

## Master 2711

### Chapter 2711 Plenty To Do

While the room had degraded in to a lot of planning focus since every representative believed that their race should show something off, there were also those who were silent mostly because it was their leaders coming. They did not necessarily like the idea since it would be a lot of running around to show off their work while also showing their cooperation with other races.

On top of that, if it was proven that they were not the best representative for the goals that the leaders' themes elves had... Well, it was safe to say that they would not stay the representative.

However, there were situations where it would not be able to be questioned. There were races like the dragons, vampires, echidna, and a few more that entirely lived within Genesis. While it was their leaders entirely or their entire race itself that lived within Genesis territory, there were races that believed in the representatives that they had worked with.

Meaning that if Markus Raven were removed, there would be the demons he educated to be the owners and keepers of Genesis finance who would come to his aid. That if there was someone who tried to tell Scylla she should not stay and remain as the representative, there would be Merfolk coming to stand in front of her and keep her there due to all her work training with them and even helping them make a better form of amphibious combat.

These bonds would show more than what any single king or queen would imagine due to the fact that these bonds were the foundation for Genesis as a whole. Especially since there was the fact that the projects were ongoing and completed already were something that these representatives kept within their hearts to the point that even if they were exiled from their home kingdom they would keep working toward.

There was more to all this though, some kingdoms wouldn't change their representative since they were the future leader of their race already. Alma for example was already recognized as the united elf queen. She had higher authority in some ways than the forest elf queen. The only reason that Alma ensured that the forest elf queen had higher word right now was because that was her home. The very queen who taught her a lot and would come running no matter what to help her. Plus, she was the person helping her with the bonds that Alma now held with the spirit trees of Genesis.

This fact alone was a bond that no other could relate to since Genesis was integrally connected to the spirit trees and Alma considered herself one with them even if she did not use that power whatsoever. It would be an abuse if she did so for something small anyway. Alma had morals that held her from such abuse. Whereas the forest elf queen was bonded to the forest no matter what. She would not be able to change that and could not live without that connection so she had to use that power at all times.

After some debating, Walker made it clear that setting up special festivals or making too big a deal would be a harder choice than to keep business as usual. There were ideas to have a celebration for accomplishments, but the speeches that the entire party would give had already been decided. Otherwise, there was the idea that keeping things calmer allowed for easier touring of facilities producing goods, markets, and auctions. The leaders could freely travel to Genesis and then meet with one another and the Genesis council when they wished to do so.

This meant easier time guarding them than if there was a massive festival with way too many people around. It also meant that those going about their normal lives who wished to meet with these leaders could make the time to meet them rather than being so trapped in the busy festival that they couldn't even take the time to go home to their families.

All that aside though, it was also a chance for the party to meet with these leaders, some of whom they had not seen in over a year now. It would allow for the party to meet them and share some of their personal insights while addressing any worries that the kingdom as a whole might have when they were coming here to visit. It could stabilize any potential issues before they were even an issue at all.

The biggest risk was that there might be issues with the trade of food specifically. Healing materials like herbs, forging materials, other building materials, and so on could all be somewhat handled. But food was major. It was more than just for Genesis, it was for every kingdom. The organization of food trade and transport has been one of the major focuses since Genesis was founded.

This was because the adaptation of every farm to ensure that both kingdoms and the new building in Genesis was fed had gone a long way. It had caused a grand change in how farming advanced as a whole while also allowing for new forms of farming to come to be seen with the tamer's guild assisting and also herbalists and alchemists joining together. This wasn't even speaking of the unique farming classes discovered or the mages that now focused on farming with their magic.

"My king will be present and I believe he will want to see the Colosseum. To demi-humans the battles we fight are part of who we are. That means I want to hold a youth tournament with promising fighters. Some may even receive offers to visit or work in the kingdom as a whole." Scylla knew this was a focus and everyone else had expected this coming.

"That's a good idea, I should assume that the king of the deep caves may push for a small display of forging?" Walker looked toward the representative of the dwarves. It would have been the king of the deep caves, but this attendant had taken over and acted as an extension of the king of the deep caves.

"No, he would prefer to see the progress and not interrupt the work. He had been working so well, the kings of my kingdom would be more angered if they did anything to break the progress being made." That was a good thing. Walker knew that he would be able to expect easier times from the dwarves as a whole. Their three kings handled the people, the living situation, and the material management. They each had roles but they worked together and trusted the word of one another.

"Then that means business as usual. Perfect." Walker made that the decision right then and there. It was simpler. It was basically just the deep king checking to make sure that the other king's worries would be covered and he could venture back to their kingdom with praise rather than reprimand toward Genesis.

"I believe that my king is not coming simply because he wishes to see Genesis. He is bringing the queen and his little one for a small vacation and to bring back important education materials to increase the education process with other races for the human population and human villages." Now this was surprising. Markus Raven seemed to understand it better and Walker gave him a nod.

