"I guess I will be using a lot more mana now." His jumbled promise to himself pushed away the worry that life and death mana joined with natural mana would work well enough here. He couldn't meditate or hesitate. He could only act right now.

Anything else would put everyone more in danger. He knew Current could halt the flow of water mana but he wasn't sure how the blizzard elemental would react when his own mana manipulation reached out to take the reins. He'd have to just hope for the best.

Chapter 2553 Cold Snap

"How can I do anything here?" Current felt as if he was almost powerless. This was not a feeling he experienced ever if not even getting close. Yet here he was feeling as if everything he could have done was pretty much tossed aside.

The reason being that as Walke began to pull at the natural mana to enhance his control of manas around, Current felt stifled.

The natural mana was incredibly dense and caused all the manas that had been trying to balance to halt and move much slower. The chaotic water and wind manas still were freezing the area but there was a significant change now. They were being slowed and calmed little by little.

Shockingly enough, Walker also seemed to be stirring the life mana, plants that had been partially froze were starting to perk back up. This was similar to when he had used life mana and natural mana in tandem to help farms or resist a few negative effects of the bridges to the elemental planes opening in certain areas.

It was something small that Walker could do in comparison to what he had the abilities for. Using life mana to help enhance someone's natural healing abilities or using it to heal in general was already spectacular since life healers were few and far between.

Using this life mana and natural mana together was enough to leave Current at a loss so far from what he knew that he didn't even think he would be useful. That was until he felt the creeping sense of danger.

The innate coldness that was so far separated from real cold that Current felt he should retreat. Unnatural but natural at the same time. It wasn't the cold of dense water mana or lack of heat, it was the cold that prickled the back of anyone a little too close to death.

As Current tried to fathom the depths that Walker was dealing in mana with, Walker himself was mentally racing to make all of this work.

The natural mana was putting pressure on the chaotic manas. It slowed them to the point that the break in space mana was now accessible. But there was an issue with the elemental plane he could see and feel.

The mana within was very potent and pure but it was missing things. There was not enough mana within that could allow it to flow with the world. A lot of natural mana needed to be added to make it applicable with the world.

Most of all, life and death mana were nowhere to be sensed at all within the blizzard elemental plane that Walker was sensing. He could vaguely sense Su and the life of the blizzard elemental. They were the sole existences of any life or death mana which naturally occurred in sentient beings.

This was most likely why this elemental plane was held back. It was left to develop properly so that it could be brought in to the other elemental planes and be able to flow with them in balance. Without the life and death mana of the smallest amount, no plants, no other monsters or races, nothing could properly form.

This was why the origin beings must hold these elemental planes back that they find. Both The fact that some contain dangerous unintelligent monsters or they are just too broken and need more time to form. But this plane right now, it needed more development of life and death mana to be able to balance without being torn apart. The fact that it was now connected to the world made things much harder but perfectly explained to Walker why he needed to use life and death manas here.

This was something that the origin beings must do in some regard. They had the abilities to shape and alter elemental planes so if he had been already sensing the chaotic places looking for elemental planes he'd have been looking to plant the seed of life mana or death mana or whatever was needed to balance that plane. Time would be needed for it to function though.

The idea that even a space elemental plane could be lacking or a life elemental plane would be lacking was hard to wrap his mind around. However, it was all about a balance. Every elemental plane had space mana within it, had time mana within. It didn't alter the water elemental plane negatively by having them, nor any other elemental plane.

Therefore, just channeling these manas in to the plane should be enough to spur a proper safe balance that would not cause the break down of the blizzard elemental plane he was grabbing ahold of.

The natural mana was there to balance the elemental manas but also Inspire the unity of other manas. Natural mana was why Walker could better sense other manas.'It was a larger concept that brought many together, teaching him the differences he couldn't sense before. That had been a starting point for him. It was the same here.

His breath slowed as his focused high tended and he pulled at the familiar feeling of life and death mana which he'd sensed before. The life and death mana needed the natural mana to keep them condensed, the natural mana was like a pair of gloves so Walker could actually manipulate them.

While others with these affinities might do so differently, Walker focused on balance and this was what allowed the two somewhat opposing manas to flow with his intent.

His manipulation of natural mana was focused on how nature melded together, nature was a term that no old encompassed the world itself. Races, their affinities, and even the weather. Nature was both easy to grasp and infinitely mysterious. Meaning that life and death were in there balancing naturally too.

There was a downside as Walker pushed for natural mana to drag in the life and death manas in to the blizzard elemental plane. The space mana was under more pressure and even more mixed water and wind manas were flooding out.

It caused the freezing to become even more intense. A battle of natural mana buffed plants and land near Walker against brutal freezing. Current's state of weakness in this didn't even occur to him because his kind had entirely latched on to the focus of all manas in the area.

When Walker grabbed on to the space mana that focused as the base of the blizzard elemental plane, the entire area became even more disjointed. Even the light and dark mana nearby became slightly shaken as shadows stretched and twisted due to the two being unbalanced now.

That didn't mean he was letting it do what it wanted though. With a hardening of his kind, Walker began doing what he'd done before and pulling the space closer. Forcing the blizzard elemental plane to settle in to the world. He used the natural mana as anchors and lures for surrounding ambient life and death mana to flow in and balance the plane as well.

As he moved all of this with his skills, Walker felt his body becoming closer with natural mana, death mana, and life mana. He even felt that the space mana he'd recently grown closer to was more part of him than it had been before.

Whether it was purely his race coming in to play or the mental hoops of moving all of this, it didn't matter. Right now he was making progress and the sudden snap of the blizzard elemental plane taking a place all around him made Walker alter his focus.

His mind switched to pushing the natural mana carrying life and death manas with it in to the area while Current found his control to be returning. With Current handling the outward pulse of water mana it in turn halted the wind mana from wreaking havoc on the general area as well since the two wet whined together.

Su had appeared nearby, her lips blue and frost in her hair and all over her armor. There were signs of her armor having been damaged by heavy mana flow from the world but there was also what appeared to be a dense moving storm surrounding her.

The shape was vaguely humanoid, yet, it was also more akin to seeing a small tornado of blizzard trying to shape itself better to be seen rather than to just dissipate within nature. The snow didn't land on Su and it seemed the ice was actually being pulled away from her to protect her.

