

## Master 2691

### Chapter 2691: Healed Up

The white stag race did not seem as weak as what the party expected. Su and Alice had the closest look other than Walker and they could tell this race of light affinity beings were shockingly tough.

Normally tough would be more associated with earth affinity beings. Right now though, it was closer to say that the white stag race had a better natural defense than others with earth affinity. It was odd to consider it that way but it just seemed to be the case.

The injuries that they were seeing all stopped at the bones. It was a good thing since healing was easier that way without needing to brace every injury. Then again there was also the fact that the light stalkers were a piercing attack focused predator. Their sharp teeth and claws were reinforced with light mana to work like devastating needles.

It could also be the fact that if the white stag race is anything like the deer species of monster within the world, they were always prey until they became more intelligent. After that, they grew and adapted to survive while maintaining the tougher traits that they had when they were less intelligent.

If this was the case then it would also explain what Walker could sense that the light mana was within their bodies more deeply. Not in the sense that they did not store light mana with all of their body, but the fact that the mana within their bodies seemed to move along their bones more so than the other ways it could flow.

While enlightening, it was not the point. The point that Walker was thinking about was that because they had so much mana stored deeply within their bodies, that they were naturally healing faster. The light mana was working as if it was both a defensive and natural healing effect on their bodies. They were not focused on attacking or fighting, but defending themselves.

Meaning that the entire white stag race would naturally heal faster and be a more defensive race overall. Potentially meaning they could do very well once trained as guardians of cities, villages, and even traveling merchants.

The leader was shocked when she saw Remy making potions with fire. They had not seen or been around other manas but knew of them since they had been told by odd travelers. While Walker overheard this mumbling about other manas, he began to realize that there might be a chance that the dragon guarding them had used light magic illusions to interact with them.

If this was the case, then the races would be able to learn about the greater elemental plane and even all the elemental planes when they were eventually mixed with them. Further proving that some of the guardians watching over these fledgling elemental planes had more potential to grow closer to the other races and their specific greater elemental plane than others would.

It also meant that Walker's party had a better chance to form a better bond with them now than they would have had if the dragon continued on. But that was another thought for later since Walker and the others had mostly stabilized the injured.

There were some who could not be moved right away and that was simply due to their bodies not being able to handle more healing without lasting injuries. They needed more nutrients and a slower healing process for some of the more advanced wounds. No matter how talented Alice was, she could not heal entire limbs like it was nothing. The entire process would bring her to exhaustion and the patient to death in this case.

"Gil, Midnight, can you two start making your way back to their village so we can work on getting them home? I will do what I can to build them a better defensive wall when we get there." Walker looked around and realized he could not easily use wind magic to float the injured back so he would need to use materials from what he had in his high dimensional storage. However, that was easily done with the fact he had an entire carriage saved within.

While seemingly foolish at times, Walker and the party had to purchase a few for their family members to use here and there. They had different things stored at the mansion while they also had different things that might need to go back and forth to their businesses. It was also useful to have in case they had to send groups to do this or that. As leaders, they had been in charge of quite a few different groups who they had needed to send to handle something or another, giving them a cart to make things easier was also a bonus.

"You just made that out of nothing?" The leader had lowered the sharpened bone knife that she had been using and moved to speak to Walker properly. She had watched him and the other carefully while speaking to the others who were less injured or healed already. It appeared that she had decided to trust the party now.

"Other than the main manas, water, fire, earth, wind, dark, and light there is space, time, life, and death manas too. Everyone is in contact with life, death, space, and time manas to some degree since they make up the very essence of everything, from what I understand. I have learned to use space mana to help me store items separately. I can do a few other things with it but it is tough to do so unless I use a lot more effort and have the right knowledge. This carriage might not be from your light elemental plane but it can be used without harming any of you and I can use mana to move it."

The white stag leader stood there blinking trying to wrap her mind around what Walker had adjusted said. It was by no means a simple statement to say what manas made up the very foundation of everything but also was hard to imagine so much existed outside of what they knew as their home and the place where their village existed.

"It's a lot to take in but I promise you that one day you and your people will be able to see so much more than what you can even imagine. Whether or not you do it with Genesis as an ally is up to all of you. No one would stop you from seeing what existence has to offer." Walker was careful to make sure that the entire village was safely traveling and the rest of the party was in place to protect them.

No one had spotted or seen any other monsters other than a few of the social ones floating on beams of light. It was ideal since there was not a single threat that they needed to fight in front of the white stag race. It was even better since Walker had to think about how he would help them secure their defense.

The light stalkers had easily been able to get in to the village since it was not necessarily designed to be held down against threats. It meant that either the white stag race had moved their village before or they were not expecting to be attacked like this. Whether it was one or the other even if Walker was to teach them a little about defending themselves and their home it would go a long way.

The best part was that Su would be able to share the most with them. She was a focus on defending, guardian, and even city defenses. She had specifically worked with the guards to make an elite group who had learned directly from her. They all now used shields with their natural skill allowing them to become the best guards that they could be. On top of this, she had trained enough of them that she could easily teach others.

This was also focused on the fact that they and Su specifically could use light mana to defend others. So, the white stage race would be able to use the same skills or at least a few would be able to keep records of them and how to train them to perfection. Further giving them a path to protecting their people in the future.

"I know a lot of things are weighing on your mind, but can you tell me what else you and your people need? I might be able to leave a lot with you to help all of you grow even stronger." Walker carefully put the idea out there to the white stage leader. The more they could do, the better. These people had just been attacked and giving a little more wouldn't put any strain on the party in any way.

Chapter 2692: Some Items

Walker could just start doing more to improve the lives of the white stage race. However, he didn't want to make it seem like he was taking over. He did not wish to become a new leader for them and interfere in their lives too dramatically. Especially to the point where their current leader may lose the faith of her people.

"You have shown us quite a bit and we have nothing to give you in return." This would be the normal reaction proving that the leader of the white stag village was actually considering the fact that Walker and his party were looking for equal payment.

They had spent their items and mana to ensure that her people were safe and prepared. Meaning that the relationship they wanted should be asking for things as well other than just giving. That was a simple understanding within any alliance overall.

"You can offer us any herbs, knowledge, or whatever you think would be valuable if you want to pay us back. However, I would rather hear you offer that in twenty years or so you will give Genesis a chance to become your ally and maybe even join us. That would put my mind at rest for those who will come looking for races within the greater light elemental plane. Especially their safety when that time comes even if you do not wish to be an ally of Genesis at the time."

Walker looked carefully at the white stag leader's face. As far as he could tell she was considering his words but she had a surprisingly good poker face that prevented him from getting any other information without prying too far. Not that he felt the need to push for such things right this second.

"We need to focus on protection. This has shown me that the monsters are willing to walk right up to us and our children without a single fear." This was where the facade of a leader cracked ever so slightly. It proved the youth that this young white stage race leader had. She was the leader due to the purity and strength of light amna within her, however, she did not have years and years of knowledge to lean on.

It was clear that the entire village was young and furthermore, that the village needed more time to develop while its people would also grow and develop. "I believe that with the light mana here and a little scouting I can help you build a protective wall for your people. I do believe you and the others with strength should speak with Su, she has already started talking I see, but she is the best defender you

could ask for right now. She can teach shield techniques and how to protect one another. She even uses a shield as an offensive weapon too."

