

## Master 2621

### Chapter 2621: More Potential

"Gem hunter? That sounds like some useless class. Not everyone finds gems in mines." One of the dwarven miners that had been with the reaching group was not sure that the class his fellow miner was telling him about was even worth it.

"No, you are being dumber than bricks. That girl has a class that helps her track and find gems. Not just little sparkly useless things, gems that develop with affinities in mines. They will be just as tough as the ores that show up there."

The sudden commotion attracted quite a few of the other miners who had been working with cave divers and other explorer professions related to the caverns. They found it amazing that naturally occurring mana gems might be able to be found. This was something so rare that it was easier to consider them impossible to find.

While Walker overheard this, he was also a little surprised since he was not sure how much more valuable a naturally formed mana gem would be compared to the mana gems made for elemental mana crystals would be. He had been part of making them and knew of their uses, but a naturally formed one? He was a bit lost.

This was just another part of the massive educational meeting here. The speeches given by the various guilds had already been enough to spread information. Especially since the information was being recorded so that the communication guild could release a complete coverage to be given to the parents a few days later.

This would help them encourage their children and also push them to explore even more while in general education. A good way for them to have a path of growth after they finished basic education. Plus it was a way to keep the parents in the know how for what they could help their children with.

Many races had different methods of growing and raising their children. Whether it was culture ceremonies, rites of passage, or even simply styles of raising a strong enough child to face the world. All of that was being changed by the united cultures within Genesis, therefore, this information was the key to navigating the future of how children would be raised as a whole.

One important thing that Walker noticed had gathered quite a few of the small class groups to the communication guild were the daily showcase pages of the newspapers being sold.

To encourage the sharing of new projects, information, and various other aspects of the pursuit of growth in Genesis, the communication guild was interviewing the average workers. They would then publish a one page interview explaining what they worked on, what they did to encourage the growth in that field, and even more importantly, how to get to their position and strive to go higher.

This had been why there were children so focused on it. Today's paper was showing off an interview with a water dragon elder.

Many people would wonder why this was so important, however, even Current when he had introduced this water dragon elder had mentored how it was hard to keep her focused and in one place. In Current's words, "she likes to flow with every storm and follow where the rain falls. She could never keep a village in one place."

"This is today's interview with the raining dragon, she spoke to us about the fields of every kingdom within Genesis. She has seen the farms blossoming to make the food we all eat. She has even adopted several orphans who are now learning water magic directly from her with her blessing."

This was why the children found her amazing. She was an embodiment of the wonders of adventure. Not only had she seen every single kingdom since she had begun working with Genesis, she had adopted orphans who some of these children had met.

"While dragons are known for having few children and spending time raising them, the raining dragon lost her only child to illness, a tragedy believed to be the end of some parents. Instead of falling in to depression, she looked in to the world and began raising those she could. She has even met personally with the hero Remy to establish better adoption policies throughout all of Genesis!"

That again was why the children saw this elder dragon as yet another hero. Someone selfless but still full of wonder. "And in honor of the future generation..."

"I have come to play since my little ones believed they could not miss spending time with their friends!" The soft misty rain that overtook the area wasn't discomfoting, it was impressive and surprising. Walker had sensed the magic and felt that he was being copied with the entrance.

He did think that the cooperation of the communication guild in this was smart. As the raining dragon was one of the few elder dragons who could take dragonkin form, she was able to do these things. And since she had her children with her, it was even more impressive.

The children she had adopted were not all of one race but they appeared to be more excited to be here than anyone else. Most likely because they did have some friends and thought that they would miss today. They had been going through general education on top of being taught water magic the way that dragons used it. They had water affinity which was why the raining dragon believed she could give them the best potential start in life compared to others.

That didn't mean they were all holding water mage classes. Two of her children didn't have a class yet but were very in tune with their water affinity giving them a great head start when they did gain a class.

The commotion drew even more groups to listen in as she began speaking with them about the importance of considering their future. Walker was glad he was able to help a little here and start to learn a little more.

Seeing the craftsman brag about finding future apprentices with already awakened classes was major. But he noticed a certain assistant to the adventure's guild master walking around with a small group in tow.

"I take it there are future adventurers or staff members?" Walker stopping and speaking with the assistant was enough to make the group of children following her begin murmuring with excited energy.

"I was trying to find a few who had interests in being able to assist the guild run every day. Instead I have found those who wish to convince me to meet the guild master." It was clear that the struggle to say no to them was constant. Convincing a child that the word no was final was... difficult to say the least.

"Well, how about someone like me, goes and drags the guild master out to come see everyone?"

"And would you do that right in the middle of the work day!?" Walker hadn't said this because he would actually go and do it. He had said it so that the kids would be surprised since Clara had been walking down to the training fields for the past few moments. She had needed to assure that everyone was ready for the next speeches and demonstrations. It was a lot of work for her and the other staff, but now was the ideal time to enter herself and act as the guild master meeting the community.

"That's her! She manages the best parties all at once and she even helps the heroes!"

"Yes she did, she helped me and my party meet one another since we were safer to work as a group than work independently. While it might seem boring at times, everyone in the guild offices work to make sure adventurers, craftsmen, mages, and everyone is safe, prepared, and getting stronger every day. I bet you can ask her a million questions and she would have two million answers."

This spurred them to rush over and start to bombard Clara with questions. Walker just launched a bit while Clara glared at him a little. She didn't hate it though. She was very impressed with how the party had grown and even felt like she had been left in the dust. Most of all though, she believed that the adventurer's guild had taken on a new image.

A place full of people blazing new trails across the world and even beyond it. Not just taking on quests to help a city or a small business, but a force that could protect everything within and even outside of the world in the future.

If the children didn't need to return home, it was clear that this meeting and showcase of guilds could have gone on for the entire night. Only the nocturnal classes were arriving now along with the nocturnal guild members. An entirely different set of skills and even races.

Chapter 2622: More Unique Classes

Saying that the nocturnal side of Genesis was the same as the daylight side would be a massive lie. The nocturnal races and traited demi-humans were exceptionally unique due to the fact that many of them had to undertake different jobs and risks in their everyday life.

It was quite shocking to see the small handful of vampire children arriving with the other students. They were deathly silent yet the glimmer in their eyes under the starlight was clear to see. They were the same excited that every other child was.

The batman race had quite a few, just as the harpy race had. Beyond this, there were dark elves and even some of the dark affinity merfolk children here and there. The numbers were not smaller whatsoever in terms of how many had arrived to learn of the guilds.

It wasn't just the people who changed, the staff explaining things for their guilds also changed. There were vastly different jobs at night. The miner who worked in the daylight and the night would seem to be the same, but that would be extremely wrong.

The miner who worked without the swift glow of daylight being able to slowly mix in to even some of the deepest caves would experience the truth of the darkness in a cavern. The dwarves who worked in caves in the night were able to use the darkness itself as a way to see often times because they had natural dark affinities. But the reactions of ores and other precious materials would also change.

Many materials could react to even the tiniest amount of light mana or changes in dark mana. Hence the miners who worked in the night had the skills to pick up on those tiny shifts. There were even some rocks that couldn't be mined due to those changes, they might be too brittle or there might be an issue extracting ores from them.

That wasn't even compared to the farmers who worked in the day and night, or the herbalists who worked day and night. Both needed different skills to maintain plants in their fields or greenhouses. The same for the alchemists who worked out in the open.

Recently someone had come forth as a starlight alchemist, an alchemist with light affinity who focused entirely on making potions under the light of the moon and stars. The potions were always medicinal but they were calm and easier for children to use than any other medicine. It had caused some waves in the alchemy world due to the iteration of new techniques to suit the class.