The shiver that moved through the entire area was what Walker knew as all the manas clicking in to balance and him not needing to push certain manas around to ensure balance. He also felt the break in space snap in to place completely sealing it as if nothing had happened.

While the naturally formed water elemental rune was gone, it was clear that this entire area that had just snapped into place as part of the world would be an immense boon. Understanding that would take

time, but the moment right now was needed to be focused on Su and her weakened body due to extreme wind and cold conditions.

Chapter 2554 New Feelings

"You took your time." Su mumbled a little as she let her shields touch the icy ground with a crunch."

"Someone made things a little harder by falling in to an entire elemental plane of blizzard." Walker immediately rebutted against Su's comment, but Su just laughed softly while still shivering.

She had started to be warmed by the healing skills that Walker used, but that was not as fast as it could be. The blizzard elemental had backed off and was watching in whatever way that could be said to be watching. It was unsettled but Walker had used a skill to enhance its defenses as well. A shield of ice and wind were protecting it.

The other manas would be damaging to its body, this just be the reality that it would have to face an being an elemental mana based being. However, Walker wondered if it was considered a race or a monster right now.

It was not necessarily a monster and closer to being called a spirit or a spirit race member. However, this was not a normal elemental which would be partial embodiments of a mana running amok or with some violent intentions. Elementals were somewhat dangerous in terms of the elemental planes from what Walker had learned.

Where this was different was the fact that multiple spirits made up this blizzard elemental. All of the intelligence and understanding of what it was had come from their unity in benign what they were. While that also meant a solid body was most likely not possible, that didn't mean that it was not physical. It was just taking the form of a tightly condensed storm.

Su had a slightly worried look in her eyes as she watched Walker healing her and making sure he was also using some skills on the blizzard elemental. She knew very well that what he had done most likely cost him an extremely large amount of mana and that even Fleur must have been helping and would be forced to sleep for a little while to recover.

This seemed to be the result every single time that Walker was forced to go beyond his usual skills and push ahead to deal with space or more volatile manas. He would be weakened and in need of time to recover.

This constant cycle had to be troublesome for him and also wearing on him. Yet, he had to do this multiple more times along with delving deeper in to the manas that he had not been able to study or meditate on? How would he handle that?

"You are definitely too cold and need to take your time adapting back to normal. I will make sure some ambient water and wind mana rest around you as you dispel some from your body. That way it won't react poorly with the mana in the air. He was careful to help Su stand again and found Current taking a position to help her while Walker would be able to handle the blizzard elemental.

"You were helping to protect Su from the more dangerous wind and ice in your home." Walker didn't say anything else while he looked at the moving blizzard around him.

"We reached out. We found others. We feel... different now." Looking carefully, Walker could see the natural mana, life man, and death mana slowly bonding with the blizzard elemental.

It wasn't in any harmful way, more like a puzzle having the rest of its pieces being fitted together properly after being missing for a long time.

"Those new feelings won't stop there. From what I understand what you are and this home of yours were not finished developing. There needed to be time to develop and grow life mana and death mana to be able to mix with the elemental planes. Instead, you grew more intelligent and reached out to the naturally formed water rune."

Somewhat bonus understanding the intricacies of how space would be influenced and something could vaguely sense the rune, Walker decided it was something well beyond him right now. He could worry about the bending and opening of space through chaotic mana due to heavily dense naturally occurring runes. They could be handled later since the naturally runes without a magic tower to bind with them would certainly have this effect again. Not that he hoped for that whatsoever.

"There is more than wind and ice mana in the work you are now part of. You can resist them properly because you have no resistance to them at all. You will need to stay here for some time before you can begin to move. You need to grow and train yourself." This seemed overall confusing to the blizzard elemental.

"I don't see you having evil intentions or anything cruel in you at all. When you felt the natural mana you even relaxed and accepted the buff even though I also isolated you from your surroundings more. You are an elemental and can control blizzards here in this new land attached to the world. We can make sure you are left alone to grow and develop for some time."

Now it seemed Walker was making little more sense to the blizzard elemental since it changed the way the snow and ice moving in the air flowed. "The Genesis alliance can make you an ally and keep this land off limits while that happens. Monster slight come still, and foolish people, but no one should be coming here without good reason."

"What is needed?" This was something the blizzard elemental did understand clearly. Everything was give and take. It had learned that when first forming, no one spirit it was made of had control, they all had to be unified to be what they were.

"Join our alliance. Live on the side of peace and unity. Grow alongside all races whether you become one of them in your growth or a new race, join us. Knowledge, protection, and peace is the goal and currency of our alliance. Otherwise, if you do not join, I can offer temporary safety since my attention is on the whole world and not just here."

He wasn't lying or giving any unrealistic promises. Walker knew that this blizzard elemental surely didn't understand the risk of what it had done when reaching out to the naturally formed water rune. It had done so since it knew that it could use that mana to grow and develop. Moving forward though, he could ensure that it grew safely while others didn't accidentally harm themselves or it while this occurred.

"We do not understand. We can learn."

"I know, the world is a hard place to understand especially with how young you are. You have what you need here now though. Current, that dragon who will carry Su home, will use some water for you to freeze in to a wall. It will help you maintain the manas you need while you slowly adjust to the world."

After saying this Walker moved his hand and some water mana and wind mana made an odd misty covering over the area. It helped deter the light from becoming too strong and making the ice melt.

This entire area was dense with water and wind manas mixed to become a blizzard ice stormy mess. It would be hard for anyone to travel here but on the edges it would slowly melt and become muddy and marshy. The world would adjust but it was all about time. Having a little more time to keep things cold would be to the blizzard elemental's advantage.

"I will also leave now, I will send a few people with affinities that are similar to yours later. They can help you understand what you might become or just be friends. you can ask them anything." The blizzard elemental seemed to spread its body a little more sensing the manas in the surrounding. But no reply came.

As far as Walker understood, it was just watching and learning. It couldn't truly keep communicating easily with the way it was now. It needed more time. It had too much to learn.

"Current, if Su seems like she is getting colder again, tell me. I know you can sense the lingering water mana in her body. And Su, you are going to rest for five days at least. If you even so much as try to go back to building..." Walker trailed off with a stern look. He knew she might do so anyways but she would understand that if she was too weak she couldn't protect people properly.