This seemed to change the perspective that the white stage leader possessed about what a shield was and should be. Not many even in Genesis would think of a shield as an offensive weapon. Those who had heard of and knew Su would immediately disagree if anyone said a shield was defensive only. Yet, that did not mean that the idea and belief that shields were only for defending would disappear overnight. It took time to change such things.

"I also have the ability to craft you a little bit of weapons or tools if that will help. I can even forge a thing or two if possible. That depends on the light affinity materials we can find here. This place is young but fairly leather. I am sure there are plenty out there I might be able to use." Hearing her positive responses from Walker, the white stag leader thought back to the odd traveler that had appeared and shared knowledge with them. It felt too similar.

"There are other villages we have seen. They did not approach and we did not attempt to. They moved on and we know just a general direction now. They were smaller than us. Now they might be similar in size..."

"If you wish I can take a walk in that direction and see if they would like to join you. Or, once you adapt to what we have to offer you and your people you would be in the position to do so yourself." This was not just a question for Walker to ask them. He wanted to watch and see what she had to say to this.

There was a flicker of uncertainty in her eyes. While Walker understood that it was the instinct telling a leader that this was a heavier topic than what was to be expected, it also told him she had caught exactly what he intended with this question. "We would like to do such things ourselves but would still like to request your assistance and knowledge." It appeared that he was right in his guess here.

"I would also like to know how you would manage more than one race together. Are there rules? Is there a way to make sure that they would not fight and steal?" Now this was the key beyond the topic that should be searched for.

"Genesis has contracts that leaders sign. Agreements between their race and Genesis as a whole." Walker gave a firm look. "Equality and growth as a whole is the overall hope and dream of many. There is no fighting or wars permitted. Each race is represented on a council equally. Others of greater strength stand to ensure that these laws are followed. They are unable to abuse this either since there is a council able to keep them in line as well."

The ways that Walker explained this made it clear he was not lying in any means. It was also very clear by the gaze he gave the white stag leader that there would never be an acceptable reason to make one race less than another even if their past was worse off than another race's. But that was all unspoken. A promise and a dream all in one for the future.

"I do not understand you or the depths of which you speak and know. I do sense sincerity within your words and actions. Thank you for coming here whether it was intentional or a circumstance. Whether the future favors a bond with your alliance or not, we will look forward to the day. I pledge that on my name as the one bathed in white, leader of the white stag race." The sincerity and purity in these words made it feel as if there was more here than a simple promise. Walker didn't look too deeply though. He took it for what it was and began to take light affinity potions, some armor, shields, and even a few swords that he knew could be used.

The sheer amount of items that he had could not be easily measured. With all the quests he had been giving out along with the fact that he knew he could and most likely would encounter new races, he had brought a larger amount of items varying different subjects. Tools, weapons, armors, and even general goods had all been stored within his multi dimensional storage. The benefits of that was he could do what he was doing now.

"These are all items I can give you to ensure your village grows properly. It is a lot and it is also not much. It is all only valuable to your people if they learn and train with it all themselves. The tools for

building and farming are simple and easier to use but they need the same dedication as a sword or shield will." He looked around and then placed his hands on the ground. The light mana affinity soil became to shift and condense.

This shaking shocked the white stage race members who were resting and still looking at the actions of the party in awe. Now, their slight fear gave way to even greater awe as a larger wall of light affinity soil rose up. The ground here being only made of light mana made it strange for Walker to treat it as light earth. However, it was the case for every elemental plane. It was the same yet needed a different touch and focus to alter it.

When he finished, there was a larger wall three times his height with four towers surrounding the village entirely. He had set up a safe haven for them that they would need to defend and grow as time went on. "This is the least I will do for you. But my party and I will rest here and teach you all what we can. For now, everyone should just rest and get their strength back. I will go and look for some food. I doubt we want to eat the light stalkers." His smile left the white stag leader speechless before Walker left.

Chapter 2693 Testing

It took some time but eventually the party stopped to rest for themselves.

They all seemed to understand that the survival knowledge of the white stag race was developed on fleeing more than anything. There were some of the older members of the village who had worse injuries from years ago but had survived nonetheless. Proving that their toughness had developed over a long term before they had gained the intelligence to make them a race.

However, there were signs that they were using tools and weapons, but they did not have other races to push them forward enough that they had newer and brighter ideas. Whenever they started to change and adapt even more, they would be attacked by a monster and lose their homes too.

This was a rough cycle of trying to advance but being set back over and over while their numbers decreased. Now that the party had given them the materials to be able to break that cycle, there was a larger potential that they would begin to advance rapidly.

It felt a little like the party had broken the proper flow of things, but thinking about it, that would mean every race should always remain isolated. That they shouldn't interact with one another since they might change the course of fate. Which just seemed foolish since other races do meet. They do change the futures of one another.

That was how new ideas and new communities were born. Yes bad could come from it, but in cases like this there was a lot more opportunity to progress. To learn from one another. To become stronger and better than the past they had.

"The dragon only mentioned one race here, so we have more than achieved the goal. They should have a fair fighting chance now. They just need to listen to what Su taught them and work hard for it." From Gil's perspective, this was the best and most they could do without remaining here for a full twenty years and protect the white stag race as a whole.

As much as the others would wish to stay and act as guides, that was well outside of their goals. "I think you are right, we did enough. But they might not be happy to see us leave quickly, they just survived a rough endeavor and we are going to leave them with shocking knowledge all alone." The worries Su had were fair.

Emotionally it felt like they had just saved a child from falling in the water, but instead of getting them somewhere safe they just left that child at the edge of the cliff above the water anyways. Just daring bad luck to come and undo it all.

"They need to take what we gave them and push themselves to survive using it or adapt their own methods. We give them the tools, they can learn. Plus, the system allows for languages to be translated so they have no issue reading the books we left them and copied quickly with notes that should help them. I also left a record of descriptions of herbs and the monsters I saw. They know how to survive here, but now they will be able to thrive here. We just have to hope that in time we will see them join Genesis."

This felt natural to Walker. Almost like he was doing something that should be done and he was just following the perfect example of the way it needed to be done. Yet, he also could tell that he would not forget this place so easily because he had left an imprint of it. No, more than that, he had taken ownership in parts of how this entire race survived.

"I think this is part of me learning how the Origin race lives and grows. I can feel that we are doing what we need to do and that it is part of who and what I am. More than anything right now, I feel like this is right." Everyone looked at Walker and understood that he was also making the final call to leave.

"Then I will bring you out. You did very well. You have given them the opportunity to become what I feel they can be." The voice was rough but they all knew it to be the dragon guarding this elemental plane. When the light encompassed them and the party was dragged away, some panic broke out with the white stage race who noticed but the party was already being pulled away without any goodbye.

"It may be a challenge to leave like this. Just remember, they are growing and you have played your part. It has been quite a few years since I heard of a young origin race member. I thought that they may have stopped increasing their numbers. You bring me faith. Something I did not feel since I was a small hatchling. We may see one another again. For now, take this mana and use it as a memory of your time here."

As the party was released from the encompassing light, they saw the entire light elemental plane flickering. The dragon was cloaking it in their magic and illusions. Hiding it away from prying eyes.

