

Master 2681

Chapter 2681: Random Meeting

The speed which the party left was enough that they did not have to worry about many parting words. However, the golem that the true earth sage had also remained back leaving them just moving alone. That was until in the distance they saw the border of the earth elemental plane. However, it was not to another elemental plane, it was to something a little more chaotic.

They could sense the water elemental plane nearby, hence why Walker did not appear to be surprised when he noticed that besides the border there was a significant amount of ice in the distance.

"I hate to say it, but I am pretty sure we are not going outside of here for a while." Gil sighed as he said it. Mostly because with his eyesight he could see a little more detail than what the other could.

"Why do you say that? We have gone through everything." The huff that Remey was starting to throw was quickly broken down as soon as they noticed the larger ice on the distance moving.

"Because that is a water dragon wearing ice armor and moving through the water elemental plane with what I am pretty sure is a water golem on its back." The single finger Gil raised was pointing at the large dragon's back where a smaller mass of water was somewhat holding a humanoid shape, actually, it seemed the shape was more akin to what an elf would look like. potentially meaning that the true water sage had taken this shape as a golem so that it was more akin to what the party had met in terms of other races lately within Genesis.

"Travelers, I come to you carrying the will of the true sage of water and the desire for the water king to wish you well." The words boomed out bringing a flow of water and cold along the entire area. The dragon seemed to be making the area more acclimated to water mana using a territory related skill so that the true water sage could push in to the earth elemental plane temporarily. It wasn't an invasion but a way to speak safely without the party needing to venture in to the water elemental plane.

"We are surprised that you and the true water sage are here. We haven't expected that we could come this close since we were given assistance to reach this outer edge of the earth elemental plane." Walker took the lead as the earth around them entirely stopped shifting and it seemed that the skills the true earth sage used to help them push through space utilizing earth mana ended.

While extremely helpful for them, this left the party a little stiff since they had been in the same position for a bit of time. But they were glad to stop but a little less glad to find themselves in the cold unexpectedly.

"I asked this guardian to bring my golem here to let you know that the demissaries have arrived within the water elemental plane. They are currently meeting with the exalted mermaid race, they are unlike the merfolk who came here and are the forefathers of the siren monsters of your world." The true water sage seemed to be acting with respect in the sense that they wished for the party to know what the emissaries were doing.

This made the entire party feel a lot more relaxed since they knew that good conversations were being had about their people and the new races that Genesis did not have right now. "They made great efforts to assist the exalted mermaid race when they found that there was a green leach parasite assailing their people. It came from a new elemental plane added to the greater water elemental plane. I assumed you would return to Genesis sooner and would like to reward them for their efforts."

Now the party took their own looks of surprise. Su specifically recalled how some parasitic monsters were extremely hard to handle. "They brought potions and healers who specialized in using water magic. They had the right skills in the right place as if fate itself blessed them. I believe that they deserve recognition but can not reward them myself." The water golem seemed to lose strength for a moment.

That made it clear that the true water sage was extremely busy or was handling something that taxed them greatly.

This went right along with the fact that the added smaller elemental planes were creating stress for the elemental kings and the true sages alike. However, if the issue with these green leech parasites was so bad that the true water sage made a point to catch the party and let them know, it must have been major.

Just being able to assist in an issue that helped an entire race was huge. Even more so when the Genesis alliance from the world was looking to build bonds. Even more so when the entire water elemental plane was having issues due to the origin beings expanding it.

"Thank you for taking the time to let us know, we were unaware of their travels just yet. Is there something else though?" Walker didn't hesitate to ask if there was more they needed to know. There was just something he felt was a little off about this.

"You are about to venture in to the putter elemental planes. You have been in areas like that before." The golem shifted again before reforming. "There are several smaller water elemental planes out there. Please examine them if you can for the green leech persisted. They should not be allowed to enter the greater water elemental plane with the dangers they bring. Disease, illness, poison, and death is all they bring with out predators to hunt them."

"We will take care to check when we have the chance," Su spoke ahead of the others. She did not see why they as heroes would turn any blind eyes to such an issue of possible to handle it.

"I would appreciate that. In return, I will ensure that when the water elemental plane is connected near your city there are races ready to visit and trade." The water golem began to dissipate as the large water dragon began moving away from where it had come.

The meeting was unexpected and short. Yet, none of the party felt it was wrong or broke their travel plans up. It was simple for them to look in to anything that they saw while they traveled. It was even easier to understand the reasons why the true water sage had gone to these lengths.

"It sounds like they are working hard." The pride in Onyx's tone was very clear. It led Midnight to nudge him a bit since he was acting like a proud father and not so much like he was out in dangerous lands exploring unexplored places.

"I think it's good to know that the emissaries who worked hard and trained to have these opportunities are living up to and beyond the expectations we had." Alice summed it up perfectly and rewarding them for their efforts would go without being said.

"So, what's the plan from here? Just all out in to that?" As much as Remy was just being blunt, she was genuine with her questioning.

Ahead of them, everyone could see the break down of earth that led to a more ambiguous dark mixing of manas that somewhat seemed to form ground but not really.

"That, isn't just nothingness or some chaotic area out there." Walker could tell he sensed much more than the last time he was in a similar position. He knew very well he could use other manas to protect himself and the others while they moved safely. Their own internal manas would allow for them to move freely. But why was that?

"That is a space elemental plane made to hold all the smaller elemental planes. The outer elemental planes are different than what I called them or even understood at the time. I couldn't understand that the origin being were focusing space mana around everything to protect them from chaotic manas and to hold the smaller elemental planes they were growing so they could add them to the greater elemental planes."

Everyone looked at him but realized that Walker was just standing there with his jaw dropped in awe. His expression told them that he wasn't just amazed because it was such a large area, but because he hadn't comprehended the possibility last time.

"We have so much to learn. Everyone has the mana gems and gear ready to travel through here right? Anything we need to prepare?" He wasn't leaving any holes that could harm them. He was going to be ready for anything they could encounter. This wasn't a simple exploration. This was a trial for each of them to face and grasp great knowledge from.

Chapter 2682 Spatial Bubble

The earth being less and less led to the oddity of walking on what felt like nothing for the rest of the party. Onyx took a spot on Su's shoulder this time so he could send out dark or light spikes at enemies and work from a distance if need be. Midnight had taken the full dragon form instead of the dragonkin form while Alice hummed softly making light plates to walk on even though she knew she did not need them, it was just more comfortable for her.

The space mana here was higher making it just about a space elemental plane. However, this was different. It allowed them to move around and through it but they had to bring their own mana around their bodies to be able to actually move. It was easier to say this was an isolating elemental plane that just held things steady rather than made for travel and living.

Remey and Gil were focusing on their movements to naturally bring out their inner manas and move. Since Remey naturally carried fire mana within her body due to the fact that she had acclimated to it more and more closely as she developed her racial aspects and generally her skills, the heat and red sparks were a show of her abilities. Then there was Gil and his natural movements carrying the slightest bit of mana because he had trained with the high eleven dagger technique that drew in natural mana, he always had mana pulled toward him when he moved properly now.

They could tell there were shapes in the distance but how far they were was hard to tell. The odd bits of mana that moved and flowed around also made things harder. Gil would rarely use just mana as a way to track anything but now he was using a little focus on the changes to realize there was ambient moving mana that seemed to have no rhythm or reason.