After setting foot outside of the blizzard land he'd just pulled her, Walker was able to finally take a deep breath. He felt empty, almost every bit of mana was gone and he could tell his mental strength was gone too. He needed to recover and keep working, but that would take more time than he wanted.

Chapter 2555 Splitting The Mind

Knowing that the quest he was working on was becoming all the more true to what he'd been asked to do, Walker understood more of the dangers that they could face.

The space mana between the world and the elemental planes was not as separated as he had believed that it was. The chaotic mana in between might be the cause of some trouble here and there but it was also clear that the elemental planes could directly sense and influence the world to some degree now.

That was if there were those with the strength and intelligence to influence the world. The naturally occurring elemental runes had a potent and a uniquely specific form of whatever mana they were born from. Meaning that they put pressure on space mana and could allow for their mana to seep through in to the chaotic manas.

Where that mana stood out was where the elemental planes was able to get a focused connection. Chaotic mana and the mana of the world which was calm were very clearly different. Even those without any ability to sense and utilize elemental manas would be able to see that.

Meaning that if someone had enough strength they could pull at that naturally occurring mana and try to drag it to them. They would not be manipulating space mana at all. The space mana was already under pressure and that was what caused this incident and potentially more of Walker didn't do anything about it.

What he had to do was strengthen the bridges to the elemental planes.

The reason that it was so easy to make these connections were the issues with the space mana. And if the bridges to the elemental planes weren't releasing the manas and absorbing manas in fair trade as the world did, then more and more pressure would be there. The small breaks that allowed chaotic mana and unbalanced manas through in different places would continue.

The ability to use life, death, and natural mana to enhance and balance the elemental planes he pulled in to the world was a countermeasure. It wasn't a requirement to accomplish the quest link but a way to handle things while he was working to accomplish it.

If he didn't move fast enough more and more breaks would either bring connections with chaotic manas or with partially formed elemental planes. Basically, the weight on his shoulders would only grow as he

moved slower. He needed to replenish his mana faster and the best way for that would be getting closer to the bridges to the elemental planes.

They had the manas that he needed and they would be needed to balance the planes themselves, so the best bet would be to prepare there rather than sit in any place that was generally out in nature or away from the cities and kingdoms.

The blizzard elemental was a new being that he did not expect to meet or have to handle. It was proof that some beings would be coming here whether they even knew themselves or not. He was sure that there had been no way that the true sages or even the elemental rulers would know of these things.

Meaning even more so that they would not be able to help with these sorts of issues. They would still be expecting that if they had a race about to perish they might be able to reach out for help. Something that was all the more possible the longer that time went on.

The origin beings should be adding more and more elemental planes to grow every single elemental plane. That meant that the borders between them would also grow and the world would be under more pressure. The denser mana as the elemental planes shifted would be harsh on the world and that was why this quest must have appeared in general. The world wanted him to prepare and existence itself was most likely also playing a hand in this.

Stepping in to the air with what mana Walker could use right now, he began moving rapidly. Using the manas in the surroundings was not new to him. This was something that Walker had learned some time ago and he was also able to absorb that mana and use it as his own. It was just not the same.

The level of control he would have over that mana was not as high and would be a larger challenge that what others might find. It would weigh on his mind even more which was an issue since he had used

almost all of his mental strength just using multiple manas of unique form to enhance and grow the blizzard elemental plane that was becoming part of the world.

Right now he would need to focus on the space mana and even that felt like he was asking for a massive headache and to pass out. This was an issue he hadn't expected and wondered if he could have trained better. But how was it that he would have brought his mental strength higher and higher other than doing what he had been doing the whole time?

Walker had been meditating and training his mind consistently since he had gained his strength. He'd pursued magic since it was something he found amazing. Many people wished they would have some magical skills and even some ability to use magic in any form or fashion.

Yet, as Walker was allowing his thoughts to split between rushing to the next bridge to the elemental planes and also thinking about solutions to his mental problems, he realized he already had the. He had skills for multitasking and even for memorizing and storing his memories to be seen at a moment's notice. He even constantly used the all around appraisal since it had been a habit further splitting his mind and concentration.

When he fully focused on something he always found that he was able to do it, even just now with the blizzard elemental plane he had managed to focus just on that and achieve his goal.

He had not realized that this entire time he had made massive advancements in utilizing his own strengths due to splitting his focus on them over and over. He even realized that the true sages must do something similar since they would split themselves between various golem bodies when they wanted to travel to the world or handle other issues throughout the entirety of an elemental plane.

Meaning that the more he and they had done so they were all training mental strength. If he wanted to handle these bridges, he needed to use these skills properly. Focus himself on different tasks coming together for the greater while not focusing on unimportant aspects of what he was doing.

"One focuses on absorbing and using ambient mana, another for life, death, and natural manas coming together, and another on space." As Walker mumbled his process, he understood that it is more than just plausible. He could manage this much better the more that he processed the amount of time and energy he would need.

While many would find this an impossible task, Walker knew very well that he had already done this over and over. He was even doing it now as he sped through the next elemental rune teleportation formation and found himself on the island with the first bridge to the elemental planes he had been to.

He felt the manas flowing with higher density the moment he stepped through and took a moment to split his focus. He was already walking through the air and felt that the bridge was almost waiting for him. He knew that space mana connected the bridges and that they would most likely adjust slightly while he altered some here and there.

Where he also felt a change was that there was a greater amount of dark mana flowing through this bridge meaning that it was connected to the dark elemental plane. Not that this was a problem at all.

After just a few seconds of thought, Walker pulled at the space mana and made a connection with the bridge. It responded to him and seemed stubborn just as all space mana was naturally. However, he was easily able to begin shaping it as his different thought processes started to manipulate manas around the area too.

His mind was splitting itself to multitask but also working together. If anyone were to read Walker's mind then they would find it was like being in a crowded room. A lot going on at once but also a lot of

team work and communication. He has split his mind and managed to begin moving manas as if he was a team rather than just one person.

Chapter 2556 Progress Noticed

"You are making better progress than what we expected from you right away. I can feel the changes." The voice was hard to grasp but Walker could sense what it was, or who it was.