Again, this was only scratching the surface. Whether it was adventurers, craftsmen, or even just those who worked in cooking people's food, the night brought out those with different affinities and more unique classes, so it was natural that the entire event would shift toward dark affinity and more unique classes. Then again, they were unique because they had been studied less and recorded less.

Quite a few of the youngest serpents were here expanding their knowledge. Many of them had dark affinity as well and now was the ideal time to find more ways to grow and branch out in to different classes. Walker already heard some excited exclamations. He just didn't expect that it would be Su who was one of the people shouting in surprise.

As Walker approached the small wood working stall used to demonstrate some of the building skills of some carpenters, she saw that Su was there standing with a young demon girl. The demon girl was not crying or worried at all, instead it seemed that she was the most hyper.

It was fair though, she was the one who had just gained a class here which she had not expected. But the reason why Su was the one who shouted was because this girl had just reached out and begun shaping a dark affinity piece of lumber without tools at all!

"Ebony wood sculptor. I have never heard of a class that uses the dark mana in wood to shape it like clay. That's... we need to learn more about it." The craftsman standing at the stall was just looking at the girl playing with the wood board as if it was a piece of clay in complete stumped amazement.

"I would say that she might be one of the first wood sculptures we have had in Genesis, right?"

"You would be right about that. We have a few who came from other kingdoms but wood sculptor is a rare class. Not many have the minds capable of making wood bend to their will the very same as a sculpture with clay in hand."

Su nodded to the craftsman, her intentions clear. He stood closer and began to explain the normal methods of wood crafting and how the class the girl had just awakened was rare and allowed her to skip certain processes. She was letting someone who knew better take the lead here.

She then moved her attention to Walker before she pointed a ways behind him. Both Su and Walker turned to look at Midnight who was with one of the dark dragon hatchlings. From the way Midnight was acting, the hatchling was definitely something special right now.

With their careful attention to their hearing, both Su and Walker made out what was going on.

"Is this the little one you wished to introduce to us?" The woman meeting Midnight seemed average, however, Walker and Su could recognize her as one of the guard assassins placed to care for them when they were weaker. The shadows that would dart here and there while inside the city were there to keep the hero party safe.

"Yes, she is one of the hatchlings that is growing the fastest!" Midnight's energy was clearly a lot more held back than what most people would believe to be the case, Walker and Sy would know since they were able to see her often enough compared to the others around.

"Assassin! Assassin! Assassin!" The little hatchling was just leaping around Midnight with even more energy, very much like a child, which made sense. However, her voice saying assassin over and over again was constant, easily telling people what sort of skills and class she might have.

"So you are the little one who has awakened the shadow assassin class. You are a dark dragon so that will only help you. You have it in your nature to use dark mana and the shadows." The smile and soft welcoming voice made many of those who heard it halt for a moment. It appeared she had a lot of

talent in speaking and working with the young, something that Walker and Su would not have imagined came with the territory of an assassin of any sort.

"I will be the best like big sister Midnight!" The amount that the little hatchling was shouting showed her young age, but the way she was showering midnight with attention and excitement also showed a lot of the awe that the hatchlings had for her. To them, Midnight was the end all be all of what it meant to be a dragon in today's day and age.

Midnight was a dragon who learned better, became stronger, and even broke the status quo for what a dragon could be in the unity of Genesis as a whole. "It seems like Midnight has a fan club and also managed to guide another young one toward the next steps in their life."

"I would bet that that little one was trying to sneak up on Midnight and get to her class. I heard that a lot of the hatchlings think that they can fight Midnight because she is young too but learn the hard way that Midnight is stronger than most if not all of the adult dragons." Su's soft giggles made it clear that she found the entire situation to be beyond adorable.

"Should we gather everyone up so we can all get some proper rest? We could sit here for the rest of the night and see how many new classes appear and help the kids learn more, but it seems like everything is going better than what we would have assumed."

"I would say you are right in that." Su nodded along before looking away and finding Remy showing off some of the potions that some kids wanted to try. It was clear that getting the rest of the party to leave might be impossible, but they didn't have to rush. They could take their time.

"I really hope that we find more than just a few new races. I want to make sure Genesis grows bigger and bigger." Walker said this without any expectation that Su would respond. However, she agreed before setting off toward Remy.

## Chapter 2623: Just Before You Leave

"Good morning." The only person who seemed to have actually slept properly was Walker. This was funny since he was usually the one all stuck in his head and unable to actually rest.

Yet, here he was at the table looking at everyone, while it was late morning, they were seemingly still talking about the children they had met the previous day and night. Simply because there had been a lot that the guild's showed off and even more children who managed to show off their already earned classes or the unique classes they awakened.

There was something to be said about the number of children who gained classes already.

Just the fact that they had managed to gain a class already in life was a great addition to their path of growth. They would have the ability to look further ahead and learn even more since they were starting earlier.

That didn't mean that those who still didn't have classes were unimportant. They were just still learning and growing, trying to find their own place to begin pursuing a future. It would take some time for them to get to where they needed to be. Or, they had not seen the right thing. The right inspiration or trigger to be able to get to the level of the class they could pursue.

Some of the children had been talking about their friends and how they had awakened classes, some unique classes. This had been something that they also wanted and had been clear about keeping themselves ready to awaken the best class or the newest never seen class. Just that mentality had been enough for them to potentially be holding themselves back, but in a good way.

The idea of pursuing a new class or a more unique class was not new. Some parents even encouraged this as a goal. It was all down to what the individual wished to pursue in life and how hard they were willing to work.

There were plenty who would be able to get better or more fitting classes with this sort of mentality. Not to mention unique classes suited to what they truly wish to pursue. Not that generic classes like water mage, shield warrior, or chef would be bad. They had their places within Genesis and would be valuable no matter what. Plenty of people were researching new aspects of Genesis who had such classes, it was the amount of effort that dictated the worth of someone, not their class.

"Walker, you saw the girl who awakened the arcane dagger dancer class right? She is going to learn the eleven dagger techniques even though she is a vampire. It is perfect, I bet she will be able to use all sorts of special dagger techniques." Gil had focused on this girl since she was one of the very few young vampires along with the fact that she had arcane in her class. Just as Gil had the arcane archer class.

"He was too busy worrying about the dragon priest that appeared. That little demi-human boy had lizard traits and thought dragons were the most powerful race out of all of them. So, he treated them like their history was a religion and now we have a whole mess of questions. He will be able to gain strength from learning and following the dragon race though, so he might just be perfect for building bonds with the stubborn elder dragons."

While Redey countered Gil, it was clear that she was also curious how that dragon priest class would develop since it didn't rely solely on the individual to grow stronger. It required bonds with grains but wasn't a tamer class of any sort. Definitely something more unique than what the other classes they had heard were.

"Shadow assassin." Midnight's bragging hadn't stopped since they had left. She was truly proud that one of the hatchlings had a class to be able to learn about and pursue. Especially since the hatchling would be able to work closely with those who had been responsible for helping protect the party when they were weaker.

"I think everyone needs to calm down since they are still all going through general education and won't be breaking out in to the world for a while longer." Walker's laughter made it seem as if they had all been worrying about the rain falling and not the surprising new classes that had been awakened or just generally shared.

"And what about the mages who all want to be like you? One of them is called an earthquake mage, they said they wanted to be able to shake the ground the way Walker does. Because hero Walker can even make the entire world shake when he fights." It wasn't fair that Su was the one teasing Walker now, especially since his fan club amongst the children would have been much higher if they knew Walker's true abilities.

"No, you should ask Walker about the kid who found his father's harvesting sickle and used it like a scythe since he saw Walker use a scythe once. Now he is called a hunter reaper. He has a weird class but he will be fighting monsters just like him." Gil's laughter made Walker's brows furrow. Now they were teaming up against him.