"We are looking for smaller elemental planes, life, death, space, and if possible time. But we need to figure out if we can sense them or if my senses can't capture a path." Walker spoke pretty outright with what he was struggling with. He could sense manas but isolating the direction that they came from and if they were from a small elemental plane was a loss for him.

"We might manage to meet a few dragons or other wandering guardians that work with the external kings and the origin beings. They will move around checking smaller elemental planes and examining what they can." This was both a worry and a note of excitement. If they were to meet those guardians then they would be able to get directions somewhat. However, they might also have to show them that they are not too weak to be moving through this area.

"I have no idea if we will be able to easily enter any smaller elemental planes. They might be isolated. The space elemental plane before had a space dragon in it and that plane was isolated almost entirely. That could mean others are completely isolated but more condensed and solid space elemental manas halting anything from moving through or around them. The manas in the air might be from safer less isolated elemental planes."

As the rest of the party listened they understood that they might not actually get to explore everything they found. A problem that they could tackle later when they got to that point.

Otherwise, the expanse between the smaller elemental planes was seemingly larger than expected. Then again, they were all considering the fact that the origin beings had been moving elemental planes and incorporating in to the greater elemental planes. Meaning there would be larger expanses between elemental planes.

"Some might have condensed or overlapped too. You told us that the smaller elemental planes could condense before they were brought in or that life, death, space, and time might exist over top of others." After pointing this out, Su turned and took the lead, she wasn't waiting and Walker knew that she was encouraging him not to stand contemplating everything so much, he needed to act,

Moving forward, Alice had buffs applied to everyone and Walker did the same, he was focusing on the simple fact that they should all be prepared for safety over everything else. Especially since they had no idea what they would find ahead. They did know that water mana was a little denser meaning that the odds of nearing a small water elemental plane were high.

As if proving it to them the blue cool feeling as they approached what seemed to be a bubble of ice with water inside it grew bigger in their vision. It was a significantly sized ball that could be said to be the size of a town or larger village. Clear ice all around it with small bubbles proved it was not a singular water elemental plane.

"There are mixed elemental planes here!" Walker took a leap ahead as he understood that it would be one that needed to be placed within a border actively expanding a border rather than maintaining it. It was interesting to see since there would be dual elemental species of monster or plants that formed within.

The wind mana was taking the form of air bubbles flowing through the icy bubble. Meaning that the mix was in the movement of cold water and wind through everything. Mixed enough to be balanced but not enough to be perfectly one thing just yet.

This also meant everything within it was isolated by the denser ice outside so that the manas would not escape. Only a little water and wind mana seeped outside of the sphere made. "So this is made by an origin being then?" Gil's question came to Walker who shrugged as if it had to be the case.

"I would have to guess that is how it is. There has to be an origin being or beings that are strong enough to maintain it all. Meaning that everything we know might actually be held together by even greater forces than what he had realized." Walker's causal tone when saying this made everyone try and brush the thoughts away as fast as possible.

It wasn't because they did not find these things interesting. It was simple because they felt that if they focused on it their brains might actually melt out of their ears from trying to think too hard. The general idea that their entire existence might be held together by beings so powerful that they could literally encompass everything they thought they knew.... Well, it was just hard to comprehend at where they stood now.

"I will say this though, this space between the smaller elemental planes here developing is not the space elemental plane I want or need to learn from. There are more and I assume there are even different planes above or somehow on top of what we are doing now. They are just too unique and specialized for me to understand either." with a shrug, Walker placed a hand on the ice and felt that there was nothing beyond what he could sense other than mixing wind and water manas.

"This elemental plane of wind and water is not developed yet. There's nothing alive inside. It's just manas so I would say it must have just been dropped here recently." His thoughts also lingered on the fact that very little mana leaked out meaning it was isolated just so that the manas could meld together better. And looking around them, there were a few other elemental planes near enough that he could explore them as well.

"So we should head to that one then since it is way more interesting?" Subtle was not how anyone would describe what Remey was doing. However, it was the nearest spot that stood out. It was also smaller, more like a denser mansion sized bubble or red.

"You want to look at the fire elemental plane over there? Yeah, we should have guessed. But it's smaller, Walker, do you know why?"

"Purity. That might look smaller but it has very high fire elemental mana purity from what I can sense." Walker could tell, whether it was just his instincts or actual senses he didn't know. What he did understand though was that the fire mana he could sense within that spatial bubble was much greater than normal. Even the greater fire elemental plane would only be able to compete in the central areas.

"Then it's perfect to check out. If the mana is purer, then there might be something growing there that no one else has ever seen." Remey grinned like a child finding a stash of candy. She was already flapping wings of flame to get there faster.

Chapter 2683: Young But strong

The silence between these elemental planes and walking through the larger area denser in space mana was unnerving. The sound of nature was long gone. Even the sound that came with just the flow of mana causing changes and little effects not being there was gone entirely making the party feel just a bit more tense even with some excitement to look in on other smaller less developed elemental planes.

Remey had been the one to rush right next to the bright fire elemental plane. Her focus was natural since she might learn a few more things about the fire elemental manas and what she could do in terms of alchemy. She also could vaguely sense the high density of the fire mana and knew that it was beneficial to her physically if she were to get some of it to absorb.

The rest of the party understood this. These small elemental planes might be unique since they had not developed more within the greater elemental plane that matched them. They also might have new herbs and monsters living within. Especially one that had such dense fire mana and was significantly smaller from what they could see elsewhere.

'Condensed fire elemental plane

Having been discovered after a collision of multiple elemental planes, this smaller fire elemental plane seems to have been put under great pressure due to that chaotic event. As such the mana within was purified and condensed causing it to be much more potent than the majority of chaotic fire mana moving through the outer planes.

This unique condensed fire elemental plane has a high potential for creating new life unseen by the greater fire elemental plane due to the life mana also within. The life mana is able to thrive with the purer fire mana due to the high density as well. Since this is the case some beings would find this elemental plane as a valuable resource. However, it is under the protection of the origin beings and a guardian...'

"Remey! Stop there!" Knowing that Walker wouldn't shout at her for no reason, Remey halted. It was just in time too before the red flames around the fire elemental plane split showing off a long legged creature.

'immolation spider

An extremely powerful fire elemental monster capable of utilizing extremely dense fire mana to cause the extinction of other beings around it then consuming the burning manas as sustenance. Being able to burn other manas makes this monster one of the most dangerous of the fire affinity and is why it often lives within the outer elemental planes looking for smaller elemental planes to lay its eggs or find materials in.

Most are free and able to roam in search of sustenance, this one is shackled by an origin being to guard a valuable fire elemental plane that will greatly expand an area of the greater elemental planes. Anything that attempts to harm the fire elemental plane will be consumed by it.

While it is controlled it is not actively controlled which means it is just as dangerous as if it was discovered in the wild...'

Walker moved forward examining the monster. Its red hued body and black widow like shape made it blend in to the fire mana and flames around the dense fire elemental plane. It had all eight eyes fixed on them but its size was several times larger than what Midnight or Onyx would be at their largest size. Its fangs were dripping concentrated flames that would surely be used to burn other manas entirely.

The idea that a monster or being could condense a singular elemental manas to the point that it would break down and destroy other forms of mana and then even use that as sustenance was hard to grasp. It was an intense fact that none of them had considered.

"We can't touch it because it might think we are bringing it harm. It is guarding the fire elemental plane." Walker spoke softly but realized that the immolation spider was only focusing on him now, as if it could tell he was different and the most powerful.