"I had to do a lot of things differently to make this work better. The first bridge didn't work as smoothly as this one." He looked at the area where the choice had come from and found nothing but an inky splotch on the ground.

Now he knew who he was actually speaking with. An unexpected guest, but someone that he should have realized would make it here at some point, especially since there was a lot going on. "And it's good to see you true dark sage of the dark elemental plane." Walker made a point to say this since he knew that the inky splotch on the ground was actually condensed dark mana from the dark elemental plane.

The even denser core of dark mana was keeping the shadow darkness together, it was like a slimy looking spider web of mana trying to fight the sun, shadows were cast all around it. Everything that Walker had understood about these elemental golems that the true sages made for temporary control was being altered.

It was the very skill's base that he had misunderstood. Instead of the entire golem being something that they created it seemed that the only thing they made was the core. From there the core would bring mana to make the body and it could be altered in different ways to make the golem available to them.

Meaning that they could send multiple golems out to look around since they just needed to control and build the core and let some of the functions they might have to focus on be handled by magic they created within the core.

"You can learn from this golem body I made, I will leave it soon." The true dark sage wasn't one to speak out or even wish to be seen, therefore, he was going to make his point quickly. "You will feel a flow of mana from my plane. Be prepared since it will overwhelm the area unless you are prepared."

He'd come just to warn Walker of the change in mana flow. A swap of pressure as the dark elemental plane gained another elemental plane's worth of strength and shift to be able to balance that. The higher dark mana would flow in to the world and more mana of the world will be pulled in to the elemental planes to balance everything as it flowed. That was just how things would work now.

"Thank you for the warning, I know how to strengthen The bridges again and making them more in tune with the world as a whole is important. I won't be stopping work on this." He didn't want to seem like he was going to ignore the issues that were going on but he had to focus on the overall solution.

"Just be warned of the shadow worms that come over in that time. They like to burrow in to shadows and spread decaying dark mana so they can feed on the remains of what they devay." The dark blob melted away and Walker clearly saw and sensed the core of the golem.

He had already taken the warning to his mental archives but seeing and feeling how complicated the little dark golem core was he could not imagine how many spells he'd need to build it for only a temporary usage.

He'd figured out to some degree how to do this but now he realized the depths he lacked in making it happen. He'd need layers upon layers of guided dark mana to make sure each function he'd just seemed worked. Being able to control it, push language through it, keep shape, move, absorb mana from the surrounding to make a body, and that was just the start of it.

Walker didn't need to see these dark worms or whatever they were, he could warn those living on the island that there will be more defenses needed. He could also have some light affinity guards come to hold the area. They would be able to counter the decaying mana.

It also seemed like this wasn't a massive threat and more of a nuisance monster. Unable to harm larger beings and would not openly attack anything. More of a pest that slowly decayed things so it could eat that decay, nothing more.

The fact that they lived in shadows also made them easier to find and handle. The best way to push them out of an area would simply be just to use light mana to make the shadows they hide in disappear. Simple and quick for anyone handling the dangers. Even a child could use a lantern to do this.

The higher amount of dark mana was where Walker understood he needed to send some warnings. He was mentally exhausted already but stopping his work would be tantamount to abandoning his cause. And now he had two bridges handled and only eight more to handle.

He could go and work on the other known bridges and hope that someone would have the next location for the bridges still out there.

"No way!" Gil was arguing at a small camp. He'd found two merchant caravans making deals on a small camping area attached to a few merchant trade routes. They were between the human kingdom and Genesis in a rocky area.

While the land was a little rough the road was being built to make it easier to travel. That wasn't the issue though, the issue was that Gil had found them having a full conversation about how they and another caravan will make temporary markets in an area where some adventurers had already gathered.

An area that apparently had a lot of potential since there was a bridge to the elemental planes there already.

As logical as that sounded, it meant that some adventurers had broken the rules and not reported such a place. That the merchants were more than willing to ignore that and focus just on their business. It was also against the rules of the merchant guild they were attached to since it was a danger they should report so that other merchants could be safe.

They both knew the risks and were willing to ignore them. The adventurers there wanted to take Advantage. To gain strength from the potential materials and monsters they could encounter. The merchants wanted rare goods to boost them forward in the world of trading goods. It all sounded well and good until a monster they couldn't handle appeared or a group of a different race became offended by people entering their territory without permission.

That was all aside from the true sages or elemental rulers who might be pretty angry that they were not consulted about people entering their elemental plane. It was a recipe for disaster.

This wasn't even considering the general safety issues that would come with everything. All the dangers that could enter the world were risks that should not be taken unless absolutely necessary.

"Every single one of you will be reported to your guild. There will be sanctions." One of the merchants was about to argue when an older merchant held them back. They recognized Gil immediately. They knew just how much trouble they had just gotten themselves in.

"Line up and report yourselves to me now, if anyone runs you will be apprehended as if you are an active criminal." The tone was matched by Gil's actions. He prepared an arrow so that he could take down anyone that might pose a risk of running.

It was rare to hear of Gil this serious, people knew him as aloof and always helping the elves. They also knew that he was Walker's main support. The arcane archer who was better considered an endless ranged fighter who could sneak and scout with higher prowess than some specialized in it.

"You will then show me exactly where this small village market you are setting up and we will be logging every violator there properly. If you can not comply with this I will handle it appropriately." There was no turning away. The youngest and least knowledgeable merchants felt the pressure from Gil's orders. They couldn't even consider speaking out now.

When Walker found the communication crystal message from Gil, his face darkened slightly since this wasn't what he hoped for. People would always want to work for their own gain, no race was exempt from it. Regardless, he now had a lead on another bridge to the elemental planes.

The others could handle paperwork to make the area a small base of operations or a properly built village. Otherwise, he would leave Gil's orders to handle those who broke the proper safety measures and rules in place.

Chapter 2557 Not Much

Setting foot in to what the two merchant leaders of their own caravans had called a village was less impressive than what Gil had expected at all. In all honesty, he would call this barely a camping place. There was little to no building and nothing revolving around actual protection.

"You have to be kidding me. This is what you both called a village with a market alley for you both to take over? This is mud and mess everywhere." He even looked at the carriages, some had broken wheels left to just sit since the merchants who owned them expected to be able to stay here and make a living forever.