The dragon had allowed them to see it this entire time. It had known and was clearly stronger than what it let on. But it hadn't forced anything within the elemental plane allowing for the white stag race to grow naturally. Yet, with the opportunity, it had let Walker in. Not in a way to force the race to grow, but it felt like a test.

"I think you were being tested brother."

"Mhm, tested." Both Onyx and Midnight nudged Walker making it clear they agreed with one another. Walker had been tested and the party had been his supporters to get through the test. Leaving knowledge and experience behind for the race while Walker guided everything to begin what he could only imagine was the path of the origin race in terms of these young races and elemental planes.

"I think you are all right. I think that guardian is a bit older and stronger than they let on. Especially if they are left to help a young race grow. I might have been tested by more than just them..." The idea and thoughts in Walker's head were ringing a little too loudly since he wanted to get some more solid answers. The issue was he couldn't do anything about getting those answers.

He did notice that there were other gains from this other than his own comprehension of what the origin race did and what the guardians they placed in charge of fledgling elemental planes did.

Alice had a dense layer of light mana all over her body. It was less like she did so consciously but like the mana had decided to wrap her protectively since it was in tune to her. So the odds that Alice had become closer to the small amount of angelic blood in her body and grown toward the light affinity even more so than before. To the point that it might not just be her words that made light mana move and just her presence drew it in to act as an additional protection for her. It was a good thing.

While Walker thought that Omnyx might show some growth, it was actually Su who seemed to gain a bit more than expected. She had learned from Alice and managed to use the light affinity she gained through becoming a guardian for Midnight to use light shield skills. But right now, it appeared she was a little caught in the fact that she could use that same skill but larger and stronger. Enough to protect all of the party with a weaker shield of light that followed them.

"Everyone gained a lot from this. But, what are we doing next? Are we going to check out those elemental planes over there? Or should we go that way where there seems to be nothing at all?" Remy was curious about both directions. One could contain the unknown lack of elemental planes which made all of them somewhat fearful. The other could hold new young races and different guardians to meet.

"I think we should head toward those elemental planes. I can feel that they are different just looking at them. They don't feel like I know them." Trusting Gil's eyes was something everyone learned to do. But saying that his instincts told him he didn't know what he was seeing meant a lot.

"I think we do that then. The emptiness over there makes me feel like we shouldn't go because we might stray away from our goals. And if Gil can't tell what those planes are..." Walker smirked at everyone, curiosity always seemed to win with him.

#### Chapter 2694 Not Fighting

Walker was finding himself excited. There was something about how Gil couldn't tell what this distant elemental plane was that seemed to latch on to him and take up a lot of his focus. A small whisper of an idea that it might be something he is looking for kept telling him he should push to examine it closer. Push himself to learn more right this second.

There was a little more that he and the others didn't realize. That the mana radiated from a far off elemental plane that Gil could barely feel was resonating with all of them slightly. Just enough that they all felt an interest. Just enough that they were all able to feel what was out there and that they did not know it in the same way as the basic elemental manas.

Pursuing that, Walker allowed for the space mana he could feel around them to be their propulsion toward the new elemental plane. He felt that space mana was so much easier to use here. Most likely because it was condensed enough to allow for the elemental planes to all sit and develop here. Whoever or whatever had first created this had done so with extreme skill.

This level of skill was not something that Walker could comprehend properly. Simply because he didn't know what he would need to do to develop to this height of knowledge in space mana as a whole. He might need years or he might just need a unique situation. Regardless, he was taking advantage of that mana to move faster. To travel more.

As they did near it though, everyone noticed a small ball of stone floating around them. It was not normal and Walker tried to get an all around appraisal from them right away. "The all around appraisal just says granite rock formed by pressure."

He was stumped. There were a bunch of round, marble like granite that a kid could use as a toy floating here. It should all be isolated within an earth elemental plane. That would make the most sense.

"Walker, what does it look like if an elemental plane breaks apart?"

His questioning face slowly looked at Remey as she pointed out toward a denser cluster of these round granite rocks. Some were leather but it was still clear that they had all been stuck together at one point.

"I would assume that we would see the parts of it, the denser parts of the mana spread out and eventually fall in to other elemental planes causing them to slowly lose their affinity for earth and become another affinity over mana years of development." This was what happened at times and now Walker and the others understood how elemental planes had materials that were once part of another. It was another way for unique materials to form other than just by being within a border.

"Shouldn't we stay focused on that weird elemental plane?" Su tried to change the focus back to what they had been doing before but now the party was somewhat divided.

They wanted to know about both. The broken elemental apnea and what might cause it to break and the mystery elemental plane that they did not understand but felt they should see and know. That they felt was familiar.

"It broke because of that." Onyx opened his eyes and made them all look at something beyond the rocks. Something that could easily be confused for more rocks of different sizes but clearly was actually a body. A monster that could definitely not survive the damage on its body and the fact that whatever it had done put it under immense pressure.

'Remains of a gravity eater

This monster is one that crawls through the in between. Places where there are only fledgling elemental planes. While not inherently dangerous to most, it is extremely dangerous toward anything earth affinity due to the fact that it needs denser earth mana to force the development of gravity mana.

The unique bonds of space and earth allow for gravity mana to be present within and around many places. Most prominently in developing cores of earth elemental planes. Therefore, the gravity eater will attempt to consume such places entirely. However, this gravity eater was unable to absorb all the mana all at once in its speed causing it to collapse and the gravity mana to run rampant.

The body and after math is valuable to earth mages and space mages. They can use the remains as materials to build unique magical focuses...'

What was left of the monster seemed as if it was stretched too thin. Like rubber that had been expanded and then had holes cut out of it before being crumpled up slightly. The dark smooth body and sharper looking black teeth were barely discernible. The larger amount of earth stuck through and inside it also made it harder to understand what it was overall.

"I want nothing to do with those monsters." Alice was mirroring the thoughts of everyone right now. Every single one of them could sense and feel the threat that came with what this monster had in life compared to what it had now. Even worse, they could tell that anything with the ability to literally consume the core of a small elemental plane at the risk of destroying itself was much more powerful than them.

"I... I am going to store it away so we can use the condensed granite and its body for materials. I know it's dangerous but it's a material we would never find within the world that could help everyone." Walker knew very well that the others might push against him if he didn't have a good reason for grabbing and bringing the body and stones with them. However, he could also sense the mana within were still unique.

He might have the opportunity to understand another aspect of space and how when it mixed properly with extremely dense earth mana it could create gravity mana. That knowledge alone would push him further in his own development while he could and would provide the body as materials for any space or unique earth mages who learned certain skills or had certain needs. Let alone if they were able to get a gravity mage within Genesis at some point.

"It's fine, but if we see one of those things you are making sure we are as far away as possible from it. And we are going home." The way that Remey was looking at Walker it was not an ask, a question, or an idea. This was a fact and that was how it would be.

"I can make sure of that. I don't want to fight one of them either. I doubt we would have a safe and happy time at all." He didn't have any reason to disagree though, Walker knew very well that a living one of these monsters, well, it would be a blessing to survive let alone be able to actually fight it.

Turning their focus back the slight green and gold glimmer in the distance, the party brushed off their shivers and paid attention to what else they could learn. This unknown elemental plane was not resonating with any of their affinities. Instead, it felt more like it was just dense mana resonating with them as a whole. Something that Walker was beginning to feel was a familiar sense for them. For him specifically since he had focused on it at one point.