Yet, Walker didn't think he could burn other manas using just fire mana. That seemed like something that would take immense control well over what he could do now. He has focused on understanding everything and not specifically on one singular mana overall. But if he were asked if he could defeat this immolation spider... Well, he might have a chance but it would require almost every ounce of mana and skills he possessed.

A small chittering sound was made by the spider before it backed away, covering itself in flames again to hide. From what Walker could tell, it had accepted that they would not be pushing themselves in to the fire elemental plane and damaging it. "I think it recognized me as another origin race member and didn't attack or push forward. That thing will attack us though." He wasn't joking and the entire party felt the weight he put behind his words.

"That's a protected elemental plane so that it can nourish all of the fire elemental plane and not just be sued by one monster or race. That's why a guardian was left there by an origin being." Walker explained the rest of the appraisals he had gained using his all around appraisal skill.

"It was strong though. I wonder if I could fight it." The rest of them looked at Remy like she had gone crazy, but then they noticed the same glint in Midnight's eyes and realized that she too would have charged in to fight the immolation spider if they were all not there to stop them.

"If we had fought it wouldn't whoever is in control of it arrived to handle us?" Noticing that Gil's worries were on facing the wrath of a much more powerful origin race member, they all considered it. If they had to face someone that used magic and mana like it was nothing just the same as Walker did but many times more powerful.... They all shook their heads. No way would they do that.

"I think it did offer you something though." Su pointed out the small ball of flames kicked off the fire elemental plane. It drifted toward them and Remy flapped her flame wings to grab it before it began to wrap around her body and she chose to absorb it. There was a hint of blush on her cheeks proving it had stressed her but her toothy grin also said she had gained what she needed. Since she had bound her soul and body together becoming a very unique being even in the fire elemental planes, she had needed fire mana to survive as well. Meaning that dense and pure fire mana like this helped her greatly.

"So it recognized you as someone important enough to give some mana to. I bet that's how the origin begins to test if the elemental plane is ready to be brought to the others." Alice's small epiphany made Walker blink a few times in shock. It made a lot of sense since it would take a lot of time and effort to help these elemental planes become ready to join the greater elemental planes.

"So which one do we check next brother?" Onyx's own curiosity was not simple. He too wished to see what else they could find. And with the mixing manas bleeding around this space, they knew more elemental aliens were around here.

"I think we aim for that cluster over there. It looks like two water elemental planes are mixing and I don't know what the other two are." Now this was interesting to everyone. Walker, who used the appraisal skill and always seemed to know something about everything wasn't sure which elemental planes he could see ahead of him?

Forget that there were two water elemental planes mixing together and uniting in to one that would most likely hasten the time that they had to join the greater water elemental plane. The two other planes could be unique to the point that they were worth investigating. Something that now one else had ever seen would be massive for their exploration.

With a pep in everyone's step they began moving faster toward the cluster. The vibrant blue of water and ice making it clear that they were lucky to be here to both see if those green leech parasites were around and also that a high chance of them discovering something extra unique was there.

'I just hope we can actually take a look this time. I don't want to see some monster like that spider that can make us in to nothing but food for them." Gil sighed a bit knowing that he wouldn't want to see any more powerful monsters like anything else they had just seen. But they were out there. Powerful monsters and beings were here too.

Chapter 2684: Changing Waters

Before any of them could look at the other elemental planes their full attention was taken by the two water elemental planes fusing together. It seemed the process had started naturally as the two water elemental planes resonated and had been slowly moving to become one over time.

Just the sight of the two very large elemental planes melding was a sight to behold. Walker could tell that the full size of each was more than the average town or maybe even rivaling the size of the central Genesis city.

The size didn't matter too much though. These were clearly two very much more developed elemental planes compared to the last one that they had seen. That was a good thing though since they were able to watch something as magical as the fact that the elemental planes were melding in to one.

"The flow of water mana isn't denser but it is different. Those currents of water and the way they flow are clashing and becoming new flow." Walker was carefully using his mana senses to allow him the ability to see and feel the changes within the water mana moving between the two elemental planes.

"That means that when they are added to the big water elemental plane they will change the flow too?" As he did not have the same senses as Walker, Onyx wanted to try to understand the image and functionality of this event. He could tell it was something amazing since it was the same feeling he had when he watched others of his race hatch from their eggs or when the elemental spirit awakened from dormancy. It had a hint of wonder.

"I think the reason that the two planes here are clashing is because they are of queued strength and purity. If they entered the greater water elemental plane then they would not change as much. They would be forced in to the natural flow there where these two are not the same."

"So that means they might not have anything... no they do have things living inside." Gil pointed out the small floating balls within. They had green hues and at first the green leech parasites came to mind for everyone. This was right at the front of their minds since they knew that it could be a huge issue if they had to deal with these monsters and cleanse two melding elemental planes before them.

'Green light algae

This is a unique plant that floats within elemental planes of water affinity. The only way this exists is due to minute forms of light element all mana being trapped within the water elemental plane causing for the tiniest of affinity with light and allowing the gathering and tapping of light elemental mana.

This causes these balls of algae to grow rapidly and in high numbers while also retaining the primarily water elemental affinity. They are highly nutritious for many water affinity monsters that would cause them to grow stronger and at a safer rate than consuming purer water elemental manas.

"And then worms swimming in and out of them?" Now Gil made another point that stopped everyone since they knew very well that a worm shaped monster swimming had to be the parasite they worried about.

Well, until they saw another monster too. One snapping the small green worms they had just been able to begin noticing.

'Silver snap fish

This fish is one known to consume anything eel or worm shaped. They are extremely quick and use their silver scales to cut through the water faster since their scales develop from the flowing silver known to be liquid at very low temperatures. As this is the case they are weaker in warmer waters with less dense and less pure water mana. They are stronger the denser the water mana and the purer.

They will consume the greatest number of parasites compared to other monsters due to the fact that many parasites are the right size and shape for their digestive system...'

Walker read out loud the first half of the appraisal and realized he and the rest of the party didn't have to do a single thing. The true water sage and the water elemental king would be able to have a predator within the greater water elemental planes that would feast on the green leeches.

"That solves that problem then. So we can just watch these two become one or we can look at the others then?" Remy was not having the thought that they would be able to harvest anything from these elemental planes because of the parasites. It was a wise idea since they didn't want to bring them to the world in case they were risky.

"I would say we can keep sensing the flow of mana here. Midnight looks to be enjoying it." Walker noticed that Midnight was focused on the two elemental planes and how the water currents were changing. She has used a few water related skills and recently worked on her dragon breath skills again.

For Midnight to improve she would need to learn more about every mana she had affinity for. meaning that she was learning a lot about water mana right now that would be valuable for both her defenses and also for her water elemental dragon breath attack. She might even be able to condense it like Current did and have a water beam breath attack. An attack that would be the same as highly pressurized water that could cut through some of the toughest metals. According to Current, his full strength dragon breath using only his knowledge and ability to manipulate water without innate strength would easily cut through an entire mountain.

"So we are right here and as long as she doesn't go exploring we can look at the others." Gil shrugged and was actually agreeing with Remy. On the other hand it appeared that Su was also watching the flow of water mana to be able to learn a little something more. It was not a bad idea either since she would be able to effectively enhance the ability she had to make water form in to a secondary icy shield around her twin shields made with water affinity ability and water elemental rune formations.