"And maybe, I will just have to let you all sink in to the elemental planes and go your own ways. I'm sure it will be fine. Surrounded by dense manas and have to fight unknown monsters." His grumbling only made the others' laughter grow.

It wasn't a bad start to the day though. They had a lot to do in terms of leaving soon.

"Have any of you planned to stop at the Genesis building and tie up any loose ends before we leave?" Walker saw everyone look away. It appeared they didn't have any desire to go there and get caught in whatever random events would keep them from their own personal goals before leaving. Then again, the potential for paperwork was high.

"I will then. And that leaves everyone else to go and make sure that each territory doesn't have any issues. If you need to, some of you can even teleport using the formation to the building area of the new city. It will be better to check up there as well." His smile was firm, no one could say a word against it since Walker was most likely getting stuck with all the paper work.

After eating something, everyone split up to check in. While they had all made sure the places they were working had been handled properly, this sort of final check was just proper business.

Ensuring that there were not issues growing where everything was being focused on growth was important to them. Yes, others in Genesis could help and figure any problems out well enough, but having the hero party help would take pressure off of the other racial representatives before they left. It would make the period without the party even easier for those working hard here.

Besides this, Walker knew they all wanted to view certain parts of Genesis. All the changes that none of them had the chance to see because of their own busy schedules enticed them. Even Walker felt that he would miss something just exploring the city at this point.

After getting to the Genesis building, Walker did find a nice stack of papers. They were related to the global mapping hall and the small mapping orbs. Since many others with the proper strength to do it had been carrying the small mapping orbs around, reports had grown significantly.

He noticed many requests for different orbs to be made along with the paperwork associated with merchant groups wanting them. He also saw that the elemental mapping orbs had been made, the wandering blacksmith and his new friends able and Jan had been working very hard to achieve them.

These orbs were specially made with the assistance of multiple elemental mages. Causing it to become a larger joint effort. Something that spoke to the growing unity between the mages and crafters. Many mages were finding new ways to use their magic, and surely would find new classes along the way.

It meant that Walker could pick up the elemental mapping orbs before leaving. It would be another massive benefit for them as they built relationships with distant races.

Bringing safety tools to these races would show their good intentions. It would also show that those of Genesis were not to be messed with. They had the tools to properly alert them of danger, meaning that anything that tried to cause trouble would be fighting an uphill battle.

It was just another aspect that brought him comfort while rifling through a larger pile of paperwork he needed to handle today.

Chapter 2624: Off We Go

The bridge to the elemental planes felt a little more intimidating right this moment. The radiant light elves had left since they sensed that the light elemental plane was shifting away from this area. It was best for it to be that way since they didn't wish to be teleported to another bridge. That and there was no telling if that was safe for them right now. They might not have the right resistance.

The dark wing race was also preparing to leave however, Mordant was going to use his skills to bring them through the shadows to a nearby bridge that was connected to the dark elemental plane right now. It was also good that they were prepared to leave since they did not have the resistance to remain for longer periods of time. They would need more support with how many other manas were in the area around them wearing away at their strength.

This also allowed for those two races to bring knowledge back to the elemental planes before Walker and the party managed to wander through while they explored. It would be a good base in case it was

the dark wing race they wandered in to along the borders of the dark elemental plane or the radiant light elf city when they moved in to the light elemental plane.

This also meant that Genesis was able to take the information learned from both races and study it without having to care for the two races who would have still been resting in Genesis. While not a major stress reliever, it was one less thing to worry over.

"Starting off with fire then." Remey felt she was the lucky one since she could take advantage of the fire mana to help her grow a little. She also knew that everyone had their desires to study certain elemental planes if they had the opportunity. They all had their own affinities for the most part.

"I am glad Ignus is too busy to realize, if you hadn't talked him out of it he would have insisted on going knowing this." Gil had actually been worried that the royal fire dominator dragon would actually come with them to the elemental planes. There was a lot in terms of duty for the royal dragons here within Genesis right now.

They were at a point in time where the different elemental territories and the new city on the Sigil continent were the priority in terms of being built and the foundations being placed. If the overseeing figures were missing, a divide in respect and trust in them would be created. That could not be, it would affect the future of Genesis if that were the case.

There was also the fact that Ignus and Remey clearly had more between them than they said. Meaning that Ignus could be more protective of her while they faced danger. And that could lead to fighting and a lot more issues than what was necessary. Not that it wouldn't have been nice to have another powerful figure with them.

With the fire elemental plane being the focus though, it would be beneficial for any fire elemental affinity being to go with them. While the bands with the spirit race and the elemental spirits that

represented the wills of each mana still existed, Remy had her partner resting within her spirit marks on her body as well. Not for protection but for growth while within the fire elemental planes.

Even a spirit race could be overwhelmed by the potency of that mana, mostly because they were all used to the world's mana and connection to the world as a race now. Meaning that slumbering within the spirit mark was the best way to ensure that they gained a lot in growth by the time they returned to the world. They wouldn't be overwhelmed by foreign pure and dense manas.

The weaker elemental spirits and even spirit race individuals actually adapted better since they could be more flexible in their weaker and younger states. Something that was interesting but overall true regardless of race. The young were always quicker to adapt in terms of most changes of the world.

"We will start off without potions or buffs at all. We are also training ourselves to the utmost potential we have." Walker looked at everyone, including Alice. He knew that not everyone had the same level of fire mana resistance and that was why he would have a close eye on everyone and their reactions. It didn't mean he would act if he didn't have to though. Stealing away the chance to grow rapidly would be an insult to them.

Walker didn't say anything else, he stepped forward and found that it was smoother and easier moving through the bridge. The stability and connection was clearer allowing for the manas to flow back and forth easily. It also meant that as they moved, they were not feeling resistance to the flow of those manas, instead, they were being welcomed to the elemental planes. Or at least that was the sense they got.

Walker was also put at ease knowing that the groups leaving for each elemental plane to meet other races would feel safer. The calm mana moving back and forth through each bridge would not damage them or cause them additional stress.

This meant that it would be easier for them to meet the representatives of whatever race was there to meet them. Safely and properly so that the bonds could be built from the start.

His mind, nor the rest of the party's thoughts, did not dwell on these things much longer.

They found that they had stepped in to quite the sight.

Vibrant yellow swaying grasses moved in the flow of dark res bursts of flames. If anyone looked they would think that the loving waves of flames were actually winds. Even deeper orange and red sprouts of larger bushes popped up here and there, changing the view and enhancing the beauty.

None of them imagined they would find themselves in such a vibrant area. They found sense some monsters here and there around them, but more than anything, they sensed peace.

The entire expanse of combusting fields were peaceful. The fire mana itself was calm as it mixed with other forms of fire mana, some with higher in density others were just generally purer. Otherwise, there were fire mana being absorbed by the plants and expelled as well, changing the flow of the larger waves of flame rolling over the yellow grasses and orange bushes.

"This place didn't exist until the bridges were properly balanced. It needs mana from the world to spark their growth. Even as the planes shift, this area will go dormant and the seeds will settle. Then when the bridge gets nearer, it will grow rapidly. I did not know this was possible either." The flame like golem that appeared was none other than the true fire sage.

The words were peaceful as well, full of wonder and equivalent joy for the changes within the fire elemental plane.

"I will have to start making personal notes about the changes in the elemental planes too. I did not consider how much would change here along with the world.

I can say, it's nice to see that the elemental planes might have been waiting for the world to catch up too."