"Life mana. That's life mana." The sheer excitement as everyone heard and realized this only came because they knew this was one place that Walker was specifically looking for. Life mana elemental planes might not be common but they were technically everywhere. Without life mana no race, plant, or monster could exist. It would just be a pure elemental plane with just basic materials and nothing to call as life at all.

But an elemental plane that was only life mana? Now that was a mystery to all of them. What could be inside? What would even have the chance to grow there? Could anything grow there without the addition of other manas? There was a lot left to be guessed at and learned from it.

"But should you wander in to a garden that is not yours? Should you go looking at something that is not for your species? Tell me little travelers moving through space, should I allow you near what I was asked to safeguard?" The rumble of manas and intense pressure fell on all of them.

They could understand the words, but they did not even have the ability to respond. Even Walker found himself stuck in place. He was not suddenly held still as the rest of the party was, but the slight movement he could do to turn himself to search for the source was nothing at all in comparison to being able to actually move.

Chapter 2695 Open Eyes

What was really the worst about their situation was that they could not see a single thing. They did not know what or who was holding them in place. They just knew that they were trapped and that they were being kept there until there was something done about it.

"Little one, why do you move toward what I am here to protect? I sense your greed for knowledge. I sense your desire to study. I know of those things. So tell me. Why."

The words shook the space around them making the pressure even clearer to them. It was something unlike what Walker had ever felt before. It was entirely different from what he did when he used manas to isolate an area by stopping them from moving. This was complete control over manas and space around them to ensure that nothing could move at all.

"I came looking for-"

"Speak clearly and tell me what you need and what you would venture this far." The words again hit like a wave of pressure, this time only focused on Walker making his face redden. He was trying his best but the pressure was almost too much with those words.

"I want to learn more and grow more. I need to learn about life mana, death mana. Time mana. And space mana. I need that to keep protecting the people of the world." He blurted out in a rush making it seem that the words had been forced out rather than spoken in conversation. It was a forced phrase that was more than just true though. Even Walker felt that the words he had said were more influenced than just him telling the truth. Like there was a sincerity in them that allowed for nothing to be left to be desired.

"Good. Then you may glimpse upon what I raise. You will not be allowed within, it would contaminate such a place of purity. It will one day bolster new growth within a hundred elemental planes." Walker

felt the pressure disappear and he sucked in a deep breath. He could tell that the words were believing what he had said, but he also sensed that he was under extreme scrutiny.

He wasn't just being watched, he was being guided like a pet on a leash. It was demeaning but also clear that he had no trust with whatever or whoever this was. A being that was much more powerful than him but certainly not an origin race member. That alone made him wonder just what kind of guardian would be this powerful that the younger origin race members would not even be able to hold a candle to them.

"Do not pry child. You are an infant compared to those that reign here. We watch, we guide, and we report to only those greater than the average. We are those that foster the very fabric of what you know. Do not believe that in our gardens you are a master to anything. You are just one that comes to learn the art we have been breathed in to existence to foster."

The words hit like a falling mountain. They spoke of one that had become more than just what they preached or what they were asked to learn. This being was and would always be one that existed to ensure the growth and protection of this life elemental plane. Its garden was something that existed because it allowed for greater things than just itself.

That understanding was easy to feel, that was a purity beyond elemental manas being pure. This purity was in sense and law. It resonated with the way of existence to the point that Walker believed he may be speaking to a being that could possibly interact with the very will of existence more than what Walker was even able to comprehend.

"Do not wander in thought. I feel your wavering. Your theories and curiosity is both a blade that cuts you and defends you. If you were to wander in to the death elemental plane you would have become nothing by a mere moment of existence before vanishing in to it."

These words made everyone's skin crawl. They didn't feel there were lies or untruths within. This was just a fact. A clean and clear fact that if Walker had gone toward a death elemental plane then he would just cease to be. Plain and simple, he would not be treated like he was now to where it could even be called compassionate.

In a push of space, the entire party and Walker was dragged right in front of the golden green life elemental plane. "This is the garden of life, a plane where the life mana gathered. Look upon it and understand that all life is minuscule until given the chance to blossom. My garden has grown for three thousand years and has allowed seventy three elemental planes to be grown properly."

The resonance in these words was mirrored by the ripples in the mana below. Thai mana was nothing that Walker could touch and influence. He was unable to grasp it because he had never been able to control and grasp life mana to a denser degree. He could spur his life mana and others mana mana to develop and heal, even help alter the race of someone because of their innate connections and paths.

That was something that the will of the world and will for existence could also do through the systems they put in place. Systems that were obsolete since innate abilities, skill, and even quests were becoming something natural that didn't need to be watched and seen, they were felt as part of what everyone was. It was just another fact of everyone and everything.

"It's beautiful, just like when we heal someone, it's more than what..." Alice wasn't speaking to anyone. She was speaking to herself in a mumbled tone while light mana within her seemed to be released a little. She was distracted and not focusing, but looking at this, she felt the same senses as when she was healing someone. She could feel the same vibrance.

Gil and Su struggled to grasp anything though. They were not in the same line of thoughts as Alice and Walker would be. Su had worked with whalers and still couldn't catch on. She did feel the mana resonating with her though. So did Gil. It inspired them slightly to the point that they felt any past wounds were less known and any scars were fading because their body was healing them even cleaner than ever before.

In Midnight and Onyx's perspective, they were feeling what Walker was sensing slightly. Meaning that their minds were racing as they understood more about themselves. The life mana within them was spurring their bloodlines to develop as they should. For Midnight, she was being able to merge her affinities as a true dragon champion even better within her body. It was solidifying what she was to start.

For Onyx, he was isolating his race more. He was a monarch, a patriarch, a being that was the first and leader of his race now. Since that was the case, the stability he had within his body was not the same as others who would be born a hundred years later of his race. Now though, he was solidifying a foundation that would allow him to remain in power and guide those ten times better if he remained focused on such things.

Remey thought she was awestruck. Her knowledge of alchemy has always been directed at helping those she cared for. Therefore, that time in the orphanage and her goals to learn alchemy for her sick siblings had been a core aspect of who she was. The very foundation for her goals to be more than a brawler.

The alchemical brawler she was had never seen something like this. And as the first of her unique class, she has focused immensely on alchemy since she had learned to fight previously for her whole entire life. This moment gave her the recognition that as an alchemist she had been missing things.

The life mana within the herbs she used were wasted. That mana had always been ignored since she had not even considered it. Meaning that all potions she had were not that good. Not better. "I can go beyond grand potions. I can make... I don't know what they would be. I can do more though." The flames in her eyes had sparked in to a slightly golden color proving she had grasped the essence of her direction as an alchemist and how she would use it to form a path that used her strength and understanding even further.

An alchemical brawler who would step forward toward a new goal.

Walker though. He couldn't comprehend what to do. He was stunned and also racing. He was stuck and always running forward. His body felt like it was being offered water after being trapped in the desert for years and years. He felt that he was being shown and given just what he had been missing if only a small portion, it was enough.

Chapter 2696: Go Back?

"It's odd, you have never asked something of me before. Yet you ask now?"

"Yes, I understand that it is the first young one of your race in such a long time, yet you still asked as if it was the last young one."