"Then I will look at the other elemental planes. Walker knew that the other three elemental aliens were harder to tell. One had an inky black smog within it making it seem as if it was dark mana. Yet, the mana within was a mix that he couldn't perfectly figure out making him wonder if there was something more to it.

The other two were another two of the same. However, he could tell that they were not earth. There was no brown or normal earth mana related feelings. It was denser and tougher. Their size was also very large but it felt as if he would need immense control to be able to even think about trying to do a single thing to either of these two planes.

"I would say that there is a lot we don't know about these three elemental planes. The smokey looking one had dark mana, a little earth, and something that they are making by mixing. I even feel like there is some wind mana and maybe some water mana in it. It's more in depth than what I expected."

"So it might be a poison or swamp elemental plane?" The blunt guess from Remey just summed up everything that Walker was thinking about. He hadn't reached that conclusion but she had guessed it right off the bat.

"Are you serious? There is a perfect mix of mana to make everything inside the real poison and define it as an elemental plane made of poison? So it shouldn't be a plane but a border then?" As much as Gil thought this made sense he was now trying to figure out how this one could be mixed in with the greater elemental planes. That just didn't make any sense to him.

"It would have to be at a stable border between all these manas but that might not be possible so I have no idea how long it would be here in this space or how it could even be incorporated. It would fit better... in the world."

He realized that with the mixing of the world there was more potential for the elemental planes now. These small and impossible to balance elemental planes might have a place they could go. A way for them to balance and safely be added to explain everything not just the elemental planes. "We might have just figured out how the world will grow in the future too." Walker spoke with a whisper while everyone seemed to also realize that he had just made a huge revelation.

Walker tried to get an all around appraisal of what he believed to be a poison elemental plane but found he didn't get that result at all.

'Unsettled elemental planes.

This elemental plane is slowly beginning to balance properly causing it to take on a very unique nature. When a small amount of space mana grew attached to various other manas it allowed for this unique situation to occur. It has been three hundred years and the balance is still not made however, there are monsters and plants within beginning to grow.

The unsettled nature of this elemental plane is why there is danger in anything having contact with it. There is a chance that the manas could all react chaotically if bothered too much making it safer to allow it to continue to naturally settle over another hundred or so years.

The materials within are not very...'

Walker sighed knowing that there was not much he could do about this situation. The elemental planes was too unbalanced in its mana to be able to be explored or even thought of as something able to be placed anywhere. If they had a theory it could be brought to the world somehow, now was not the time it could even be tested.

The other two elemental planes were the same meaning that the odds they would naturally mix and become one was expected. He also felt that the chance of getting an all around appraisal might be higher since there were less manas within.

'Frozen iron elemental plane

This young elemental plane is one mixed with water mana, wind mana, and extremely dense earth mana which has created iron. As such, it has become a unique elemental plane that is abnormal even for other elemental planes and their borders.

The iron within has so much heart mana within that the entirety of this elemental plane has become focused on the iron. This has caused the slowness of the water mana and wind mana mixing properly and balancing to happen and is why this elemental plane is still remaining here.

This elemental plane can be called unique since the mix of frozen iron is not due to high density of water mana and earth mana and instead caused by the enriching of water and wind manas in to the dense earth mana. This process causing the frozen iron that makes up this entire elemental planes to be both denser and higher quality than any others. It also prevents the life mana that was once settled here to be expelled leaving a barren elemental plane...'

The second elemental plane with the same manas Walker could sense was also giving him the same appraisal. This meant that he was looking at two very massive chunks of resources that would need to be placed in a very unique spot within the greater elemental planes to ensure it did not break down or would not cause a very large imbalance within the mana around it.

"So it's a big piece of very useful and rare metal then?" It disappointed Remey and Gil since they understood that they would not find anything but frozen iron there. Gil thought he would only be able to make one specific kind of arrow while Remey knew she would not have a single alchemy material. It just made sense that their interest would wane now.

"I could still bring some of the metal back so we can have others forge it. They would be able to use it to help someone or a project." Walker tried to make the best of it. He could tell that harvesting even a small piece of this would be very tough though.

That was when he felt the space mana shifting around them and one of the frozen iron elemental planes simply blinked out of existence. Now, it hadn't ceased to exist, it had been plucked from here and taken away by something.

They all stood frozen in place, unable to comprehend what had just happened. This wasn't normal. Entire elemental planes didn't just go poof like that. It was abnormal beyond strange or odd. It was a ridiculous thought.

"Those were spatial rune formation. There are space rune formations carved out of the very space around that elemental plane!" The sudden excitement and shock that Walker had made the rest of the party realize that something had left the rune formation on that elemental plane so that it could be teleported at some point. It had been done with full intention and control.

"Are you saying that-"

"Yes! Another origin race member had to have had that one waiting for it to use. I bet the other one... no, I don't sense the same. Maybe the planes drifted here?" After falling in to contemplation Walker could tell a little more after witnessing the space rune formations appear for a brief moment.

He could tell that they were not there on the other frozen iron elemental plane. It was subtle but the space around it was not the same. It did not have the same stability. But he could try something. He could sense the space moving now. It was separate from where he stood and where the party used their manas to move. It was different from the sealed condensed true elemental plane.

The unstable aspect of it actually attracted him more to it.

"We are just letting him touch that?" Gil looked at Su and Alice who might be voicing reason. The only issue was that the two of them also seemed to be holding their breath waiting to see what Walker had just realized and would try to do.

That was, until their jaws dropped. To be fair, everyone had the same expression as the entire second frozen iron elemental plane disappeared with a slight wave of spatial mana pushing them a little further away from the remaining water and poison elemental plane.

"Ha! I can make it in to a unique high dimensional storage. It's not a world or has any life mana, it was only metal, water, and wind that was in there. The space mana was unstable so I took it and used it to keep the manas trapped and the skill did the rest. It's under my control and I can bring it all back." Walker's laughter was bordering on wild at this point. He had just done something even he did not expect to be possible.

"He is totally losing it." The long sigh that Remey gave out while she nudged Alice to go check on Walker was enough to move things along. They all sort of wanted to know more details though.

"What did you figure out?" Alice placed a hand in his shoulder and found that Walker was breathing a bit heavily.

"It costs a lot of mana but if there are other barren elemental planes like that, I can use them as materials to make a high spatial storage copying the properties and even storing half or a third of the materials they are made of. It's amazing."

They had all been told about how the multi dimensional storage skill which had once been the high spatial storage had changed. They also knew Walker had created basic elemental storages along with his basic storages.

This being a fact made it all the more useful for them as they had gathered materials from elemental planes, such as herbs which would be held in immensely better qualities within these specific storages. Besides this, it meant that Walker was getting closer to being able to do more with the set of skills he had.

They had all seen him focus on the metal manipulation that the steel lamias used, meaning that he was most likely already considering what he could do with the metal elemental plane he had used as a single material to create a new high dimensional storage. Besides the singular fact that it was just plain amazing he had managed to achieve this in the first place.

"That whole theory he said wasn't really possible, he can probably do it sooner than he thinks, can't he." The whisper from Remy would have been heard by Walker if he wasn't so focused on rambling to Alice about what he had achieved.

'You mean making a small world within an elemental plane within his spatial storages? I think he can do that but he is missing the whole life and death thing. But that's what we are here to learn about I guess.'" Gil shrugged and knew that whatever Walker did they would be right by his side helping or witnessing it.