"The educational system has taken hold of the Human population and their curiosity for the other races is growing. Meaning that many more might get the wrong ideas about races and cultures. That being the case, we wish to see the truth and the falsehoods separated. So I will be requesting several copies of books about each race to be brought back and increase the quality of education." Markus Raven stood proud. This was a goal worth having.

"The forest elf queen is coming to bring back extinct herbs not being produced here. We will give her samples to tie roots to the main root and bring back to the forest where conservation efforts have already begun. She wishes to also see the elves better so she can allow the memories of our ancestors to feel it all..." Alma trailed off. For the elves, the state they were in now was a major benefit.

They had regained their lost high elf history and nature. This wasn't so much as a checkup as it was a moment to allow the feelings and the goals they achieved to be seen. To burn that memory in to the forest where their ancestors' spirits remained always watching and protecting their people. For the elves, it was a goal and also a celebration to some degree.

"Then we have achievable goals. Let's get to work and see what we can do." Walker summed it all up and also showed that this should be the end of the meeting. They had projects and goals, they also had some fun events coming their way. He was genuinely excited to be home knowing all of this.

Chapter 2712 Quick Stops

The end of the meeting did not end the work or the presence of all the representatives within the Genesis building. That included the party.

There were offices that many representatives used whenever they could since it was the best place to file paperwork for various purposes. The projects that had just been discussed was one specific example that could take priority here so that everyone would be able to make progress faster.

This was exactly why Walker was able to see the documents about the floating cities that the angels had rebuilt and how some of the smaller twists were already successful.

From what Walker was reading, it was the basic repairs to the two major floating cities that had taken the most benefits so far. They had been repaired to the point that they were not able to move slowly across the sky of the sigil continent. There was also the benefit that they could utilize some of the smaller and weaker defensive magic shields that they used to be able to create using wind magic rune formations.

The rune formations could produce a gale of wind that allowed for arrows or other flying attacks to be deflected or weakened. Just that alone protected from larger storms that carried hail or powerful winds in general. It also kept any tornados that might occur in the area of the floating cities from throwing debris in to the city and harming people. This was already an amazing repair that helped the angel race as a whole.

However, the interesting parts of the document that Walker focused on were the fallen cities that the angels were reclaiming.

These cities had been left because they had fallen and were considered historical sites not to be damaged or disrespected. Hence why it was a big deal that the angels were willing to work to allow researchers in to them. Now though, they were working with those researchers and had successfully brought small orbiting facilities back in to the sky.

It seemed to Walker that the angels had not been entirely honest with how the floating cities used to exist. There seemed to have once been storage areas and even small look out towers that house soldiers at one point orbiting each floating city. This was how the larger floating cities were able to go to battle when they traveled the continents and also how they survived the onslaught from other races as a whole.

The idea that Walker had to be able to make floating greenhouses with their own unique uses had not been far off what should be possible. It also made more sense that the angels would be willing to combine the dark dome project because it would actually fit in to what the floating islands could actually create. The only issue was something that seemed to be a bit more challenging.

The fallen city that Walker had been to before and was the core of what the angels were working on right now was underground. It was partially collapsed and the rune formations were inactive. No effort so far had allowed for the angels to get to the core and see what needed to be done to make more progress.

The idea was that once this city was better prepared to float, then the smaller orbiting islands could be converted or there could be a better way to study the connections and how to create new smaller floating islands that would be ideal for what the dark dome project had in mind. This was all with the fact that the dark dome would not be singular, there would be elemental islands for farming materials and storage prepared for times of need and better production as a whole while keeping the actual lands free for people to live and thrive on.

He also viewed the notes on potential herbs gathered by the echidna that would benefit from isolation up in the sky. Some herbs needed the dark mana from night but also closer proximity to the light mana of stars. Others needed the constant wind mana that would be found higher in the air. Regardless, this was proving to be a more well developed plan than expected.

Besides this, there was the fact that the second Genesis city was being built rapidly. The underground section had been finished in structure by the hard work of many including Terron. He also knew very well that those efforts were also to ensure that some of the earth wyverns would have a safe home

there since they had taken an important step as their own race and needed a place where their young could grow while cooperating with Genesis and the races of Genesis.

The speed of the buildings came down to the readily available materials on the Sigil continent. Tears of decreasing population in the angels and the fact that the other races living there were few in number or also struggling led to growth in monsters and also the natural resources like wood for building. The downsides that could have been spoken in the time were not some of the upsides for everyone working to build and create a better future.

This was also considering that there were the elemental teleportation rune formations allowing for better trade and movement to some of the harder to reach locations on the continent that had been explored again. Along with the dungeons, explorations and the new building of small magic towers. This was even supported in the mapping orbs sent to travelers making even better maps for everyone at this point. Something that brought great comfort in this age of exploration and growth.