If this was to continue it would become a slum of fighting and regrettable actions with people unable to leave from here to get through the wilderness. Without anyone to properly govern it, there would just be anarchy and crime. Gil wanted to use a fire elemental arrow and burn away this place but he stopped himself.

He saw a smaller group of adventurers in roughed up leather armor approaching them. While Gil wasn't worried that they would pose any threat to him, he mentally reminded himself that Walker already knew of this place and would be here any moment.

"These merchants brought a guard. Good, tell them how to work here and what they are allowed to do." One of them ordered another to start explaining everything. That made a clear shiver go through the merchant's spines.

Not because they were afraid of the weaker adventurers, but because Gil heard it clearly and these adventurers had no idea who he was at all.

"You know, I have been working on this arrow, it makes the ground dry out and sandy soil to rear up trapping the target. It sometimes traps several targets because I need to speak to a rune carver. I wanted it to be more specific in what it captures so that it is easier to get hostages or protect, or even arrest one person rather than all." Gil sighed and faster than any of the adventurers could react pulled out an arrow and fired it.

The crown arrow pulsed with earth mana and a little of what could be seen to be fire mana before it hit the ground and dissolved in to dust itself. That was also an issue that Gil disliked, the mana inside was too much for the materials and the mana burned the arrow leaving it useless.

When the adventurers realized that sand had reared up and trapped them, they could only cry out in shock. "You have violated many rules and even some laws. You are here trying to run this area by your

own rules and take everything as your own. You put many lives at risk and everything here is equally responsible if the peace between the elemental planes and the world was damaged."

This weight being pressed on them as Gil's voice boomed out made it clear that no one could love or escape. A few people did try running when they noticed Gil was there but his speedy arrows were already let loose to trap them. Some used unique magic made by Alma that caused seeds to sprout in to vines and wrap them up quickly. Others were sand while a few were ice.

"I see you all do not grasp what Gil is saying. He is stating that you have violated the law of the entire Genesis alliance, rules of your guilds, and risked the safety of both the world balance and elemental planes balances. As such you are under arrest and will be processed and punished according to your crimes."

There was even more pressure as Walker arrived above it all. He didn't smile or show any pride in how Gil had easily handled this group of over seventy people. He knew and trusted Gil but seeing the immense strength and speed of his archery was still astounding.

Right now though, he had to back Gil up and assert his strength to ensure that everyone here was held accountable. After just a few minutes, people began lining up the same ways that Gil had the first two merchant groups. Those he had trapped were freed and brought in line.

The adventurers were made to hand over weapons and Gil began interrogating them. So far it appeared no one had entered the bridge and there was not a major issue to handle. However, that did not make things any better than they were. This could happen at other undiscovered bridges to the elemental planes.

If more people wanted to try and get their quick claim to fame and riches, then there could be a repeat of this. With dungeons, it would be its own issue. People would need to know the rules and most likely

would end up risking it all for what was within. But that would not cause imbalances in the elemental planes or cause friction with those ruling them.

The adventurers Walker found himself looking at were younger. They also appeared to be barely following any rules as many were not in a party and they didn't have any quests attached to them when Walker and Gil contacted Clara about this.

It went further to prove that no matter the era, there would always be people who tried to cheat their way to quick fortune. It was the way of things, there could never be a perfect utopia of all kind hearted individuals working for the betterment of the whole. Everyone was uniquely individual, but that's what spurred advancement and new discoveries.

"I found where the bridge is too, it's in a small cave a little ways north. They don't have anyone guarding it and there is evidence that a few empty camps of adventurers have gone inside." This entirely halted what Walker had to say.

He was going to lecture and explain the violations more clearly. Instead Gil would need to wait here for the other forces to arrive and take the criminals back.

In just a few moments Walker was inside the cave and fully sensing the water mana moving from the bridge. He found one unconscious younger adventurer whose armor has a sheen of frost over it. He wasn't dead or anywhere near it but he clearly had run from something.

Using some earth mana to make shackles, Walker left him there while moving quickly through the bridge. The colder feeling meant that the water mana where he was going was purer and denser. In easier terms, he knew he was going to a place closer to the center of the water elemental plane. A more dangerous place.

'Frost fur yeti

These pure water elemental beasts are monsters that reign supreme in the edges of the central water elemental planes. Once there was an attempt to educate them but it failed due to their brutal nature. Only a few of the high yetis known to have proper intelligence remain because of their isolated living styles.

The monsters will chase and fight whatever they can whether for food or for territorial reasons. Often they will even take trophies back to the icy caverns they create to live in. Their bones, meat, and fur have purer water mana and are extremely valuable inside and outside the water elemental planes.

While they are considered a monster to avoid, some races hunt them as a rite of passage for their true warriors...'

The booming roar that Walker found was proof that those who had foolishly entered here were not dead yet. He'd come at the right time to find seven more young adventurers bruised and bloodied while trying to face this tall muscled monster.

The white fur released bone chilling water mana while the larger arms slammed in to the ground causing ice to form and shatter. The massive teeth also glinted with frost, potentially meaning it could bite and freeze its opponent as well.

"You all should understand the extreme errors you have made." Walker used water mana to freeze and block the next attack of the frost fur yeti. It easily shattered the wall to ice but found that Walker was standing with a shield in his hand blocking the follow through of its attack. It didn't even push Walker back and even felt the water mana it used channeled out of its body and in to the shield form of the eternal codex.

"You should all understand that you will be severely punished for even keeping this bridge a secret. You will be expelled from your guilds and made to work to pay off the crimes you've done by risking the balance of the elemental planes and the safety of the world. Does that suit you true water sage?"

A hand of water and slush reached out of the ground and pulled the frost fur yeti backwards holding it. "No harm came, your judgement can be kept." The hand remained but Walker felt he was not welcome right now. The true water sage may have let his ruling remain but he was not at all happy for what had occurred.

"Then I will take the prisoners with me. I will expand this bridge to the world afterwards. I will also write a formal apology from everyone involved." He made his move without another word. Speaking more would be an insult.

Chapter 2558 Banned Merchant

Despite the injuries, the adventures that Walker had just pulled from the water elemental plane were just fine. They could be healed easily while they were also very clearly understanding the errors of what they had just done.