All of them knew very well that Walker's fascination with magic was simply because he had realized he could bring mana and magic in to every skill he learned. He was fusing his skills and abilities constantly. Sooner than later he would do something else extreme that would shake their understanding. They just had to be there for him. They were family after all.

Chapter 2686 Hidden Light

"Are you going to do that to the other elemental plane over there?" Remey was trying to see if Walker was going to make another one disappear as a material to make some special high dimensional storage. It wasn't that she doubted he could but simply that she didn't think he would just haphazardly be doing that to every weird elemental plane they found here. Something about that seemed wrong if he did.

"No, I don't think I need some swampy poison like storage. But I will mark it with a little space mana and maybe I can figure out how to bring it to the world later when it has settled more." He was already moving toward it before he finished speaking.

Walker placed his hand near the plane and let some of his natural mana to bleed out and influence the space mana of the bubble protecting the unsettled elemental plane. This seemed to form something similar to the rune that they had seen before but less intricate. Clearly it couldn't teleport the plane anywhere but it appeared Walker had left some of his mana there to be able to follow it another time.

"So what do we do now?" It was sort of blunt, but fair. Remey and the others had mostly just stood there and watched Walker do things so far. They had been able to interact with other races, but here, they were just wandering along watching things.

There was a benefit that Su and Midnight had managed to learn a little more about water mana from the mixing water elemental planes. That was valuable to them and the entire party. Unfortunately, the others had mostly just been there to be there. Even so, it was a good experience, they would not say otherwise. It was simply that they were feeling useless right now.

"I think I can get a little more mana together and follow some ideas that I have now. There should be more that way." Walker's pointed out a diffraction passed the two water elemental apnea. He hadn't been able to sense much before but after seeing those spatial runes on the one elemental plane he was sure that there was more to what he could sense.

As he had pulled ambient manas in he realized that some were slightly purer. Others had some higher responsibilities. Yet, those with both purity and density surpassing others could mean that there was more to them and that the source of them would be closer than further from them.

While this sounded like common sense, it was a little more important now since he had been unable to differentiate before. He was unable to because the space they were in was full of random ambient manas mixing and flowing. Some were even just stagnant because they were not properly part of any flow. Hence, it caused a lot of confusing movements of manas that were hard to follow.

Now though, he had seen a new aspect of space which guided him to separate and understand the reason that some manas were flowing and others were stopped. While they were hard to follow, his instincts were doing so naturally as an origin being. Something about being from the origin race made it easier to target and follow these manas, he had just not been in the right environment and experienced other uses of space mana to allow him the innate awakening of that understanding.

"And what plane are we chasing after?" Onyx curled a little looking for answers since he wanted to know if they would be finding something even more interesting that they might actually be able to explore a little.

"I sense a bit more light coming from ahead. I would say it's an even larger elemental plane than we have seen. Maybe better developed." Even more surprisingly, Walker began pulling a little space mana around them in a bubble too which caused them to begin to move through the area faster. "Oh, I also copied the whole wrap things in space mana to move. It feels better right?"

Now they all grasped what was happening with Walker. The world has been great and all, but for an origin race member, it might not have had everything in the right densities and forms for an origin race member to grow all aspects of their understanding. Right now they were seeing Walker make leaps and bounds in his understanding along with how he used his own abilities. The skills he had he might not have utilized properly or in the vast potential that he should have been able to use them in.

"I should have noticed that being here the space is perfect for allowing us to move around faster and explore more. All I need to do is wrap it around us the same way that we use the shadow wrapping skill and then we can move larger distances in a quick moment. It would be harder if we were in the world or the elemental planes, but here the denser manas wouldn't interfere."

It made a lot of sense. This was a bubble of space mana holding all the fledgling elemental planes. Since it was primarily space, moving through it using the same space mana should be incredibly efficient. The other manas were not denser enough or too stable enough to act as an aspect that would hamper their travels.

This wasn't the only thing that was a little amazing though. It was the fact that they could see they were in a somewhat barren area compared to the sheer number of smaller elemental planes they could see now. They had traveled a decent distance only to find that there were so many more elemental planes waiting here.

Some had stranger shapes on the outside that they all assumed were different guardians placed to ensure that other monsters able to travel here were not bothering them. While there were some that had cages around them seemingly made of the very mana within, it was odd to see and not easily understandable.

Yet, all of it was amazing and the higher number of elemental planes made it clear that exploring this area was more about seeing the smaller elemental planes that were unable to join the greater elemental planes just yet. It also meant that there was a lot still waiting for the chance to be added to those greater elemental planes even though the origin beings were apparently already bringing many to the greater elemental planes to expand them.

This left the entire party a little awestruck. They knew that the size of the elemental planes were too major to explore all of. But even the world had limits that made it possible to explore. Now though, they

might be wrong. There were aspects of the world like the dungeons that were appearing naturally as they should have. Maybe, there was more to those and the elemental planes here.

Walker could have thought about that for hours but he instead remained focused as the party stopped and he pointed out the light elemental alone he had sensed and wanted to show Onyx and Alice.

'Vibrant light elemental plane

This light elemental plane has a slightly higher purity and density of light mana than others due to the larger size it possesses. It also contains life mana and death mana allowing for monsters, plants, and even a very young race to begin growing here. The light mana within is naturally beneficial to beings that require light mana to grow allowing for those that wish to grow to chase after it.

It is guarded by one of the light spirit dragons on orders of a mid aged origin being who specializes in growing light elemental planes...'

Walker trailed off and realized this was more unique information than what he had expected to find. Just the simple fact that this elemental plane was protected by a light spirit dragon was a major aspect of what he had yet to see lately. But for the facts that this was grown by an origin being specialized in growing light elemental planes? That was shocking and immense in value.

"We have a dragon to meet here before we ask permission to view this vibrant light elemental plane." Walker spoke louder making it clear he was also trying to let another know that they were wishing to speak.

Before anyone could respond to him, the light surged and a dragon showed itself. Thin and winding, less like the dragons they knew but long and powerful enough to encompass the majority of this light elemental plane itself without even being seen. The reflective scales shined out proving that it was able to utilize light elemental mana to make illusions and hide this entire elemental plane if it so desired. But its eyes, pure white light and focused on Walker.

Chapter 2687 Welcomed

"Young one, I have been tasked to guard this place. I rest here waiting for it to reach maturity and meet the greater light elemental plane. My duty has always been to assist in nurturing these places such as this. Why did you come here?"

The resting guardians watching places like this would surely not hear about the party of the world. They might know that mana is calmer or that something had changed but if they were mostly slumbering then they would not be able to learn much if anything.

This meant simply that guardians like this dragon would have rested through any major changes waiting for the time when this light elemental plane would be safe enough to join the greater elemental planes. Otherwise, it would just wait.

It also presented a unique idea. Many races recalled guardians protecting them. Some currently and others from a longer time ago. If this were the case, then there was a chance that the guardians for these races were remembered from before the races and their smaller elemental planes had been brought to the greater elemental plane in question itself.

The idea that the guardians some races remembered or passed down knowledge about being the guardians that protected their race in its infancy at an elemental plane separate from the greater elemental ones was strange. It was easily believable now though. The party had seen another guardian and was now speaking to one that was not leashed since it was a monster.

"I am trying to learn more. I came from the world, I began an origin race member through some unique circumstances and traveled here to learn more about what I can do and what makes u the greater elemental planes." This caused the dragon to shift its longer body. From what Walker could tell, it was examining everyone now and not just him.

"You travel with them, those of different races?"