"You know I do not desire such things. As a young one of my kind I was also foolish. I came to know that wrongness of my race and those who pursued your race's destruction. Now I join you and foster the life here. I still ask, why this one, and those lower than them?"

"I see... the only one born at the center and able to rise to match. You believe this one will have the same strength then?"

These words couldn't have been heard by anyone other than those speaking. Yet, Walker could feel someone was speaking about him. He didn't know why that thought came through while he was trying to focus on the life mana.

His body was reacting and he was feeling more awake. More energetic than he had in a long time.

Energetic? Was that really where his mind was going? Walker's self questioning only grew as he realized that he was thinking a little too fast. Or was it his heart beating too fast? Or was it his mana moving too fast?

Actually , it was everything that felt like it was moving faster. It was rushing through as if he had never been able to move at any speed slower before. But it wasn't really speed, it was just more than he expected. More than he was used to. Like someone had put him in a cart running downhill after being pulled slowly inching up that hill for days.

Every single bit of him felt like he was given water when standing in a desert. Like a plant that hadn't had water for weeks, he was finally graced with rain.

It only compounded the more that Walker realized that every bit of life mana ambient was being pulled in to his body and he was becoming more deeply aware of his own life mana and every mana within his body. Whether he had recognized it or not, the natural mana stored within his body that he broke apart in to the basic elemental manas was also filled with life mana and space mana. While the other mana she wished to sense more closely were still a mystery to him, life mana right now was all too clear.

Yet, he also felt that he could resonate that life mana with other manas and skill. He was seeing pure life mana that was held and now allowed to flow toward him. It was like a guiding hand allowing him the opportunity at enlightenment.

And with that small control he had over the life mana in his body and the light mana flowing toward him, Walker tried what he felt would be foolish not to try.

He tried to store some within the multi dimensional storage.

To him, this became a wall. A massive blockade that he had no idea why it was so hard to push even the tiniest bit of life mana in to a high dimensional storage devoid of other mana. Walker could make such a thing. He was capable of opening another smaller multi dimensional storage space that would have nothing within. If he kept the space even smaller, he could make it accept only one form of mana and not even allow it to be anything more than what it was but mana stored there.

The idea wasn't to make a special storage space, but he did comprehend the potential of that before he had made it this far. Instead, Walker wanted to have some of the pure life mana influencing his body right now to study. That would allow his understanding to grow. Allow for him to grasp what life was.

To feel the primordial aspect that life brought when it bonded with other mana. How it created races. How plants could possibly sprout and come in to being. How some materials could gain manas and become golems or monsters. How everything could potentially become more than an inanimate or unintelligent being.

The moment that Walker felt the life mana settle and stop revolving through his body, he and the party were torn away back to a fair distance from the life elemental plane. "That is the glimpse you are allowed. Now venture on or return to your world. You are much too weak to be delving in to such things." the voice came like a librarian who had just heard someone shout in their library. It was telling them what they had done wrong and expected rules to be followed no matter what.

"Wait what about-"

"That is all. You have been allowed to view and that is all." They felt yet another rush of mana before they found the entire area had been changed to yet a different scene. Different elemental planes floated in the distance while the sparkling golden green life mana was nowhere to be seen.

"That was amazing but also terrifying." Remey would have normally cracked her knuckles and talked about wanting to punch something. But right now she felt that she was just too small to even consider fighting something they couldn't see.

However, Walker had seen something in the end. That life mana circulating through his body had enhanced what he was in terms of race. He hadn't realized that being in the world had given him such a great chance to see all manas. Yes he could see manas in the air and how they flowed because he had trained his mana senses to do so.

Now though, he could actually see the other manas. That life mana had allowed him to gain some sight in to ambient space mana, life mana, death mana, and the odd blue translucent flickering he had realized must be the most infinitesimal piece of time mana he had ever seen. Not that he could focus on it, whenever he tried to do so with time mana it was gone. More like it was mocking him or playing a joke. Just keeping right out of reach.

"That was a void walker. A race of near extinct beings that can use space to walk through the chaotic mana and not be harmed. They can also use space to isolate a singular mana and allow it to grow, to flourish. I only saw the hand that grabbed us to move us away from the life elemental plane and I am pretty sure it let me glimpse it just so I knew that I could not do anything about it."

Most of what Walker had seen from the appraisal he had done was unreadable. Just phrases that spoke more about philosophy or the idea of something rather than actual fact or comprehensible knowledge. Meaning that the void walker might be a being not made of mana and physicality in the same way that Walker could comprehend at this point in time. Existence didn't block the information, it didn't need to do anything like that because Walker couldn't piece it together or understand it.

But what he did gather was enough to understand that the age of that being was more than what he had ever seen. Also, that that being served the entire origin race not just one origin being.

"You saw it?"

"Only for a brief second. It let me because it wanted to show me. I doubt we will ever meet it again but that was something born outside of everything we can possibly see or explore. Its race is nearly existing in all that is." There was a sad undertone in Walker's words. He could feel that it was not something light to speak allowed. It carried a weight beyond just what would be said for an extinct species in the world.

"I think I want to go back." It was Su who spoke up. Clearly, she had been given a lot to think about with that influence of life mana. The others also had the same inklings as to how they could grow and how they had just managed to establish a denser foundation of what and who they were.

"I need to see space, death, and if possible time elemental planes. I still need to see more." Walker on the other hand had his own profound experience but needed more. He could feel that he needed more too.

"Then we see more!" Midnight didn't mind holding off. This was fun. She was seeing things she could tell the hatchlings about. She was seeing things other dragons couldn't dream about. Why would she stop? The others saw and felt the attitude and understood that they could contemplate more later. If they wanted, they might even be able to get more information and move even further forward. So it was right, why stop now?

Chapter 2697 Swirling Undead Mana

Forgetting about the fact that they had unwittingly come across two very powerful beings, one more than another in a row, wasn't easily done. However, Walker also understood that everyone has their own personal thoughts about their future growth. The fact that they were willing to keep pushing the envelope and stepping forward was major to him and everyone else right now.

"So, are we heading that way?" Gil directed them toward what he could tell was a water elemental plane next to an earth elemental plane. But he also wasn't entirely sure that he and the others would find those places very useful to their growth. But they also might see things that didn't exist anywhere else yet.

"I think I should use a little more sense than that." Walker was smirking a little. He was looking around with his head on a swivel. From what everyone could tell, he was looking at absolutely nothing but to him, he was trying to pick out wisps of mana he knew were not just ambient calm manas. He was trying to grab a hold of manas that were flowing from more potent and theoretically more developed elemental planes.

"I think we should follow this one." Walker reached out and physically drew in mana in to a small ball that he knew the others would be able to sense and see. However, they were pretty shocked that this was the mana that Walker had grasped.

"You want us to follow undead mana?" It was fair that with the previous experiences with undead mana and the undead that Su would think Walker had lost it a little. To be clear though, they also didn't use undead mana at all. Meaning that they were going to a place that would most likely give them less benefits than anywhere else.

"The undead mana is death and life basically coming together. It's not wrong but it's not right. My theory is that if we go to where this mana is so dense, we should be able to find something that caused the mana to be very dense." The idea wasn't complicated. For Walker, it was a focus on the fact that he would be able to see the death and life mana mixing with whatever other manas nearby.