There was a long pause as everyone waited to hear what the true fire sage had to say. "You will have visitors coming here within a few days time, I know they will be safe. Do not worry, I will bring them personally. I am prepared. For you, I would recommend you venture the opposite direction, I wish for you to see where the new fire elemental planes have been added and expanded."

The true fire sage sent a wisp of deep red fire mana to their left. Walker and the others didn't need to say much else as they saw the true fire sage's golem body dissipate.

"I guess we get to see why the races are being pushed away and the planes are shifting then?" Alice had heard Walker ramble about what it meant for everything in the elemental planes to shift. Since she had, she was very curious about what they may find here.

She also started to hum softly to buff everyone a little. It ensured that they were resisting the fire mana as they moved. For Alice, this was one of her duties while here, even if they didn't need it, she would make certain they all felt prepared.

"I am very interested to see all that too. I also hope I can meet another origin race member. They might be able to guide me further without needing to touch the outside of the elemental planes where the

sprouting planes are held." Walker took the lead and felt the others fall in to their walking defensive positions.

#### Chapter 2625: Towards Danger

Knowing what direction to travel in was a benefit, but also not knowing how safe the route would be put the entire party on edge. They had been working on improving Genesis for a while now without major battles, however, their habits had not died off.

Everyone was still alert and prepared to handle whatever came at them.

There was a lot of preparation for this trip, some of which allowed them to better use their strongest elemental affinity skills in the singular elemental plane. Alice for one was able to bring out more light mana from light mana crystals and mana gems stored with dense light mana.

This removed worries that Alice wouldn't be able to maintain her buffs or songs. It was the same for when they left the fire elemental plane and Remy would need fire mana. It applied to the others as well but matching the manas they might need.

Walker on the other hand worried about the natural mana within his body. He couldn't gather manas of all forms together easily within the elemental planes. He would always have one mana that was focused more than the others depending on where he was.

To combat that he was holding a lot more mana within his body than normal.

This was nothing dangerous, but a something he needed to keep some focus on while he traveled. Especially since he was being sent toward a more dangerous place within the fire elemental plane.

"We are not at risk of any monsters bothering us." Walker knew that this area was too peaceful. Since this was a place where the world's manas had an effect, the peace and calm was different.

Most peaceful places were peaceful within the elemental planes because there was a guardian, powerful figure ruling, or a true sage setting the rules. Otherwise, it was all wilderness to put in simpler terms. The perfect place for fights, rare finds, and whatever else the wilderness held.

"The monsters here are peaceful because the mana is peaceful. They know that there are not predators or anything dangerous so they aren't bothering us."

"Is this a skill too?" Gil had assumed he would need to focus a lot more on scouting, yet Walker was passing around the ideas about monsters and this area without any scouting.

"No, just a sense I get. I don't feel the same changes in mana as when we have been in areas with hunters. This place is also different because of the world's mana. It's balanced even though we are in the outer fire elemental plane and not the boundary or the deeper sections."

"So you are effectively using the known ecosystem to showcase what you are also sensing..." his idea of scouting was more hands on, but right now this was a good thing to know. Gil wondered if he could adjust his scouting with all this in mind. Especially since the elemental planes would pose significant differences from the world's wilderness.

"I'll need you to scout out the more dangerous areas ahead. You and Midnight will be able to figure out where we might need to avoid. They are younger parts of the fire elemental plane. Might Bebe have unknown monsters we haven't seen."

"I can feel that though. The mana ahead of us is different. It's purer but also unsettled." Walker didn't expect that Remy would be sensing things he did not. Yet, she had a deeper relationship with fire mana as a whole than he did. She had grown her affinity and knowledge constantly in terms of fire mana.

"What else do you sense?" Seeing as everyone was relying in her, Remy didn't hide anything she felt.

"It's like when the fire elemental plane shifts to the bridge and more fire mana poured out the first time. It doesn't feel solid and it feels like something might be missing to it."

It made sense, the fire mana in new areas had been dropped in and needed to acclimate. But the mana not feeling solid could be dangerous in terms of what monsters might be attracted to a more dangerous area with potential prey.

"I don't think we need to scout, the field changes here." Gil pointed ahead of them.

The orange bushes appeared to be mostly gone now. Only a short walk and done this too, meaning the peaceful area outside of the bridges would be small and take many years of shifting planes to grow. The bright yellow grasses also grew shorter and a crimson shorty spiked grass took its place in clumps, like someone hadn't cared for the whole field and it was just missing the right growth because of that.

"That's inferno grass. Eating it will make it feel like your throat is burning. It's actually good for disinfecting wounds because the fire mana is very potent. It's dangerous though because of its spiky leaves it can get caught in the mouth or on the body." Remy brushed her gauntlet across and a few blades stuck to her.

"Then we might find more of what we know here." Alice knew of the potions used to purify some wounds using this grass. Remy had taught her once it was found and cultivated. She and Remy had spent a nice amount of time sharing information about healing medicines and potions. It made them both better.

"If you feel the mana might be unsettled and there is already known plant growth ahead, we can assume we will see more familiar things. The fire elemental plane is full of unknown, but this we do know. What could feed on these grasses?" With Su pushing the conversation both Midnight and Onyx listened carefully since they knew full well that Walker would have answers for them.

"There should be yellow flame boars, they are weak and smaller species of boar but they are plenty strong enough to cause some trouble. I don't see the tracks or digging they do in the ground though."

"You're right, I would expect there to be markings where they dig to set up their territory. They even uproot plants to make it easy to see that others shouldn't come in to their lands." Gil and Walker started to go back and forth with how they didn't notice any monster activity revolving around what they knew would eat grass like this.

"There is something though, it's smaller." Gil knelt down very close to the ground. His face was much closer but after a moment he got Walker to look more carefully too.

Indentations in the reddish ground were tiny. Three tipped footprints were slowly moving grass patch to grass patch.

"They look like a birds talons but so small. And I don't see feathers around." Any evidence other than this that a bird of some sort might be around was what left Gil wondering.

"Not a bird. Lizard." Snapping their heads up, Gil and Walker saw Midnight whip her tail out and shake a tuft of crimson grass.

Out shot a striped yellow and red lizard the size of a finger, it rushed away but gave Walker the time he needed to appraise it.

'Striped running lizard

This little monster will not always be little. It spends several years at a very small size hiding to gather outer and denser fire mana as nutrients. Once it has enough it will grow rapidly over a short time allowing it to begin preying on large monsters.

It is known to live very quickly and be hard for anything to capture other than the flame trial serpents, fire birds, and dragon blood weasels. While still considered a weak monster in its infancy, they hold valuable mana within them making the small materials from their bodies valuable...'

They didn't have any desire to capture them. But knowing they could grow much larger if they survived their time as prey made it clear that they would be a threat.

"I will start scouting now." Gil motioned for Midnight to join him as they moved ahead he was willing to see if larger monsters were indeed ahead of them.

Onyx remained by Walker's side in a smaller form, holding in his own shadow was a valuable surprise tactic he could use if a larger monster did appear.

"Their mana is the same that I sense. It's not settled." With Remy saying she felt the same mana from these little lizards, Walker knew all too well larger ones were a guarantee to be found.

"Then we need to start following and be ready to support. The grasses are more unusually grown ahead too, I can see much taller spots." His sharp eyes caught the sight of even taller crimson colored grasses. Enough that he and the sorry could hide behind if necessary.

Or a bigger predator.

"Out of peace and in to danger we go." Alice hummed a little feeling she was prepared to protect the others with her support Magic Songs.

Chapter 2626: That Would be Danger

The fire mana moved in deeper and varying waves like wind would across a field. There was a clear difference now, the area felt dangerous itself without monsters. As if the wrong push of fire mana in a current could cause them to be burned and break their resistances. It was definitely a little nerve wracking even though everyone knew they had the strength to resist the flames and fire mana properly.