"Yes, we are family as far as anyone we meet is concerned. I started my journey with some of them, met some as we traveled together, and we all built a united alliance together where every race is thought of as equal to another." This caused the larger dragon to stir even more.

What Walker didn't know was that in terms of respect and belief, the guardians who had been tasked directly by the origin race members were incredibly respectful and trusting. They had learned that the origin race had made its entire existence about creating, growing, and protecting the greater elemental planes and even their futures. Since that was the case, the guardians would be willing to accept a great deal about them.

The guardians would ensure that they were there to also watch and care for the fledgling races they looked over. Protecting them from monsters to some degree. Teaching them to better manipulate their mana. Some of the stronger guardians would even impart parts of their bloodlines or aspects of their own strength on these infant races.

It meant that their own attachment was closer to what the origin race members felt in growing everything too. A connection and a reason that the guardians were trusted overall.

Therefore, when Walker, a very young origin race member appeared here in front of this dragon, it felt it was being given an incredible task. The odds were very much that there was a strong origin being that

knew what Walker was doing and even kept the smallest of attention on the travels of this entire party. Perfectly meaning that they were protected to some degree and allowed to act as they were doing now.

"I will allow you access to this young plane and watch over you. Meet with the little ones growing here and give them a future to look forward to. This plane has a simple twenty years before it is able to join the greater elemental plane. It deserves the opportunity of allies to guide it once they are able to explore. The transfer can be a tough event." A tinge of sadness seemed to grace the large dragon's eyes before it flicked to the elemental plane it encompassed as a protector.

"You would allow us inside?" It wasn't just Walker shocked by this the entire party started asking the same thing or silently murmuring to themselves. They had all expected to be turned away or told that they could not touch this area.

"If it means there is a better future for them, and also for you, then so it should be. I have seen many species and races grow. Some are lost to the flow and others are able to take their strength as their own and grow. I would like for there to be more who flourish and fewer who fade. You are of the origin race. You should feel it as well."

This was not something that Walker had considered. He had always wanted the best for people even when he was running around learning as much as he could from people while the world was stagnant. It had been separated from the elemental planes but that had been why Walker had needed to find his system before a certain age. But because of that it gave him the chance to meet many people and learn a lot.

All of that grew him in to someone with a care for many different classes of people and wanting the best for everyone. He had sympathised and understood everyone while finding his own way to grow. It was one of the reasons he had become a hero, he had respect for everyone and had developed right and wrong in many ways rather than just what he had been taught by his own parents.

Considering that as an origin race member there was an innate instinct to ensure that the world and the elemental plane, everything, was safe and growing, it made some sense. He might be driven instinctively now behind what the norm would be for anyone. It also explained why he was drawn to the light mana other than just the density of the mana and the purity of the mana. He had sensed the race within and the young age of it. He had sensed that he might be able to help.

"That gives me quite a bit to think about. You have worked with the origin race for a lot longer than I have been one myself. I feel that you can also show me a lot just by allowing us the chance to meet the race and witness the elemental plane you are protecting." Walker did not show any arrogance or anything negative, he now had a lot of respect for this light spirit dragon that was looking at him with respect and opportunity.

"I would allow you to venture within young one. I can sense that you will gain a great deal and I hope that those within will also gain a great deal. I will keep a watchful eye and ensure the safety of everyone here." The dragon looked at them all slowly and carefully making note of their mana and appearance. It was making sure it could recognize them even without needing to look at them.

This alone put everyone to rest for there would surely be unknown dangers within his new elemental plane. However, it also made it clear that they needed to be on their best behavior no matter what. They could not cause any form of harm to this elemental plane whatsoever.

"I will bring you within." A bubble of light mana formed around them pulling each and every one of the party in to the vibrant light elemental plane. This was the same skill that protected the entire plane proving that as a guardian the dragon was much more than just a watcher. It was the absolute protector and then one holding the entire plane together while not developed.

The party felt the intense light mana immediately but they also realized that they were witnessing something much more peaceful than what they'd imagined.

Since this was an elemental plane still developing, they'd imagined some sort of chaos. Not because the mana was necessarily unbalanced but because it was young and whatever was within might be trying to take control. Especially the monsters and intelligent races. Yet, they found calm and peaceful light. Swaying white grasses and even fluffy looking orbs of cotton that were from other light affinity plants.

"This place is beautiful." The light mana around Alice radiated her feeling of awe and joy. She had expected to see a darker Side of light mana as it developed in battle but instead got to see a wonder that she wouldn't forget.

"You and Onyx will get the most out of this, so don't let us get in your way." Su was smirking as she understood what the pair were going to be focusing on. She would have to take extra care to guard them just in case while they were here.

Chapter 2688 Race or Monster?

'Light cotton puff

This is a unique plant that can survive by moving through the air utilizing light mana. It literally feeds and floats on the light mana in the atmosphere, being able to grow and leave seeds when it does manage to halt temporarily.

The cotton that it is made of is extremely useful when crafting illusive silks or making other forms of illusory clothing. Due to this there are many races that find high value in it and will trade or pay high prices. The older the light cotton puff is the more valuable since no members have managed to feed on it and lower the purity of the mana within...'

Walker was enjoying the information he was gaining about the plants that seemed to survive by floating on literal rays of light. These cotton puffs had various uses that all could be brought back to Genesis. He also understood that taking a few would not limit or cause any issues since it was a plant that already existed within the greater elemental planes and was very prevalent here.

'White light grass

This grass is a unique grass that only holds light mana within. It is known for swaying in tune with the flow of light mana allowing it to be a sign of changes within the flow of light mana. There are some classes or prophets or seers that will watch the white light grasses for future predictions about the growth in density and purity of light mana in certain areas.

Most often, the grass can be used to make nests or bedding for certain monsters that would benefit from absorbing the light mana released when the grass is picked...'

The white grasses everywhere here were useful too but mostly for the knowledge about how they could be used by other monsters or even brought and harvested by tamers that were helping specific tamed monsters grow. This was also a grass that was clearly common within the greater light elemental plane too though.

"Look, there are even birds too." Alice had spotted the white birds flying in groups of five. She was keeping herself very controlled but as she had spoken the light mana had moved around her a bit more densely than what it had been before. She noticed this and looked a little frustrated.

Although, this was just the fact that the light mana here was much more prevalent, Alice was still going to be unhappy about it. She has worked very hard to be able to control the light mana as it would move around her. The fact that it was causing her to focus even more on it was frustrating.

'White starling

This small bird is known for being in groups of up to twenty. They utilize light mana to reflect off of their feathers so that they can blind small insect monster prey or even to blend in to the brighter lights around. Both words for predatorial reasons and elusive strategies when running from predators.

Their feathers can be used to make blinding arrows that are popular wit-'

"I am going to try and get some of those feathers." Gil didn't even let Walker finish explaining the all around appraisal that he had just done. He was sold the moment that he could make an arrow out of the feather from the white starlings. If they could make blinding arrows then they would be ideal for using as a support arrow by archers that would hold back and watch over their fighting party.

This was also a good strategy for sharp shooters. Many would not take on a role where they would attack and leave their prey behind. They would most likely work as a support for those that were well ahead of them fighting face to face. Meaning that the vantage point they took as sharpshooters also let them lead and explain the overall terrain and dangers within an area. Something that Gil had done before and knew was a valuable set of skills to have for a small soldier group or even for a larger army.