Therefore, Walker would see how life and death mana can balance when in a vacuum. When it was just those two manas and how other elemental manas interacted with them. It might allow him insight about how death mana reacted and even gave him the chance to store some more pure death mana within his multi dimensional storage. From there he could use it to train himself more in the future.

"It could be interesting. The undead materials I had were used to make potions that made undead literally dissolve away if used right. So, maybe I can work with Alice and we can make potions that purify an area with dense undead mana even better." The Idea Remy came to was that the benefits she had with potential materials were high enough. Undead mana naturally gathered in certain places anyways.

As much as she would not want to fight even more undead, it would forever be part of the world. Therefore, handling it properly was the best case. If she could help with that by utilizing her potions instead of her fists, then that was all for the better. She really would prefer to fight someone face to face than an undead that smelled and wouldn't even feel the excitement of battle she possessed.

Otherwise, even Su seemed to catch on that they would not necessarily be looking for just the undead elemental plane that Walker sensed. That it would be more important to study the surroundings. If she could grasp something about death mana, even slightly, she believed that as a guardian she could protect against it. While no one she knew used death mana, that was a surety to appear in the future with how advanced the world was getting. Meaning that if she could teach another how to defend from it, she would be setting up a perfect future defense.

The others didn't seem to mind and gestured for Walker to do what he did. Without hesitating, Walker pulled at space mana like it was easier for him than ever. While he made a mental note of how much easier that it felt, he also didn't question it. Something about questioning it told him if he did he would not manage to succeed but that was maybe just in his head.

All things aside, the entire party could tell that they were even moving faster. It wasn't in any way like what had just happened to them with the powerful being from before, but they all realized that going through that ordeal taught Walker something. It might have affected all of them since they all felt the shift in space mana much more clearly.

When they did arrive in front of the elemental plane, it was like looking at a rotating sphere of gray. The mana was dense and there was clearly an aura of sadness around it. While it was hard to describe as such, it was true and it was also somewhat deeper than that.

It was the same feeling someone would have when they hadn't slept for days and just realized that they hadn't even gotten halfway through the task keeping them awake. Besides that, there was a shifting of shadow figured within the moving mana, proving that this undead was not zombies or skeletons as Walker and the party had the most experience with.

'Violent wraith

This is an undead without a perfect form. Due to this, it is constantly using undead mana to maintain its form searching for life mana to solidify a proper physical form. It is able to corrupt and slowly possess another if they are able to break mental and physical defenses. The weaker their target the easier they have it.

They are not intelligent enough to speak or utilize the hosts' memories and will quickly kill whatever they possess leaving nothing but an extremely violent zombie in place of those they had possessed. They are extremely weak to denser elemental mana because it makes their form harder to maintain.

When they are captured within specific gems, they are considered to be the same as what an elemental spirit is when trapped within a weapon. However, the violent wraiths will constantly try to escape causing the undead mana to attract more death mana creating weaker undead all around it. This is why some races that use necromancy will trap powerful violent or elder wraiths within gems and weapons to use as an additional strength for their...'

Walker read the all around appraisal to everyone. This was more like a ball of wraiths than it was just undead mana. But they were feeding on the undead mana while the undead mana was seemingly

growing. Nearby, they noticed what could only be cleaner and purer undead mana being released without intent.

The face of a few of the violent wraiths slammed in to what must be some form of barrier as they noticed the life mana within the party. However, when Walker began to buff everyone using natural mana, they recoiled since they could tell they were not strong enough to fight or to possess any one of them.

"So some undead elemental planes are a ton of undead monsters just fighting one another and trying to escape. I hate it." While blunt, Gil wasn't going to make it seem that he liked this sort of place. There was certainly something about the plane that could cause a lot of damage to anywhere if it was added without safety.

The party started to chat about how they would need to handle anything they tried to take from here. How they might not even risk trying to gain anything. Especially with the fact that the elemental plane is clearly sealed for a reason. If they accidentally changed that then they would be responsible for any consequences.

"There it is. There is a small thread of life mana and a small thread of death mana. Both are being drawn in to keep this place balanced. It's why the barrier is maintained." Walker pulled at the two threads with his mana senses and felt that he could siphon a little mana for himself without causing any breaks or issues.

He also could sense that the undead elemental plane was not something naturally occurring. While he couldn't put his finger on the specifics, he could tell just by feeling it. The mana around it and keeping the balance while also trapping the undead plane was made by an origin being and was not made to be easily added to another elemental plane. Someone had different plans for it somehow.

Chapter 2698 Origin Race Language

"There are runes there, right?" It was Onyx that noticed them. The seemingly shimmering forms that were clearly some strange elemental runes. They weren't normal though. Not in the terms of what Walker could say that rune carvers and craftsmen used.

These runes were different and more natural almost. They didn't really pull in mana around them but they held the mana of the one that carved them in to the very space. Meaning that the one who made them was using some higher form of space mana while ensuring that they were anchored in.

As much as Walker was enamored with the additional life mana and then getting some pure death mana to store away and learn from, he was also stunned with the fact that someone had carved runes that to him were so useful that they could remain in one place for who knew how long.

"They are words, not runes. These are words left by another origin race member. They made this." Walker was stunned as he felt everything was making a little more sense now.

"What do you mean those are words, they look more like messed up runes that don't connect." The fact that Gil couldn't read them and that the others clearly could not either made it also clear that the origin race used more specific runes they most likely created than anything else.

Those that had placed them made a language that their races specifically used to share knowledge and information beyond what the world and existence used their wills throughout the system to translate. Yet, Walker was able to understand everything within these runes the moment he laid eyes on them.

"They use both mana and intent to allow me to read them. I can't make them yet, but I assume it is specific to the origin race. They left this for others to understand their intent with the elemental plane as a whole." Walker was about to start ranting about how amazing and useful this form of rune message was and if they could learn it beyond just the origin race there might be great benefits. Especially since

he only saw several runes but learned much more. It was the perfect way to condense a message for whoever needed it.

If there was a scout that used this they could send incredibly detailed reports on an area that would be able to help everyone going there. Let alone how it would work for crafting projects or even city wide announcements that would change the rules and laws or even just help move events forward. It could benefit every single society and maybe even be the key toward moving with a united universal language in mind.

"Just tell us what it says!" Remey saw exactly what Walker was thinking and what would happen if she didn't snap him out of his thoughts. It wasn't that he would forget to explain to them what he had actually learned from the message. It was simply that he might rant about uses for the language and how he needed to go about learning it more in depth. By the time he circled back around.... Well it could be quite some time.

Walker's somewhat eccentric side was the cause of some great leaps in various fields. But it also took a. Lots of time and focus. Time that right now the rest of the sorry wished to use bolstering everyone's understanding of everything they were encountering, not just one person's focus on a language that would take many years to implement and be able to utilize properly.

It was just a plain and simple logical focus right now. The information left was more valuable than pausing everything to focus on studying. And Walker knew that when he was pushed back to his attention.

"Undead elemental plane. Balance for growing death and life elemental planes with excess manas too pure for incorporation. Utilize this in areas that are in need of balance due to overpopulation and requirements for purifying skill growth in non intelligent groups. Potentially spurring intelligent growth directions and growing populations."

They were all somewhat silent as they felt this was some big experiment.

"There's another note after it though. Each one of these runes is a message different from the others from different origin beings." Now they realized that they might hear more about these things, or they would feel worse.