"There's another herb I haven't seen." This was the third herb that Remy had looked down at and mentioned at the moment. While they had been focused on the things they knew, the area quickly began to change a little here and there.

Instead of just the spiky grasses, small dull red roots were exposed here and there, Remy recognized that these were parts of plants that grew covered in whatever would be on the ground, whether leaves,

branches, or soil, there were species of plants that leaved covered up so that their weaker points were not exposed.

As she pulled up the root she found, it was clear that there was a thick layer of dead grass almost wrapped around it. "These are like the mummy roots in the desert, they are named after those undead found in ruins there. But they only grow in piles of dead plants and as they grow the smaller roots pull those dead plants together for protection from violent heat and manas. It also acts as a bark or skin to them so that their moisture doesn't bleed away. But these must do it because there is weaker fire mana kept within or maybe it is purer, yes, purer fire mana."

Her analysis could keep going, but Walker focused on Gil and Midnight who were dashing back. It seemed that they had been hiding in some of the grasses and had plenty stuck to them.. However, their expressions told Walker that there were a few threats ahead.

"There are monsters ahead, not small ones and not one type. It seems like they are both eating the same plants and are tolerating one another. But their teeth say that once the plants they want are gone they will begin fighting each other." This was the best that Gil could guess about them since he knew that neither were the striped lizards they had seen and the monsters were definitely stronger than what should be wandering around.

"I would bet that they came from another part of the elemental plane then. Smaller herds would see this as the perfect place to feed and grow stronger. But if they will be fighting I don't think we should rush head on in to them."

"We should see them though, we should identify them with the best appraisals we can so that we can bring that knowledge back." Making a solid point, Walker and everyone else nodded along with Su.

"Alice, can you make some of your light mana bend spring us and blend us in with the grasses? That way we can use a monster appraisal scroll and I can use my all around appraisal skill." It wasn't a song that Alice wished to use often since it took a lot of mana and she had to sing it very softly which was a challenge as well, but she was prepared for it.

Without much hesitation, the soft song began, it was barely audible to Walker and he had the benefit of heightened senses due to his race as it was. He could hear the whispers of what he would say might be, a song about how something could always be around the corner or just out of reach. It was very fitting for a song that would make light mana bend and warp around someone to change their appearance in nature.

This allowed everyone to move carefully forward. Midnight stopped Walker before they passed a larger bush of crimson red grass. She nodded toward a larger clay red rock, but it wasn't a rock, it was one of the monsters in question.

'Combustion scale

This lizard like species is very dangerous. It is not only able to use the larger weight of its body to fight, it stores unstable fire mana within its scales. This is to allow them to explode with bursts of fire mana when they collide with a predator or prey. The explosion often causes immediate and high damage or blows back the opponent they are fighting allowing for a safe escape if needed.

While they are hard to hunt due to their explosive nature, their bones hold very stable fire mana. This makes them ideal materials for crafting magic items for new mages. It is considered a rite of passage for the flame tailed fox race.

These monsters often eat young and unstable herbs due to the fact that the fire mana within is perfectly unstable for their scales to grow...'

"The other is there, it's smaller but it is also dangerous." The single point ahead from Gil brought the white figure in to picture. It was away from the other combustion scale monsters but there were several nearby.

'White flame badger

This is a violent and self destructive monster. They are known to fight any monster they come across due to the fire mana within their bodies always being on the verge of exploding out. They constantly consume fire mana because their bodies can not hold potent fire mana, they prefer to live in areas with weaker fire mana. '

There is another species of white fur badgers that live in the earth elemental plane, at one point they existed only in the boundaries between the fire and earth elemental planes.

Due to their potentially violent nature, they are always injured. This does not stop them in fighting more when they can not find food or when they run in to a predator. They are known to even challenge completely unrelated or overwhelmingly powerful monsters if they are crossing paths with them.

They get the name white flame from the burst of potent fire mana that leaves their body all at once.

Their claws are often damaged due to their battles, but if whole claws are gathered by hunting them, they are very valuable as ingredients in fire expelling potions to remove the fire mana from the body...'

"Can we?" Remy looked right at Walker. She wanted to hunt one of the white flame badgers. There was a good potential of making a better or newer fire related potion with the claws. Whatever else could be done with the remaining body could be figured out at a later date. But the potions? Well, Remy couldn't let that go.

"Midnight, sneak up on one and kill it in one single attack. Don't give it a chance to release its fire mana. Their skin and defenses are very strong because they come from a species that once had earth affinity. Otherwise, the burst of fire mana would hurt you, even with the buffs."

The reason that Walker asked Midnight was her assassin like skills. She had the strength of a true dragon champion, she could use many manas, but she had the best skills counting, sneaking, and brutally ending her opponent with her natural physical abilities.

They watched as Midnight used the bushes and grasses to hide in, Alice's song still covering her and making her black scales become more yellow and dark reds. It was terrifying in a way to realize how well Midnight could sneak even in an environment without dark mana where she would use her shadow wrapping skill and become nearly invisible.

A few moments later, Midnight found the separated white flame badger, it didn't even notice her as she leaped out and her claws cut in to its neck. Her mouth clamped on the back of her neck effectively severing its head. The tougher defenses didn't matter to Midnight's strength and her claws and teeth. They were both sharper than ever with how well taken care of they were.

The nearby monsters noticed though. The white fur badgers began to grunt and hiss showing their distaste and trying to scare her away. The combustion scales were also raising their heads and making themselves appear as if they were double their size.

Midnight didn't mind the intimidation tactics as she brought the body to the party and Walker stored it away. "Fighting all of them would tire us out, but I think we can keep moving." Walker made it clear that he would also be intimidating them. The two different herds of monsters had been playing this game to scare the opponent for a while. It was enough that they were trying to consume the herbs and plants here, but without intimidation, they would start fighting one another.

The fire mana he used exposed them, but also made it appear that they were deadly opponents if they were fought. A much better alternative to fighting every monster ahead of them for the moment.

Chapter 2627: Deeper In To The New

It was much simpler having to act intimidating and Walker preferred that. He was also able to experience a more unique side of monster habits. The decision to tolerate another herd of monsters because the food was abundant was not just a learning experience. It offered future solutions he could utilize if the situation was similar.

Midnight on the other hand, appeared to be a little disappointing. The monster she had defeated was not at all as dangerous or hard to fight. Even though there was no burst of fire mana that could have harmed her, she felt that she should have been slower to allow for such an attack to explode. Maybe that would have led to a fun battle.

Onyx had been reprimanding her since he knew exactly what she was thinking. He could tell that she was waiting for a chance to fight outright and openly with her full strength. Something that none of them in the party ever had the chance to do.

That was a good thing, but it was clear that it was a part of relaxing and being themselves that everyone had avoided. Even Walker always had to be mindful of peace and balance. Therefore, he never used his full ability to use all manas. Instead, he would focus on smaller magical abilities and fixing problems.

He too had not realized he was itching to let loose a little. The eternal codex often just took a magical staff from now, it was rarely taking the form of a solid weapon he could use physical and magical skills with.

"Is this area not as dangerous as we expected? The true fire sage said that this was one of those new elemental planes added to the fire elemental plane. Other than unsettled it just seems... the same?" The way Gil saw it, yes there were dangerous monsters here, but the party could handle them.

"It is a young elemental plane compared to the overall fire elemental plane. I can see how unsettled is a risk and worry for the balance." Since Su knew that the balance within the elemental planes was a massive focus, she was trying to give a little face to the true fire sage and the worries they might have.