The taking part was that they hadn't even managed to see a single material that they could bring back of value. Meaning they had gone just to be beaten up. Just so that they could understand that they were not even close enough in strength to survive a few moments within any elemental plane.

While an argument could be made that they would have done better if they were on the outskirts in the weaker areas of the water elemental plane, there was still the fact that they would have struggled in the water. The water elemental planes were unique and hard to move through in general.

While it was odd that drowning was somehow not an issue, potentially since the mana was closely bound to life, it was clear that there was something unique working there to keep people or anything from suffering. Not that everything that lived there needed to breathe at all.

Otherwise, Walker could tell that some of the adventurers had frostbite that would need to be treated more slowly to heal properly. It was common knowledge to many healers that those with certain injuries like burns or frostbite needed to be healed more slowly due to the risk of losing feeling in those damaged places.

Yet, the healing was always based on necessity. If someone was at a greater risk of dying they would be exhaled faster to ensure they survive and if they had some side effects that was the price of survival. It was always a fine line many people would not consider when it came to the process of choosing best treatments for every injured person. Healers had to make these choices and for many, they would just assume someone was getting healed and would be fine in another instant.

These thoughts ran through Walker's mind since he was sure that there would be some lasting damage from this risk that they took, but that was their own issue. They had been younger and more foolish than others. Yet, this didn't excuse them especially with the fact that there were other adventurers clearly older and with more experience than them who had also been here ready to break the rules.

"Reporting to ensure criminals are taken in to custody and the surrounding area is scouted for any dangers or other issues involving current events." The vampire scout that arrived as soon as Walker stepped out of the bridge to the elemental planes was one of the vampires called on to help with these issues.

He was a captain who had immediately begun to show off the high degree of utility in his dark affinity scouting skills. The dark mana he used was focused on muffling footsteps and hiding his presence in nighttime and daytime even. Many of the serpents Onyx cared for had begun working with him and those he had trained. Even a few of the other vampires have begun working for him since he was so advanced.

While Walker knew he had once been a lower ranked scout before the vampires had been made slaves by one of their own people. Now, his skills were considered some of the best since he had utilized them to go unnoticed and keep from being used or abused as often as some others. It was why he survived and why he was ready to fall in line and do whatever was needed for rebuilding his people and the alliance as a whole. He was well driven and Walker was glad to have him here.

"Very good, I am glad you are here. You made it here faster than expected. Right now we have some injured who went to the water elemental plane. They need treatment before they can sit before a trial to be penalized. I believe we also need to focus on the fact that some powerful monsters are being held back by the true water sage, that is why we don't have any issues right now. I will work on the bridge now and Gil should already be looking at what else is needed so speak to him as well."

It wasn't much in response but the vampire nodded and began moving as he was instructed. Several others came from the shadows to help move the criminals and also to treat them as necessary. One was a dark healer who utilized dark mana to help in whaling, but she also could hide well which made her an amazing stealth healer. It would be interesting to see her work with teams that needed to sneak through dangerous monster infested areas. She was also a healer who would not be at risk when in battle because of her stealth abilities.

While Walker began the process of expanding the bridge to the elemental planes, Gil found himself with the group of scouts who had arrived.

"You will need to hold them here until wagons can be set up to transport everyone back safely to where they will await their trials with guilds or with other representatives. We will also have to establish some of your group to remain here as temporary guards." This was something easily handled by those here since the scoring group sent was over thirty of the better trained people.

"I have also seen that the monster bodies some of the stalls set up to sell are lower quality, we will need to do a server of monsters in the area. I doubt they overfunded but there is a chance the local ecosystem is damaged." As someone who worked with the elves Gil had learned a great deal about sustainable hunting and it was a major focus through Genesis since everyone understood the safety in food production that came with this.

"From what we have seen, many monsters along the trails here were hunted for fur, and meat was left behind. Those who hunted the area did not take all of the monsters parts that are useable." There was a greater amount of annoyance in the vampire's voice who explained this. They knew very well the precedent set for everyone nowadays.

"Thank you for letting me know that, we can make notes in our reports that they also didn't follow their guilds rules in hunting and procuring materials for sale." It was normal for procedures to be followed even before the Genesis alliance was formed.

Gil's party knew very well that even without Walker's spatial storage skill they were responsible for monsters they defeated. The only acceptable reason to leave them behind for nature to take was when they were guarding something or in an emergency situation. Otherwise taking something appropriate was the basic rule of thumb.

"There are even damaged mana gems and mana crystals for sale here. This is extremely dangerous and we will keep them isolated until appropriate crafters or mages can handle them." This made Gil snap his head toward the reporting scout and narrow his eyes.

"This means that there was more intention to go against Genesis laws and other kingdoms laws." He was very unhappy hearing this. Damaged products like mana gems and mana crystals were taken care of appropriately. Not because of the quality assured or for any greed in governmental affairs.

There was a serious risk. Damaged mana crystals could leak mana out which in turn caused damage to those around or damaged goods near them. The mana gems were much more dangerous. They stored higher amounts of mana and if the gem was damaged it could cause bursts of dangerous mana which would hurt or kill people nearby.

"We have another wanted merchant as well." Now this halted Gil entirely. There were some merchants wanted by the merchant guild for dangerous practices and other illegal trading.

"They are known as the black profiteer. Exiled from their family for selling cursed weapons and spoiled food goods. He's been isolated for interrogation, would you like to take over?" This was not something Gil could ignore.

It took a lot to be considered wanted for the merchant guild to be any you not to do business again. Even worse that a nickname for as possible to be given based on the deeds done. It also meant that this person might have more dangerous goods stashed away here. It was going to be an ideal place to sell anything away from the eyes of the law.

Gil didn't even hesitate for a moment as he moved toward the area where this black profiteer was being held. He could care less about what shady things the man might do to avoid trouble, but when it came to those shady deals causing harm he was ready to put his foot down. The other young and foolish merchants or adventurers could grow and survive after this. This man was never going to change.

Chapter 2559 Bad Sales

Gil was not surprised to find several of the scouts keeping watch on the makeshift holding tent that was currently where the black profiteer was being held. They were not letting this known criminal to get away or sneak even closer to whatever dangerous goods he might have nearby.