"We can look for the feathers but I would like Walker to keep explaining some of the items we can see. There are shells over there. That would mean a beach or water but that can't be." Su was staying focused and keeping everyone on task. They had entered this elemental plane with the approval of its guardian. They had also been told they could meet a new young race. Besides this, they were also learning a slew of new information about an unexplored land, so they should keep learning.

'Blue snail shell

As the blue light snail gets older, its outer shell becomes white and falls off. This leaves a weak brittle shell that can be ground up and used to fertilize light affinity herbs. Where the shells fall always become

a vibrant and healthy area for light affinity plants to grow. This is also the same area where the young blue light snail eggs will be laid to continue the cycle.

While the shell can't be used for much else it is often used as a decorative object due to the unique white lines and patterns on the shell...'

It was not the item with extreme value as others they might find. However, it had a good use and the fact that the life cycle of the blue light snail revolve around having the shell be left behind and nourish the land was also unique. It would allow for the greenhouses within Genesis to focused on some light herbs as a way to help grow and fertilize the plants while also managing to procure another monster that could be farmed for food or other means within Genesis.

While small, it was something good to record down later and pass on to those who would be venture in to the light elements alone. They might be able to trade or gain more knowledge about how the races within the greater light elemental planes utilized monsters like the blue light snail or if they traded and used their shells for other things.

The party was enjoying the scenery but did begin to move. Midnight was walking proudly and had even switched back to her dragonkin form to walk with everyone. She did not feel intense danger here and was actually imagining that the race they met might be more peaceful and successful than what other races might be. This elemental plane was very peaceful and valuable compared to what they had expected or been in after all.

On Walker's end, he noticed that Onyx was entirely focused on absorbing and consuming even more light mana. This place had light mana unlike the world so this would be a great boost to his growth which had slowed recently. Mostly because his focus had been on helping those of his race grow and not necessarily himself unless it came to skills.

"I think we might actually be closer to the race that we need to meet than what we expected." Ahead of them were larger white mounds. Actually, they looked like hills of white clay shaped and dried in to domes used as huts or homes potentially.

While they were very primitive in the sense that they were not crafted with wood or high skills, they were safe homes that could be able to fit a few people in them. Meaning that whoever or whatever had created them must be the intelligent young race that the party had come to meet.

As the party near, they saw a skinny white figure wrapped in some larger off white colored leaves. To call them just skin and bones would be an understatement. It was simpler to call them gangly creatures with sharpened claws and too many teeth.

"That's..."

'Light stalker

This monster is known for sneaking in to villages of light affinity races and destroying them entirely. They will then feed on them and attempt to hide when they see others approaching. They are considered ideal assassins in terms of the light elemental planes and should be taken seriously.

Their thin and small size allows them to move very quickly and attack at a longer range than what many expect. Their sharper claws and teeth utilize the destructive aspects of light mana to cut through various defenses. They also have a habit of cloaking their body in reflective light mana that makes them harder to hit with ranged attacks...'

"That is a monster that has most likely killed the entire village here." Walker had already changed the form of the eternal codex in to a spear. He was going to throw one attack and defeat the monster he had seen. That was until a screeching sound came from its mouth and several more appeared from the huts. This was not just one, they had come together and consumed the entire village.

Chapter 2689 Fleeing Light

"You might need more than just a spear." Gil was also drawing back multiple arrows to shoot a triple shot since he knew very well that these monsters were going to be quicker than average. Just the size of the light stalkers was enough to understand that they would have higher agility than the average monster the party faced.

Add on the fact that they are also predators of more intelligent races, well, they would be used to fighting those with unique skills or more developed fighting style meaning that they could actually be somewhat of a threat to the party if the party was not careful.

This didn't mean that they were too strong for the party though. They had fought large and small monsters. They had even fought races of various sizes. They would not doubt their skills and strength in fighting the monsters now dashing toward them with sharp claws prepared to slash through them using destructive light mana.

"Alice, it seems that they are abusing the light mana you use for healing and safety, want to change that?" Su asked the calm question before Alice looked angry and started to sing a little rougher than normally.

Usually she focused on buffing and allowing the light to help others. This time she sang a song of abuse and betrayal. Lessons of evil that had come from the survivors of abused races. It would be foolish to believe that those who healed those who had been harmed that she did not listen to their woes and shape her violent and brutal skills toward that form of song.

Alice put emotions and belief behind her songs. Meaning that the larger spears of light she had formed by singing with a harsher tone and the pained experiences of others behind it were not only devastating. The spears were forcefully stealing the light mana from these monsters as well as she sent them to pierce their now weakened defenses.

Most missed due to their darts to the side or flopping on the ground but those that were struck by the larger light spears fell dead in seconds as the violent light mana rampaged through their bodies. Alice didn't continuously use this song though. Making the mana denser and more physical caused her to expend a lot more mana and it was not as renewable as she could with buffing skills that were there as support.

The point had been made though. Alice had removed a lot of strength from the light stalkers before they got close. Even more of their strength had faded as Gil had already shot his arrows leaving several with limps. The arrows in their ankles only slowed them down since it appeared the light stalkers were using their clawed hands to propel themselves forward as well.

The next moment, Onyx and Midnight released a breath of light mana attacks at them too. They had easily worked together since Onyx knew very well he could condense the light mana within himself and replicate what midnight could do with her dragon breath. While not a dragon breath, it was potent and slowed, if not finished, multiple light stalkers leaving only very few to slam in to the double shields that Su had slammed down in front of them.

Perfectly allowing for Walker and Remy to leap over Su's head and smash or pierce the remaining light stalkers with fist and spear.

The silence remaining was just a reminder that before the party had gotten here, the light stalkers had dealt with the intelligent races living here. The guardian dragon certainly knew that this was an event happening naturally and did not interfere. However, since the dragon had allowed the party within, it seemed that it would not frown upon them for defeating a dangerous monster that hunted the young race here either.

"I am not happy to see that we might have more trouble finding this young race, but I can at least learn from the village what kind of race they are." Walker took a deep breath as he collected the bodies of these light stalkers. If they managed to find the race, no, when they managed to find the race who lived within this plane he would leave these bodies to them.

It would be a sign of their survival and also an opportunity to show that the party would prefer to be part of the races' growth.

"We can also make sure there are no more of these things where we go too." Remy kicked the body of one light stalker, there was a white blood on its claws proving that it had been active in killing whatever lived within this village. She did not like that they had managed to kill a whole village and that these monsters would specifically infiltrate and kill an entire village normally.

"Let's search to see if there is anything here other than monsters. If we find another light stalker just shout out and deal with it quickly." The party split up and searched the white minds that had been made in to huts. It still seemed more like clay than what other earth would be but the knowledge in building might just be too minor right now. For a young race, this was still a good start.

What really was unnerving was the fact that there were no bodies. Nothing to prove that these light stalkers had actually finished off a huge number of villagers here. It made the party feel that some had escaped. Or at least that was what they hoped had happened.

"I have something here!" Gil shouted out as he broke open and already damaged the hut doorway. He could tell that it had been damaged in a fight proving that there had in fact been some of whatever race was here.

When Walker jogged over from his own searching he saw a dead light stalker and what seemed to be a sharpened branch stabbed in to its head. Whoever had fought it was not necessarily a warrior but had done amazingly well. There were white blood drops all on the ground proving that the fight had not been one sided but the victor was clear.

"I think they fled and we should start tracking them. They might need healing and other help." This was exactly the thought that came to Walker's mind as well. He knew that Gil and Midnight were the perfect pair to start tracking them and the rest of the party should push forward with them.