"This is just the edge of it. There is more, Remey, I know you can sense fire a little more closely, but since I can sense space, I will tell you that you are missing some things." This made Remey wrinkle her nose. She didn't like that Walker was able to sense better than her. She had a lot of training with fire mana and it didn't feel fair that she was still not able to keep up with him.

"I'm not saying it to be mean. I just can feel that there is a lot more that we can't see. I assume the dangers are that way and the reason the true fire sage wants us to see is so that we can understand all the true sages and the elemental kings when they speak about the dangers the shift is causing. Larger shifts like this are why they are so quickly accepting bringing races to us."

Walker didn't want to think that the radiant light elves or the dark wing race coming to Genesis was because of the dangers. However, the radiant light elves were a race that stayed in one place unlike the dark wing race that was nomadic. The radiant light elves could be displaced and lose everything.

It would mean a major loss for the light elemental plane along with the homes and the race itself losing much more.

His mind dwelled on the potential that there would or could be dangers to the radiant light elves. To other established races who seemed peaceful from what the world knew. Who could lose everything?

For the smaller races always struggling and used to moving, they could adapt. They would be able to come to Genesis and rebuild more easily since they knew of the process in depth. For an established race not used to that in many years? Well, they could suffer very much so trying to get to a point where they could even survive.

The rumble of fire mana bursting in a much larger wave caused Walker to halt everyone's movement. He had said to Remey he could sense unstable space mana too. He could tell this wasn't a small elemental plane but just the edges that had begun to adapt to the greater fire elemental plane.

Now, he sensed how some more violent fire mana caused the space to shake. The danger of shifting manas and elemental planes seen clearly for the first time in his eyes. Feeling it was much different compared to just hearing about the dangers.

"That is not just flames, is it?" Now it was Onux's turn to be confused. Walker also sensed a vague feeling of worry since Onyx wasn't sure how he would approach the monster he just saw.

'Yellow flame elemental cat

These are a species of flame elemental, specifically yellow flames. They have a feline shape when condensing their bodies, when not condensed they are in the form of a fiery mass causing high temperatures and dangerous fire mana fluctuations.

They struggle to hide their forms when they come in contact with other dense fire mana causing bursts of dangerous fire mana. Even other fire affinity beings will struggle with the dense flames they release when losing their forms temporarily.

Fighting them is not recommended due to their anger toward those who attack them. They will often reform their bodies and seek revenge. Otherwise, defeating them is also a challenge due to the fact that they can reform their bodies their fire mana needs to be nearly fully dissipated to properly defeat them. Or they must encounter opposing elemental manas.

If they survive for longer than a hundred years, there is a chance they can gain sentience and lose their status as an elemental building a body to become fully solid...'

The additional information was not necessary right now. There were several of these yellow flame elemental cats roaming the area ahead of them. There was also plenty of flowing dense fire mana causing them to explode with destructive waves of fire mana.

The entire area was like explosive potions left to crack with time and destroy anything nearby. Walker was not at all happy to realize this was the state of the elemental plane recently added here by the origin race to adapt.

While the beings within like these yellow flame elemental cats could adapt and potentially gain some sentience and transition to a race of some form, they were dangerous to everything. No other monster or race could explore here without taking damage and harm.

Meaning that this was the state of various other small elemental planes being added to the greater elemental planes. They were causing dangerous lands and shifting the planes themselves to lead to losses for intelligent recognized races. It didn't feel right at all to Walker.

"We will avoid them. We can't gain anything from them as materials or education. We can't stay here and watch them adapt or the land adapt. We need to side step them." Su made the decision for the entire party.

She knew full well that she could not shield everyone from the wear and tear on their minds and bodies. It might not harm them to the point that they were at risk of dying but it would make their journey here and wards harder. Walker hadn't needed to stop and repair any of their items, armor, or weapons yet. It was better to keep it that way.

"Those aren't as dangerous as those waves of fire mana flowing around here. This is the elemental plane that the origin race feels is safe enough to put here and acclimate to the greater fire elemental plane. I want to know the criteria they used to decide that. What it looked like before."

Walker hadn't questioned the process of the Origin beings yet. He had known they were far out of reach but now, he was questioning if they understood the delicate balance they were causing to break here and there within each elemental plane.

If they understood the losses that came from their actions.

"If we find them we can understand. We can try to learn more. As long as you watch and grow." Alice had stopped her song to say this, she knew full well that Walker needed to hear it too.

"You're right. We will keep on for now. And we will get answers later." While somewhat unwilling, he started to lead them all ahead. They could sidestep this area but there was still the central portion of this newly added elemental plane. If it would be chaotic, was yet to be seen.

## Chapter 2628: Central Flames

The flow of fire mana got even more violent while the group sidestepped the monsters.

"I don't think we will find anything safe around here. This seems more like we are starting to walk toward a whirlpool or volcano." The worries that Gil had were fair, he felt that he was looking at something much more dangerous than what they had to deal with. Not a monster but a force of nature.

"I was going to ask if you could all camp here while I investigate whatever is happening there."

"You will go with me, I want to see and feel the fire there. It is more brutal than normal fire mana." Remy made a good point, for her understanding of fire would make a lot more sense that she was able to see the way and reason for the fire mana being more dangerous.

"We can wait here and observe the area. Gil already knows what herbs Remy has found and Alice also knows what some medicinal herbs might look like. We will scout out and see what we can find." With Su taking the lead, Onyx and Midnight moved to her side to support her. They were glad to take a little time to hunt around the unknown area.

When Walker and Remy set off, they could sense the dangerous fire mana waves moving around but were also sensing that the waves of fire mana were even purer than when they were further away. Meaning that there was more danger in the mana if it collided with them and they were not prepared.

For Walker and Remy this was not much of an issue whatsoever. She had greater fire mana resistance than the others because of her unique races as a true fire dragon soul. It was also a good thing since being here in the fire elemental planes was generally allowing her to grow and adapt better.

In Walker's mind, this was all the better since Remey would be able to learn better control of fire in general.

It would also allow for her to learn to manipulate purer and denser fire mana. The fire elemental planes as a whole was a major learning experience for everyone, including Walker. He was seeing the purer side of fire mana's nature.

This would play in to the ways that he used fire and was able to mix fire mana with other manas. If possible, he wished to be able to enhance his ability to use natural mana in denser forms. He might even be able to better create his new multi dimensional storage spaces. If he could make one with natural mana only, it could be almost the same as having a small world.

While that was an interesting theory. It was not really reality. There was so much more that would go in to making a multi dimensional storage similar to the world. Let alone the fact that he would need to understand time, space, life, and death manas to the point that he could gather them easily, let alone mix them.

"That is a lot of fire mana." Remey was looking at the area, it had been swept clean of any plants, herbs, or whatever monsters could possibly live here. Even the monsters developing within the new addition to the elemental planes struggle to survive here. That was a fact from what the pair could see.

"It is a lot of fire mana, it seems to be focused in the center because of whatever monster is loving there." Walker shocked Remey by telling her he could see a monster in the mess of moving fire mana.

"Monster? I thought you would say it was some pure fire mana rune or something else." She wanted to know what could be the cause of all this. It was clearly the monster that was agitating the fire mana compared to what the other areas had become to adapt to the nature of the greater fire elemental planes.

## 'Violent flame hornet

These are a species of hornet monster known for being isolated and extremely violent. The only time one would see more than one would be during their migration period where they search for a partner to lay several eggs with. Otherwise, they are a force to be reckoned with throughout the entirety of the greater fire elemental planes.