"Before entering, three daggers were removed, two were coated in poison. This merchant also carried several magic scrolls with offensive attacks. The reason there were no issues was due to the control skills used by the forest scout who recently joined our team."

This was something Gil knew about. The change in scouting teams was due to the current quest where Walker needed to find all of the bridges to the elemental planes. Since Gil had a hand in organizing the teams it made sense that he would know some of the elven scouts added to the groups.

The elven forest scouts were used to forest terrain primarily but their skills translated to everywhere in terms of sneaking and tracking. However, some were more advanced and could use surrounding foliage to trap or create obstacles for targets. This was often used to direct herds of monsters away from villages but in this case would be used to trap a dangerous criminal.

It was a very wise usage of skills and made Gil glad he'd mixed the scout groups to cover some missing advantages that different types of scouts had.

Opening the tent, Gil found a rather tall Demi-human with lizard traits. If he wasn't so scrawny he might be able to pretend to be a dragonkin. Well, that and if he added some fake wings. But his green scales were mostly hidden by the ruffled cloak he wore. It didn't hide the higher quality silk clothing underneath though. There were also signs that multiple rings had been removed from his fingers after his capture.

"Oh so they finally brought a big shot in. You're one of those heroes who like to send their lackeys to break down my trade groups." This was the first reaction from this profiteer and Gil already hated him.

The dripping annoyance and distaste proved that this merchant didn't see a single thing wrong with what he did for a living. Didn't have a single bad feeling about selling damaged goods or spoiled foods. Was only focused on the fact that he could make money.

"You are a criminal to your guild and to Genesis and various kingdoms. Even before the shift in the world you were found to seek spoiled food goods, damaged armor, damaged weapons, and fake potions. You even earned the name black profiteer from causing deaths due to your items."

"Well if you were going to flatter me I would have offered a discount sooner." The chuckle that came made Gil question whether or not people like this could even function in a well protected society. It was clear that he had no desire to ever repent.

"What goods were you attempting to sell here?" Gil didn't play games or give any control to this merchant at all. Compared to the others, this was the real criminal who deserved punishment without consideration of leniency.

"Goods? I'm not selling anything here. Just looking to buy from travelers. Why? Did someone say I was selling? Must be a rumor." The smug smirk told Gil he would have to be a little more clear with his questions.

"Let me be clear, you will tell us what dangerous goods you brought here and I will not have to ask Walker to use his skills on you which will block you entirely from using any mana potentially ever again."

Now this was an empty threat, not because Walker couldn't manage this, he certainly could make someone unable to gather manas or even use their mana based skills properly if he wanted to. Instead, this was something Walker wouldn't do since it was akin to torture.

Therefore, Gil was using the rumors he knew went around some of the darker areas of the Genesis alliance. The rumor that Walker could use manas around spoken to halt their ability to use any mana at all forever. Or that Walker could even make someone's mana turn entirely against them.

Things he most likely could do but wouldn't do since he was a hero and not a cruel torturer. Then again, just being isolated from surrounding manas would feel like there was a major issue. Walker wouldn't shy away from that since he'd used similar techniques to help others in the past, but still, for Gil, it was an empty threat.

It did work though, the black profiteer lowered his gaze slightly and the fake smug smile on his face dropped a fraction. He knew that Gil was not the heroic perfectionist Walker was and might actually use this sort of thing. But he could gamble and keep pushing back.

Mercantile work was always a gamble.

"No goods here-"

Gil stepped forward without an ounce of pity or care in his eyes. Being intimidating came with the territory. He had to be strict and clear with who he was in front of the eleven. Alma didn't always need the energetic archer that loved her, sometimes she needed the unbending hero who focused entirely on the rules and best for the prowl hunger side. This was it.

"You will already be tried for your crimes so far. If you do not cooperate there will be worse punishments given. It's only your future you are risking now." There wasn't a single sound in response. The black profiteer had held his breath feeling the large amount of mana moving around Gil.

He didn't intentionally do so, but as he'd gotten closer to the elemental manas, naturally mana in particular, this had happened. He could calm himself but letting some of the disgust he felt show for this merchant's past and current actions would help make his point.

"The broken carriage with metal wheels. It holds anything I traveled with. Three crates are goods I was asked to transport no questions asked. I don't know the contents." It sounded more like someone who had just lost the biggest game of their life but it was clear that Gil's words would be living in this man's nightmares now.

Someone powerful enough to make mana react to their emotions was in front of him. He'd handled the merchant groups and even this newly formed merchant guild. He'd felt with guards and checkpoints. But some insanely powerful archer who had been able to change his race and literally begin ruling Side by side with a powerful new elf queen? No way. He wasn't able to step beyond that. It was very clear to him now.

"Good choice." Gil turned around and left giving nods to the ones guarding the merchant. While he felt this black profiteer had not told him all the details knowing what carriage was his was enough.

It took minutes to find the carriage properly and it was already known that there would be damaged and even some cursed items. The guards with Gil loved them while wearing special gloves to block anything dangerous. A full small crate of poisons was taken extra care of for proper disposal.

The poisons might be for sale or for self defense but seeing as the merchant had daggers coated in them, Gil didn't see any benefit in risking bringing them to Remey. She wouldn't rest and why he didn't wish to keep them around. Poison had its uses but not for nefarious merchant trades.

What he'd worried about beyond the damaged goods though were any goods that would prove dangerous if left alone or sold. Specifically, the crates the merchant had transported for sale here

without a single question asked. Deals like that were illegal due to the damaged nature of goods and why many crafters had signed papers attesting to quality and who created them.

A well armored guard opened the first crate only for Gil to grab and pull him back immediately. "Sir?" The guard hadn't even glimpsed the items but Gil knew them.

"These are paralyzing gas potions. Made from the venom of the yellow sand snake. They are older products illegal for sale since the potion is made and sealed in glass which means it isn't properly secure. The venom degrades and becomes lethal so when it is released and becomes a gas it doesn't paralyze it kills. It was good for larger groups of monsters until accidents killed an entire shop of people."

Remy had once insulted the creation of these knowing that they were poorly made and the alchemist that made them had done so, cutting corners for easy gold. Now they were here and could have been sold or could have been the source of everyone's death that came here.