The idea that the origin race was simply exploring the idea that they could create intelligent life, no, intelligent races was a hard pill to swallow. Especially with the fact that it could mean the world was just one big experiment.

"Undead mana siphoned to assist in balancing the outbreak of quicksand fish in a dense earth elemental plane. Caused an imbalance in life and death mana until a new species of intelligent skeletal undead were created. Caused an outbreak of fighting leading to the collapse of the earth elemental plane. This method is not supported. Light mana added to purify and a guardian placed to watch over the future race to be brought to the elemental planes properly."

Now they felt that the idea had been used and proven false. However, Walker was not done and read the next one.

"Using undead mana as a source of encouragement is now proven to be a consistent failure. Guardians are better off being placed in overwatch and guidance of any flourishing race. Undead mana is better used to curb the natural fusion of life and death mana due to natural events. Utilize the wraiths here to encourage natural growth without harming massive areas."

"This undead plane is now used to condense undead mana and grow undead monsters. Bring to needed unbalanced undead elemental planes to encourage balance before additions to normal elemental planes."

"It seems like there were younger origin race members who misused this and realized their errors before using the undead mana to pearly balance an elemental plane before they bring it to the greater elemental planes. They had to learn through time and it took..." Walker seemed to be counting before he realized he couldn't actually figure out a solid number of years.

"So they took so long to figure it out because the elemental planes take so long to develop, they didn't know they were not doing things right until they got to a certain point. Then, they shared what they learned with one another and this undead elemental plane is a fixture for them to visit and utilize only when necessary?" The way that Su saw it, the origin race had learned and begun keeping balance because that was what they had to do. Yet, they made mistakes and needed to ensure that they followed the process and what they learned exactly. Hence the notes immortalized here.

"The last one states; This undead elemental plane can be used in the process of the third wave, enhancing the fabric of the greater planes and the central core. When balance is formed the pure planes will be added and the layered planes will also be added."

"I have no idea what that means but it sounds like what's happening now, right?" Poking at the idea that there were many elemental planes being added to the greater elemental planes, Gil had a very good point.

"If this is making a point that the elemental planes are planned to be added in waves, then this is the third one. Would the second be when there was a cut off from the world and the elemental planes were at war? That was a major event and there was a lot of chaos due to it. The third wave will have pure elemental apples added." Su was beginning to feel a little panic since she understood that many lives would be at risk if there was an even bigger event happening right now.

"I think that it already started and that was why the elemental kings and true sages were so focused. We didn't even get to properly meet some of the kings or the true sages. They were all working hard to keep

balance. I would guess the second wave was harder because there was no world to act as this core. That meant that balance was easier to break."

The theory that Walker was building made a lot of sense and could go pretty far. However, he also didn't ignore the fact that this undead elemental planes would also be added along with other layers. "I think the other layers are different manas like space, time, life, and death mana elemental planes. It means that the greater elemental planes will expand even more outside of what we or anyone else knows. All this, will expand."

The space, the bubble, and everything that they could see here would become the same as the greater elemental planes. They would examine while the world had already been growing and new aspects appearing. It was all a step toward growth of the entire thing. The whole of everything that the world, the greater elemental planes, and what the origin race worked for was growing. They just were being let in on the details slightly.

Chapter 2699 Helped Along

"Those rune words aren't from the same time. They are from very spread out. Maybe hundreds of years separated, right?' Alice seemed to be catching on that this was when some members of the origin race might have been much younger. When they were learning to balance and grow the whole that they had barely begun to explore themselves.

"They certainly are. I think that the origin race is powerful and some are very old, but they are not all knowing and others are not as experienced. There just might not be many of them that we can see since they go out in to the chaotic mana."

Knowing that there were potentially few meant that either more were out in the chaotic mana exploring and finding new elemental planes or that they were very few in number. The idea that the race he became part of was nearly extinct didn't sit well with Walker. He didn't want any race to suffer the worries that came with that. Let alone one that he was now tied to so deeply.

"I think that if we're going to move forward with this we should try to see the origin race as more than caretakers and see them as those who have been ahead of our plans preparing the world for what we are doing now." Su's outlook was more positive since she was trying to look at it as if they had all been working toward the same goal from the start.

In some terms that is correct, however, it was also clear that the origin race had focused themselves on their natural abilities to ferry new elemental planes and foster new races and life as a whole. Whether it took the form of what the party traditionally expected or not, it was a major change to what the party was doing in the sense that they were focused on the intelligent braces only.

Although, now there was a lot of skepticism related to the actions of the origin race when they might not have been as experienced about growing these places. The elemental planes were delicate and their actions most likely caused the destruction of a few that would not have happened. Then again, they have also caused the growth of many that would not have happened. They had also managed to protect the entirety which was now the greater elemental planes and by condition the world itself.

Meaning that the will of existence was able to give birth to the will of the world. Something that was still a mystery as to what it was and how they both fully worked. Yet, that didn't perturb Walker any longer. He believed that the origin race was one that found methods to work directly with the will of existence in some way guiding them to the roles they played right now.

"My focus is the world and with it connected and balanced to the greater elemental planes I don't think we need to worry about another unbalanced elemental war." His words were solid enough to make everyone stop thinking too hard about the undead elemental plane that was right in front of him. But Walker also understood others would have their questions and that would be more than fair.

"What do you want to do now? We saw a lot but we are probably far from the world right now." The bit of uncertainty had made Remey question if they were going to keep looking around or if they would pursue a return to the world to see how everyone was doing. Whether they realized the proper time that they were away or not, it had been close to over a month, going on two months. That was a long time to be away with the rapid growth that Genesis was going through.

There was also the fact that the party would bring more knowledge back and they might be lucky enough to arrive with the ability to see how the emissaries sent out would return. If they were even luckier they might be able to get a few of the emissaries back safely while they returned. Then again, Walker had taken some growth in space elemental mana usage. He might be able to get the party back much faster. That was if he had been able to grasp enough new understanding.

"Just forget all the complicated stuff from the past. We know that the elemental planes are growing even without this. We knew the origin race was helping them grow. So, what is new is the how they do it and even that is still a massive mess of who knows what. Let's just head toward home and if Walker begins to learn something or other we can move back." The blunt call was Gil's and he made perfect sense. Delving in to more truth and understanding would just push them days and days away from their people.

This final small discovery had been enlightening but it had been the manas and the process that Walker would benefit from. The others had gained some insight in to the world and how it worked and grew. Therefore, they could be more prepared when guiding their own people. Benefits for everyone and that was enough. They could accept it well.

"I don't feel that I will find any time elemental planes. I can accept that I can now sense and somewhat see the time mana. It's an odd ethereal blue color. It's there but not. I think that's because it is everywhere and it can't be interfered with..." Part of Walker wanted to compare time mana to space mana. He had once struggled to see and sense space too even though it was everywhere.

Deep down he knew the difference though. It was a core and foundational difference. While apart they were singular and somewhat empty. Together the two manas enabled existence to grow many new aspects. It allowed change to come to elemental manas and even for life and death to exist as they truly should be rather than just a frozen isolation of themselves.

"It's alright, we need to all meditate and train in regards to our newfound enlightenments." Su saw Walker becoming somewhat lost in thought and knew he was struggling to grasp new understandings. He and all of them would need time to get there eventually.