They have extremely sharp limbs enhanced by condensed fire mana, which allows them to use them to burn and cut their prey without fully relying on their pincers and their stingers. Unlike other species of hornet monsters, they condense multiple stingers that hold potent fire mana within their abdomen, they can shoot their stingers like arrows which will explode and cause larger waves of flame.

They will often live in areas with violent condensed fire mana, this way they are able to better absorb and condense fire mana within their bodies. It also allows them to grow larger to compete with dragons and other larger monsters. They are rarely able to defeat adult dragons but have been known to fight them if they come in contact.

Their almost skeletal armor is highly condensed with fire mana making it dense and extremely resistant. This puts them in competition with many of the larger defensive fire affinity monsters within the fire elemental planes.

When they find a good location to survive and grow, they will defend it, however they are often found in places where extremely rare materials also grow causing many battles to occur.

Their bodies also make insanely valuable crafting materials for...'

Remey listened to all to the information that Walker had just learned. She also started to make out the massive shape of the violent flame hornet. It appeared to be cradling a larger stone with deep red gems in it.

"Can you appraise that stone and gems?" She could sense the fluctuation in the fire mana around it too. She could tell because of her unique fire sense, but she also felt her body somewhat reacting.

Noticing her fixation, Walker realized that this might be more than just a material. It might be something Remey could use to develop her united body and soul better. He knew very well that her development had been held back working in Genesis. She wouldn't ever say it outright and Ignus had been the Ken to worry about it more than anyone else.

Because Ignus could sense Remey closer than anyone else due to their bond and sharing fire mana, they were certainly clearer with one another in terms of their development.

'Soul flame gem cluster

This soul flame gem cluster is extremely rare due to the fire mana needed to form it being extremely brutal and pure. It is often only found in young fire elemental planes due to monsters or races consuming the mana within to grow their potential.

The species of lanterns and races that once relied in these are few and far between due to the scarcity of this material.

Monsters will covet it and often use the unique fire mana within to enhance their bodies and even increase their intelligence potential. Many new races were born because of this material.

The enhancement to the soul and body allows for higher manipulation of fire mana and even the higher potential for enlightenment in terms of fire and how fire itself works within existence itself.

The uses other than enhancing the body would be for unique items bonded to the soul itself, however, that is seen as an insult to the material unless a masterful crafter is in charge...'

"Do you need it?" Walker saw Remey bursting with mana. She had started to pull fire mana around her body and condense the dragon form she could take. The dragon aspects were much rendered due to the purity of fire mana. He also noticed that she was a bit more aggressive. The elemental knuckles that she could attach to her gauntlets were also left aside so she could only use the fire affinity ones.

She was going to go all out with her specific fire affinity. Use her strength. Walker knew all too well she was not expecting him to fight this battle for her or even intervene unless her life was in danger.

"I will buff you, but I will maintain the balance around this area as best as I can. Fight to your best ability." She smiled, not her usual sneaky grin or cheeky toothy smile, it was one that said she was ready to fight, no, to brawl!

With a burst of fire behind her, Remey sped toward the violent flame hornet. It sensed her immediately due to its intense fire mana senses. It knew it was being challenged. It wasn't simply fighting for a material here, it was a battle of life and death.

Chapter 2629: Fire Fight

Dense fire mana whipped through the air toward Walker as the violent flame hornet flapped its wings to counter Remey. Her charge came with its own powerful flames, but the flames were potent enough on either side to counter one another.

This left Walker blocking these intense waves of flame. His fire mana manipulation pulled at these dense waves of potent fire mana and spun them back toward the fight. While seemingly dangerous for the two fighting, He knew that both Remey and the violent flame hornet would not care at all.

He could also easily use some of that fire mana for himself as he calmed it and stored it within his body. The benefit of having it with him was enough for their journey and his needs for fire mana elsewhere when repairing items or making more natural mana.

The next collision of Remey's fist on the hard bone like armor of the violent flame hornet was partnered with a high pitched shriek.

She had cracked the armor just enough to cause what Walker could tell was even denser fire mana to bleed out along with blood itself. The blood sizzled and dissipated showing that this was truly a monster focused entirely around fire mana, it wouldn't be able to survive within any other elemental plane or the world with how it was now.

Walker could have used some water mana to instantly kill it, but the use of even a little water here and now could drastically cause an unbalance in the fire elemental plane. It has just been brought to the greater fire elemental planes to bond and acclimate, this would undo all of that and cause more damage.

The next potent wave of fire mana came as the violent flame hornet tried to shoot stingers at Remey. She lowered her stance and leaped aside to dodge them. She was much faster even without using the

wings of flame she possessed right now. The violent flame hornet had no chance to catch her unless it aimed properly and distracted her.

Instead, it acted in violence and rage. The darting charge it followed up with while the explosive flames from the stingers radiated around them was intended to grab Remey. From there it could have used the sharp flaming legs and pincers to dissect her. To win.

That wouldn't happen though.

Remey condensed even more deeper red flames on her fists. She was using the alchemy flames this time.

This would have made anyone else question why but the party. They all knew how she had learned how to use the alchemy flame better than any other flames. Even the dragon flames she could use and she had received guidance from Ignis himself were not her strongest suit. Alchemy flames were.

The moment her fists struck out again, the violent flame hornet tried to dodge, but being the slower one in this battle did not work in its favor. It was struck right on the joint of one of its limbs. As a result, the cracking was exceptionally greater.

Remey had used the alchemy flames to degrade the portion of bone like outer armor on its body. The same way that the alchemy flames would wear away at the materials and extract the beneficial aspects of an herb. While the process would be more controlled and smaller, Remey could manipulate a lot more mana at once because of her training.

The alchemy flames raged out of control beyond what the violent flame hornet could resist. It became even more blinded by rage as one of its legs fell to the ground and it could sense its body also being damaged further than just that.

As the violent flame hornet gathered more fire mana with the clear intention of sending out a denser and more dangerous explosive stinger, Remey had already moved. Her wings this time pushed her forward and her entire body was wreathed in deep red flames. She had mixed the alchemy flames with the dragon flame that radiated from her body. Her smile was full of vicious intent.

Walker could see it all as he blocked the waves of flame chaotically crashing in to his manipulated barrier of fire.

She was breathing in fire mana denser and more dangerous, using it for her own. She didn't flinch, no, Remey was in her element. She was rising above and beyond this tougher opponent. If the violent flame hornet had lived for a hundred more years it might be able to fight her on equal grounds. Now? No way. It couldn't even keep even with her, it could only fight with the hope it could scare her away.

Not that that would ever be possible. Remey was not easily scared, or at all really.

The next fist came together. The defense breaking fist mixed with violently clashing fire mana awaiting release.

Remey breathed out as the fist collided with the violent flame hornet's head. The split second before, Walker could feel that this was more of a fight to prove she had grown and not become weak rather than a fight for a material. The material they gathered was just a bonus. It could have been the most common whaling herb rather than something that could improve her own growth.

As the punch ended the life of the violent flame hornet, the trouble wasn't near being over.

Vicious flames emanated from the body. The intense heat even made Remey flinch away, proving that the violent flame hornet hadn't been able to even utilize the strength it possessed. It had been too young and too unintelligent to manipulate it all to win this battle.

Now though, its mana was surging out from its body in waves even denser and more brutal than before. Remey did her best to counter a great deal of it, but using that heavier alchemy and dragon flame mixed attack had left her weaker than before. It wasn't that she had exhausted herself, but a large attack like that came with some backlash.

Knowing this, Walker used his full strength. Instead of attempting to bring the violent flames under his control, he let them hit and condense against the wall of flames he made. It was holding but putting more and more pressure.

Remey noticed that the would flame gem cluster was the center of it all. The dense flames seemed to be spurred even more so but nearing it. She didn't hesitate to leap forward and grab it.