"We will have alchemists come to handle these. No one is allowed near here until then."

Chapter 2560 Keep Searching

When the manas converged and Walker appeared from the cavern that held the bridge to the elements plane, he quickly was met with reports of what occurred. While he was glad that they had managed to capture a known criminal he was less happy about some of the goods being found here.

So far the damaged mana gems and the damaged mana crystals were already a lot to consider in his mind. The fact that these materials had even gotten here proved that there were a few people doing things they should not be doing at all.

The crafters who failed in making products like some of what was found shouldn't have sold them anywhere. They should have dismantled them and repurposed the materials in to different goods or even lower quality goods. That was just part of learning properly.

Yet, that didn't happen so it made questions arise. Were these all old goods that some shady merchants had held on to? Were they goods that were taken from less ethical crafters recently? Were these items stolen?

While many more questions came up, Walker could already see that some of these poor creations were newer, some even had newer materials only available within Genesis used to make them. Meaning that some people were sneaking them out for sale.

The worst part about that was the fact that these materials could be used elsewhere. Walls, armor, rune formations, and so many other places. It was an insult to the upstanding members of the alliance doing their best to ensure a solid foundation in every project. Even the most useless scrap could be repurposed in to a valuable piece for the current building projects.

When Gil walked up, he was thinking the same things as Walker and they didn't need to say a word about it. "The next bridge was found in a forest near the Demi-human lands. I assume you will head there?" Walker nodded and saw that had stopped personally scouting.

He'd found an issue he needed to handle here and in Genesis.

"I trust you." This was the same as telling Gil he was family and wouldn't second guess his actions to handle the problems they found here.

Stepping in to the air and moving toward the next bridge to the elemental planes, Gil turned to the scouts and began organizing them for those who could head out and continue searching for other bridges.

It would be a lot of work regardless of who did what and how many scouts were out. It appeared that this major quest of Walker's was a lucky break since they'd happened upon an illegal sale area with dangerous goods. It also highlighted the usage of older trad routes which were partially still intact after the expansion of the world.

Making sure these routes weren't used to smuggle illegal goods or dangerous goods around the continent would be a major undertaking. Something that the dragons might be able to handle the best.

There had been an idea of the elder dragons who could not take dragonkin form acting as enforcers. Basically they would carry small squads of guards and scout the patrol routes further away from the center of Genesis. This way they could enforce the laws and also keep an eye out for other dangers.

Right now, Gil was seeing that he would have to support this even more. The angels, batmen, and harpies couldn't handle the longer distance travels in the same ways as the dragons. Neither could the spirit race to be honest.

It was about the endurance of going out and bringing back reports from distant areas like this. Especially when there was now a bridge to the elemental planes here. "Let's get this wrapped up. We should have more soldiers here soon to begin building a protective camp. After that we will set out with the last of the prisoners."

That was that. Nothing else to worry about Gil just needed to supervise and focus.

"Sister, it's over this way." Onyx and Midnight had gone separate ways, however, they ran in to one another after just a few hours of scouting out the desert area.

Both knew Walker would handle the elemental plane in the massive stone pillar nearby, but they had been following a strange feeling. They both sensed more light mana that wasn't coming from the already known bridge to the elemental planes.

Knowing that it could be one of many things, bridge, naturally occurring rune, or even a dungeon, they had stuck together to focus their senses. They could decide what they needed to do once they found the source. Onyx did make a mental note that the nearby bridge was releasing fire mana meaning that it shouldn't be sending out any light mana anyways.

Midnight moves stealthily toward the next sand dune, the massive desert had only seemed to grow. While it hid ruins from the ancient angels and even some immortal chasing race too, it was mostly unexplored. Monsters lived here but the resources that were here were few and far between.

Many of the Demi-human race tribes that wandered the land instead of staying in one place didn't even come here. Only a small handful would visit here now and then for traditional reasons.

Yet, when Midnight and Onyx picked up on the sound of shifting sands, they knew something else was ahead of the behind this dune.

'Sand slime

This rate slime is made of a water core that absorbs the sap of desert plant saps whenever possible. It then uses the thick slimy core to hold and control sand. While much tougher, they are actually very weak to the water mana which is part of their core since it causes the same to wash out of their control....'

The small appraisal was all Onyx could get with his usage of the all around appraisal skill he possessed now. While having. The skill was great it was nowhere near as used enough to be developed the same as Walker's skill. Besides that, he only really cared about what he was looking at.

Before he could say anything, Midnight stepped out and swatted one of the slimes. A chunk of sand flew off it and she was left looking at the oddity that it was.

The sand slime was trying to pick up more slime to protect itself but the others around were making their sandy bodies in to what could more easily be called spiky sand balls. They were rolling themselves towards her but they were nowhere near strong enough to be dangerous to Midnight.

A few claw attacks later and Midnight had them all with cores exposed and Onyx was watching them piece themselves together. Midnight and Onyx left them be since they weren't a danger to them, but they did notice some of them had a burned look to the sand they used as their bodies.

Following the trial of dropped burned sand they felt the light mana getting stronger. All until they found what could only be called an area melted. The sunlight was stronger for sure but the dunes here were all melted in to black and clear glass. Some areas could have been said to be burned black by flames but they both knew that it was whatever had been part of the sand that burst in to flames as the sand around it melted.

Looking further, they found an open space in the center of all this melted sand. It was a round open hole leading in to the ground pouring out high amounts of light mana.

"This is a bridge but there's also a dungeon nearby." Onyx could feel it, the high amount of light mana and earth mana that occurred here was why the area had been made in to this glassy reflective mess.

The light was brighter and the warmth even more so because of the glass, but it was the high amount of light mana reacting with the earth mana that changed the landscape and gave the dungeon directly next to the open bridge to the elemental planes the ability to form.

It was an amazing place to learn about either affecting one another, but an even more important place in terms of how the pair could change the world's landscape.

"We need brother." Midnight knew Walker should come here to handle all of this. She also knew that there was more to this than she could sense even with her and Onyx's sharper senses. They'd worked together together but now they would need to ensure they found a way to deal with the landscape here too.

They could feel the more nefarious side of the light mana reflecting around the glassy dunes. The light mana could be used for combat and as weapons, it was just how it was used. And right now it was dense and dangerous.