"You're all right. Come closer I want to use the space mana skills I think should work now. I think I can teleport us all back to... I think it's the water elemental plane closest to us." Walker knew that it was a leap to say he would bring them so far, but he swore that he could feel a closeness now. Something poking at the edge of his senses saying that he could return without struggling to do so.

The mana within him, the natural mana felt linked. It was like a map telling him how to get home to where he belonged. The others trusted him and linked arms preparing for their return to be much faster than they expected.

However, as Walker drew in that space mana to try teleportation, he felt his mana sense encompassed. Like a pair of hands made of mana had protected them and begun to carry the entire group away.

If he had to compare it to something, it was like when someone found a small butterfly or moth in their home. Captured and brought to where they belonged. However, to Walker it felt like his use of space mana was guided and directed properly. Not just to bring them where he thought they were going but to help bring them where they wanted to.

"What!? That's the bridge to Genesis isn't it? I can sense the fire mana of Ignus's territory in the other side. Weren't we heading to water elemental territory?" Remy was excited with the comfortable feeling she had in feeling the familiar fire mana.

"I... I think I was helped by someone to get back." Walker knew this was true but it was like telling someone that their ancestors had looked down on them. It was a feeling of closeness, not fact to be proven.

"I could believe that. You met origin race members before in some way or another. And that dragon and whatever the other thing was knew you and helped us. So maybe we were being guided the whole time?" While unnerving, Gil made a good point that left everyone more at ease than worried.

It made them understand that their growth wasn't just something on them. They had support from others well above those who respected and believed in them. Maybe more focused on Walker because he was also of the origin race. That didn't matter though, they had benefited and they would return that kindness to every race they met.

#### Chapter 2700 Return In Flames

It was a little awkward standing in place for a moment as they all realized they had been literally in the hands of what should be an origin race member that might have watched over them the entire time. However, they also understood that they had played a major role in everything.

The party had been the ones to change the flow of mana and reconnect the world to that flow. Making the next steps of expanding the elemental planes easier. The breakdown of that flow had not necessarily been part of any plans as far as any of the understood and had been a random tragedy to those who had been outside of the world at the time.

Although, the process has caused some unique changes in some species of monsters and traces when they had not been able to return to the world. It was an interesting idea that it might actually have created more diversity and less control in the long run. Something that might have been against the ideas of the overall goals originally. Then again, the desire to cut off the work was not actually a desire, it was a side effect.

The world had been delicate at the time and not prepared for strong resistance to it and its growth. Meaning that there could have been other things at the time that caused there to be a break down.

"We could rest here for another bit if we don't want to go back, I am sure that we would not change much if we did." Gil tried to avoid having to get back to some of the more tedious responsibilities. He knew very well that Alma would have a long list of to do's for him.

"I can't justify us sitting here for another day just so you can avoid work." The stern response from Su was the end of it as far as anyone would be able to argue. She was the voice of reason even if she too wanted to hold off and just sit to consolidate her own knowledge.

"When we walk back we are taking a week each to focus on what we learned. I don't want any of us to lose what we worked on. I also will leave the ink lizard race eggs to Mordant so that he can begin preparing a proper hoe for them to be born in. It really is useful for them to be born with innate memories that will help them survive and live safely. I wonder if that is normal for..."

This was exactly something Walker had not imagined he might be affected by. Memories that were tied to a race or blood of oneself. The idea had been normal for dragons and for a few other races. That was just how deeply they had grown and unified, their very memories or innate sense had been immortalized within their race as a whole.

What if that happened with the origin race too?

Walker had feelings and senses about certain mana flows and situations. That had led him to pursue them or study them. In the elemental planes she had been able to expand the variety of ways he could use elemental manas, but he had also undergone a change when he came in to contact with deeper life mana. Meaning that his body had adjusted even better. So much to the point that he had actually stored away an elemental plane as a new multi dimensional storage. Proving that he had the innate senses to do such a thing more easily.

If this was the case overall, then maybe he too had some small effects from what it meant to be an origin race member. He wasn't born one but became one so he would sense things rather than just know them. But that gut feeling, that draw of his focus was growing and he would need to see how much that developed.

"We shouldn't just hang out then. I am showing up in style." Remey gathered fire mana rapidly and added it to her body making her take a much more impressive dragon like form. She was doing it intentionally since she knew that she could show off her growth but also because she wanted to make sure that all of the leaders of Genesis would notice them. Especially a certain fire dragon that she knew would be waiting for her to get back sooner than later.

"Let's do that!" Alice didn't hesitate to join Remey a little in showing off which was a surprise to these others. She had been quiet since she had encountered the denser light mana. Yes she had spoken up here and there but no one had interrupted her humming and testing of new songs and ways to add to her intent and strength of songs. The idea that she was stepping well ahead to shape mana in to more defined forms with her songs was amazing to say the least, they didn't plan to hinder that training.

It is also related to the fact that if Alice could manage to succeed in that she would be able to heal many more people at once. Or even better, she could defend and attack from a specific place consistently without having to be defended or move around during a battle. It would make Walker rest much more easily when he knew she would in a battle.

"I think we are about to lose this battle. Let's just go inside and see everyone." Gil sighed a little but also understood that he would have the time to consolidate what he had learned. He could take his own steps to ensure that whatever training and growth that came from his newfound knowledge was attuned to him and also to who he taught later.

Together, the blast of mana that radiated as the entire party returned proved to be fierce. The bridge that they had walked before felt shorter and there was certainly a commotion on the other side of the bridge already. Enough to tell that a few mages had been called over to check and see if there was a danger.

There was also the subtle growling of a dragon.

The face they found waiting for them was red scaled and clearly sharper than what they had remembered. It appeared that Ignus had done a little more growing since they had been away for a little over a month. However, there seemed to be no issues in the fact that the rest of the party knew that Ignus was not solely there to protect from what might be coming through the bridge to the fire elemental planes.

He was there because he could feel that Remey was returning.

When Remey shot out of the bridge to the elemental planes, she didn't hold back and released a massive clawed fist of flames on to Ignus's side. In response, he opened his mouth and released a controlled breath of dragon flame right at Remey. Yet, those flames swirled around her with a small but harsh laugh and she returned it in to another fist heading towards Ignus.

"If they like each other why can't they just say it and get married or something. This is just weird."

"Gil, you of all people shouldn't be talking. You tried to hide your infatuation with Alma from everyone but Walker at first." Gil just turned away and the dragonkin along with fire mages who had come rushing stood down recognizing the return of the party they knew very well.

"We have returned to Genesis from our journey. In one week there will be a meeting of the Genesis Council to go over current events, what we learned, and also to go over current plans and their progress. Please follow and share this order since after that meeting there will be a published paper about current standings and plans for Genesis and the greater elemental planes." Walker did not forget duty as he saw

all those who had come ready to potentially defend Genesis territory from dangers. Instead, they had been lucky to be the first to meet the party as they returned.

Many of them with higher mana sensitivity saw the strength changed in those they looked up to. They had an aura of pressure and control around them. The party had grown a lot more than what anyone would have expected. The already impossible to reach figure seemed to have taken another massive step ahead again.

"Now, I think we should stop those two from whatever they are up to before they make the heat grow a little too much. The border is still on the edge of other dragon territory." Walker sighed while he reached a hand out to grasp the eternal codex taking the magic staff form yet again.