The weight put strain on her body but when Walker saw her move he threw out his hand and placed it in the cluster. It vanished in to the multi dimensional storage causing the entire area to change.

The whiplash of violent flame suddenly having half the force they had A moment ago caused Walker to exert too much force. He brought the condensed wall of flames together tighter. This resulted in an area with controlled flames at a much denser form than before.

Before he could start displaying the flames in worry that he caused some sort of damage or risk, he felt a pull. It was something breaking out. Something that suddenly had just found the perfect environment to grow.

Small red shoots bursting from the ground, they were barely a foot tall now but this condensed fire mana was providing them the nourishment they had lacked. All of that mana had been too violent and absorbed or pushed around by the violent flame hornet to be absorbed by anything else.

'Pure flame bamboo

This plant often keeps dense and extremely purified fire mana within its sections. Due to this, it is an ideal natural storage item for larger amounts of fire mana. Many planters and races within the fire elemental plane will collect it wherever it grows.

It grows rapidly and attracts larger amounts of fire mana causing it to become a flaming bamboo forest in the areas it originates. Some believe that it can even become a spiritual sentient being if left for hundreds of thousands of years, there is no proof to such tales...'

The information went in to other uses but overall Walker was more shocked that he was watching it grow in the hundreds now. Remy had defeated the violent flame hornet and he had stored the soul's flame gem cluster. Both were reasons this plant could not grow, now he and Remy were the reason it could.

And grow it did.

"It's amazing!" Remey still panted a bit but she was just as amazed as Walker was. She lost some focus on the battle and the soul flame gem cluster. Instead, she stood in awe at the tepidly changing terrain.

"I'd say we might be helping the elemental planes a little more than we realized." There were questions beginning to cross Walker's mind now. He'd need to find answers soon for them.

Chapter 2630: Equal footing

While newly added, this was an elemental plane. A fire elemental plane. So why wasn't the true fire sage able to come here and work on improving the flow of fire mana? Where were there not other intelligent races who were strong enough to assist with the violent manas here?

These few questions kept Walker's focus while he and Remey met the others who had spotted the distant growing forest of pure flame bamboo.

He also wondered why the fire king couldn't use their will here. They were the will of the greater fire elemental planes embodied, so wouldn't they sense the dangerous mana and the fact that it was centered around a monster and a unique material all at the same time?

It felt that the party was now being brought through to do more than meet races or anything else. Instead, that the party being present within the elemental planes was a way for them to be able to improve the dangerous conditions brought on by the origin beings bringing more elemental planes to the greater elemental planes.

Like the party would be the balancing factor keeping the elemental plane from collapsing or becoming chaotic in nature. Preventing them from clashing due to these changes and preventing a war from happening again. All of these thoughts were swimming in Walker's mind and Remey could clearly see that he was focusing on them constantly. He didn't even greet everyone when they had met up leaving Remey to describe the fight and the gains.

When Alice practically threw her body in to Walker's to force him to snap out of his thoughts, he realized that she had even used her elbow to jab in to his side. He blinked a few times in surprise before he looked at Remeve too.

"What? You weren't listening to Alice either so I told her to teach you a lesson. She did." Remeve completely ignored Walker's gaze while Alice stood in front of him even more waiting for him to speak up. It seemed that he couldn't say much of anything in response right now.

"I was thinking about what we are doing in the elemental planes. We want to explore and meet races. Instead, Remeve and I just solved the problem of violent and hard to control fire mana in a new party of the fire elemental plane. I feel that we might be used a little. That we are being heroes to more than the people of Genesis and the world and will be pushed to combat dangerous new elemental planes to balance them. Where we want to see new things and meet new people."

The worries that Walker had were valid. They couldn't be argued either, it did seem this way.

The thing was, would they just leave the problems alone if they found them? No way, how could they? But was it fair for them to wonder if they were just assumed to be the solution?

If they were cooperating with one another and not potentially missing information, then it would be better. It would feel like they were part of the solution and effort to ensure a better future. Not how they could feel now...

"I think we should have a talk with the true fire sage. Since now he can come here." One theory caught Walker as he looked up and felt the mana shifting abnormally. It was a perk of being more sensitive. Also since he had been in the denser fire mana area, he had managed to catch on to the natural ways fire mana might and should move within the fire elemental plane.

"I did not expect you would sense my fire." The golem made of fire mana was a bit unsteady. It was clear that there was a separation in the ways that the true fire sage could control mana here to make a golem from whatever distance they were away from it.

"Well, your golems are made very differently when the manas around you are out of your control. I assume the same would be for the Fire King too when it comes to the violent and new fire elemental mana planes." He looked over calmly.

The true fire sage seemed about to speak but Walker had continued. "These smaller elemental planes. They are separate and not united yet. I would guess they could develop their own forms of control in some way too if they never acclimate and unite. But that's why you and the fire king couldn't come to handle things and why you didn't push for others to come here. It could harm them and the balance if done wrong."

"So, do the true sages and elemental kings expect us to travel to handle these new elemental planes? Or are we actually free to travel and grow? Are we free to learn of every elemental plane so that we can bring more to our people of the world?"

There was a slight flicker in the way that the flames loved making up the golem showing that the true fire sage had not expected this response. That there was a little truth to the things Walker had just brought up.

"We are all bound to our elemental plane. These new ones joining the whole are not part of the flow we have held for generations of races and monsters living here. When they come, the higher beings settle the greatest of dangers, but that does not mean nature can't take its course."

"Dangers and new beings must appear to spur growth. We must handle that in the best ways we can. If we cannot access it, we could send others to their death and solve it worsen the problem."

"You, of the world." The true fire sage gestured to everyone, "can involve yourselves and help maintain the balance because you grew in the balance of the world. You see things outside of our perceptions."

"We hope you can help keep the balance and we will ask of your help while we also offer what you need to learn or desire to learn."

Humbled. It seemed that was the best word to describe the true fire sage at the moment.

It was a few moments before the true fire sage spoke. "We wished for you to see a more balanced version of our homes. A great deal has changed. The flames are calm here now because of your assistance, it would have been many years before change was able to come to this area. Thank you."

Now the rest of the sorry relaxed. They felt that they were being treated more like equals. The true fire sages' golem he used to speak with them also appeared to be more reserved due to the show of respect toward them.

"If I am here to explore and learn more to bring back home, then that's what I'll do. If there's more fire elemental planes added in that are all violent and messed up, I'll fight whatever I have to, but whatever I find in there will be mine." Remy didn't dance around the problems. She flat out said what she wanted as a price for helping to.

"I would agree with Remey, we are here and have welcomed others without requirements or payment in to the world. If we treat this like Walker

Does with his quest granting skill then we are currently given optional side quests with the items we find as benefits."

With Su placing things out logically, there wasn't going to be any issue.

"That's fair. We would not halt you from gaining what you and your people need to grow closer to the elemental planes. We know your envoys will be coming soon, we are preparing safety for them." This was A good thing to know, however, there was a little unease left.

"I think we should also make meeting each elemental king a priority. Is that possible?" Gil didn't hesitate to bring his own concerns.

"You will be welcome to meet the fire king. At the current moment they are split between several warring races to mediate. One portion of his mind and body can form to meet you properly." It was odd to think that there were beings that could split themselves apart to handle things across vast distances, but this was the embodiment of an entire elemental plane.

"Then we will follow you. I also know that Midnight would like the chance to meet another dragon, if there is one on the way there. Onyx is also interested in enhancing his fire resistance to help the younger serpents who come..." Walker began chatting a little more openly.

This seemed to be better as the true fire sage opened up and some of the fiery attitude returned showing the deep connection with fire as a whole.