It only took a nod for Gil to know that Walker agreed and they were off. The others had come too since Gil had found something and they fell right in line. "There might be more light stalkers targeting them too. If we can track them, so can a predator." The reminder from Gil was nothing positive. It was a reminder that they might be finding a worse seven than they hoped.

"There are smaller rounder footprints, so I would say they are the race we are searching for. I doubt golem but maybe some sort of plant like life?" Gil tried to guess the form that the race took so they would be better able to spot them, but that was a hard guess to make. This race still have twenty years to wait for the elemental plane they were in to be safe enough to even join the greater light elemental plane. Meaning that it might change a bit before the race makes it there.

"They are somewhat like plants, actually, it looks like they are like deer with those cotton plants growing on their antlers." Su seemed to be contemplating a better name for them as she drew everyone's attention.

The white furred figures were similar to demi-humans and might be able to seamlessly blend in. Their faces were more like deer and stags, their antlers holding the cotton plants that floated everywhere. They all seemed to have a lot of light mana attracted to them before that too which was most likely the reason they carried the cotton puffs.

However, the white blood on the grasses meant that the party had not caught up to them because they were not running faster. They caught up because people were injured and needed help. Now they had to make sure they approached properly.

This race might not know there is a guardian watching over them. If they do though, then the party should be able to make contact more easily. But trusting that it would be the case without caution would be foolish.. Even if they did know, they had just been attacked by a dangerous group of monsters. They would not easily trust anyone regardless of their standing at this very moment.

"Let's take this slowly. Alice, you and I will work together on larger healing skills too."

Chapter 2690 Healing

It was barely a breath from when Walker stood up and began walking forward until the group in front of them froze. A few of those with better health and fewer injuries lowered their heads preparing to use physical force and their antlers as a weapon. However, As Alice showed herself and began humming softly, they relaxed slightly.

It wasn't the musical aspect of what Alice did that made them halt for a moment. It was the fact that the light mana gathering was soft and warm allowing them to understand that harm was not intended here in the first place. Just that alone wasn't enough though.

Walker was fairly intimidating to them since he was gathering more dense light mana than any of them could manage. On top of that he was allowing it to flow toward Alice as she sang, increasing the strength of the song overall. It meant that he could use that light mana much more violently if he so desired.

That was something that this race sensed innately, not just because they had strong light affinity. It was the same feeling that prey would have when a predator wandered by unknowingly. That small twinge that said danger, be silent right now.

"We are travelers. We have come to explore and meet your race. We saw the village and we defeated the white stalkers responsible for harming you. If you would allow us, we would like to help heal you and make an alliance for the future." Walker held up both hands showing he was not holding weapons and Alice did the same. The others also showed themselves but they remained further back showing that they were rusting this new race.

Walker had avoided using the all around appraisal on them so that he would not appear rude. It seemed that more and more he would meet those with the senses or skills to notice he was looking in to them more deeply. It was rude but also could start things off on a bad foot which would not go well for the future relationship they might have with the Genesis alliance.

"What proof do you have that you have defeated those monsters?" The voice that spoke was surprisingly high pitched, it wasn't the voice of those few who stood up to face Walker and Alice as they had approached. It was someone hiding behind them. Not that it mattered who spoke, a leader was a leader as long as their people stood behind them for support. Anyone could fill the role if they earned the trust properly.

"This is." Walker started pulling the bodies of the light stalkers out of his multi dimensional storage over and over causing even some of those hiding back in the grass to stand up in shock. They had not expected that the vile monsters that had attacked them and harmed their people to be dealt with. Let alone to be brought to them like this.

"We have no interest in taking or using the bodies for materials. You will need them to recover the strength of your people after this. So take them as a show of good faith that we are here to build a relationship." Walker also pointed to Alice who had started a song of healing with her full intent. "Alice is one of my closest allies and an explorer from my home. She specializes in healing through song and will heal all of you whether or not you wish us to speak with you or not. We only wish to ensure that all of you are safe first and foremost."

Making it clear that they would help heal them without a guarantee of an alliance or not was also doing well in making them relax. However, when the sharper higher pitched voice spoke up again, it seemed that an important question had been focused on. "Wjat would you gain from an alliance with us? We can see you are much further advanced than us by what you wear and the mana you wield."

Their leader, while still hidden, was smart. She was clearly keeping tabs on what they were in comparison to Walker's party.

"Where we come from, a palace called the world, my party has helped build a united and equal standing for multiple races. It is called the Genesis Alliance. Your home, this light elemental plane is separated from the greater light elemental plane while you develop. A guardian of your plane has allowed us here to both help you and get the opportunity to form an alliance that you and us can benefit from once you are able to travel to our home and us to yours."

"We can offer future trade, sharing in knowledge, and even new homes if need be. Nothing has to be written right now, but we can share what we have so that in time, when you are able to, your people may come looking for us."

Knowing that it was still roughly twenty years before this race could even meet them in Genesis was hard to say out loud. But giving them a good base for how Genesis would act when that time came was more than enough. Walker could only hope that he would be able to form a lasting bond for when the right time would come.

"Then we, of the white stag race would like to accept your offer to speak. We have nothing to offer you yet, but we can share what we know." as the vice spoke out, a smaller and much younger member of the white stag race stood. However, her white fur was cleaner and clever. She has a greater affinity with light mana and most likely that was the reason she was their leader in the first place.

"My name is Walker and I am the leader of my party. I am also one of the founders of the Genesis alliance. If there is anything you need to know please feel free to ask. The others I can introduce you all to once everyone is healed and safe." Walker also used his multi heal skill feeling that some of those he used the skill on that he couldn't properly see were well injured over what the multi heal skill could do.

There was a lot that they would have to speak about, but it seemed that this young leader was in no way foolish. She was holding what appeared to be a sharpened bone from a monster that their people had defeated. She was not leaving a single thing to risk in case the party was just tricking her. Not that it seemed she believed that was the case.

When Walker saw the injuries, he realized that the white stag village had been hit much worse than what he expected. However, since he had not seen any bodies and these people had denser and tougher bones than what he imagined those light stalkers could easily eat, he felt that they had all managed to survive to this point. Simply put, they might not be able to fight off the light stalkers, but they were tough enough to flee.

That alone was a key point for any young race or species of monster. Sometimes being able to survive was just the point that had to be made. It wasn't necessarily who was the best hunting it was all about managing to survive and live for another day. Being able to put forth the next generation safely.

If that could be done, there would not be an extinction of a race of species in any way.

"Alice, Su, I need you two to work together, this patient has damage to their leg from bite wounds. Remy, start preparing potions with light affinity only, they do not have the resistance to be able to handle all of our potions. If you have light nutrient potions, those would be good too." Gil and Onyx also moved in to be of help. Both of them were standing in protection in case any monsters made their way over. Walker also noticed that Midnight had scouted ahead to ensure that there would be a warning of any groups of monsters that came their way.

"Do you know of any other predators that may be in the area? Any other members of your race from other villages we need to worry about?" Walker was already focusing his healing skills on another of the white stag race who had a broken arm. Their leader just watched them with wide eyes.

Never in her life had she seen healers or anyone working this efficiently as if they had done it many times. It was shocking to the point where she struggled to respond right away. But she also had seen how the party dropped their weapons when they began to help heal, it was a sign that they did not expect any harm to come to them while only three seemed to be protecting everyone.