With a deep breath, Walker handed a waiting attendant a stack of papers he had added notes to, written entirely, and even some requests to be prepared for when he moved to the Sigil continent. He wanted to be prepared as best as he could so he had a few stops to go to before he left for there.

The rest of the party was busy, but he didn't mind. They were working hard and were just as happy to be home as he was. So as Walker stepped outside the Genesis building and made his way to the wandering blacksmith's workshop to leave materials, he was not surprised to see a group of younger soldiers preparing for the visit of the leaders, mostly demi-humans though since they knew their king would be arriving.

King Rorick was a powerful king that had gained more than just a title. He was a leader with strength able to fight beside and above his generals. He proved that in combat within the coliseums and he would be very excited to see his people and the other races meeting and fighting within the coliseum. Just the announcement about the visit and how some would be welcomed to the demi-human capital city for more training and sharing of battle techniques was enough to bring everyone who wished to grow as a fighter there.

The reason that Walker was connecting the wandering blacksmith and the visit of the demi-human king and officials was easy to sniff out. Blacksmiths and anyone who could make weapons and armor would be caught with tons of orders for better everything before the small tournament with promising young elites. Simply because they would see this as their best opportunity to stand taller compared to everyone else around them. They could grow much faster and go much further with this victory.

Unsurprisingly, Walker found a line of people waiting who saw him and appeared somewhat shocked. Although they just watched him enter the workshop, it was clear that they expected to see some sort of commotion later related to new items or maybe the fact that he too might be crafting something with the wandering blacksmith.

"I see you are busy as always. I thought you would be working on one of the floating islands or the flying ships right now." Walker greeted the wandering blacksmith who was polishing the blade of a saber. The saber seemed to be wind elemental in nature and had smaller runes carved on it that allowed for the gathering and coating of wind mana over it.

"I brought you a few materials from the elemental planes that I want to leave with you. Some of them can't be brought out unless in an isolated elemental space though so we will need to go to the crafting guild where they have the best places set up." Walker saw a small nod. It seemed the wandering blacksmith was listening. He also appeared to expect to need to head there to do some work since there were elemental furnaces built there now. Along with elemental rune formations to hold quality of delicate materials until they could be used.

What Walker also focused on were the accessories he saw that the wandering blacksmith had made.

#### Chapter 2713 Small Improvements

"This one helps swimming speed by coating the body in a small bit of water mana. This brooch allows for the user to better absorb light mana. This necklace helps enhance healing skills by calming the mind. You

have been making a lot of accessories like this, is it because everyone is trying to grow and these will help them in their daily goals too?" Walker saw a small nod from the wandering blacksmith.

The idea that any blacksmiths might be focusing on accessories with magical effects not out of the ordinary was interesting. The accessories could be added to whatever their specialized armor or basic everyday clothing covered. Meaning that the accessory to help calm the mind for healing skills would be massively useful for a young healer or even for an experienced healer during an emergency situation when their mind would be racing.

On the other hand, when it came to the accessory that assisted in swimming, that would be perfect for the younger soldiers learning to swim and work around the water territory. Not everyone who had the ability to wield water mana had the knowledge to be able to swim, they had to learn. For those learning, this would be a nice help through that process until they were at a level of familiarity that they could upgrade accessories to be more specified.

In all rights, having general use accessories like this was not necessarily the normal production route for the wandering blacksmith. He usually made more unique and interesting items. However, the wandering blacksmith had become much more open in terms of speaking to the crafting guild and even teaching. If he were to sell accessories that helped a wide variety of people who were not combat oriented, then other crafters might do so as well expanding the market on accessories helping the general public.

Just the accessories that could be used by farmers to help resist the hot sun would be a huge benefit to the growing farmers who had less experience and needed more time to adapt to the life of a farmer. It also might help merchants and those traveling for the first time. Not to mention any others who might need such a thing for their own daily lives. It was all about the overall benefit and increase in quality of life.

It might not be immensely important, but it held value and that was the point, it would help everyone.

"I hope that you keep sharing these with people." Walker did not push or ask any more questions. It was a good thing to see and he knew very well that the wandering blacksmith was busy. So, he gave a wave and let him be. Right now he and the party were not in need of anything, so he would not distract or take the wandering blacksmith away from those who wished to get new equipment for their own goals.

This did seem to make a few of those in line frown though, they had hoped that Walker was there to make items for them. But unfortunately for them, crafting was not on Walker's priority list. He also needed to stop by and pick up some heavier and more delicate materials while he was at things. Not to mention, when he got to the elemental teleportation rune formations he would speak to the rune carvers about his new insights on space magic and spatial runes. He knew very well that his added knowledge could lead to a breakthrough in rune formations that required less elemental mana and also would not damage the formation or the materials the formation was made on as much.

Once on the street again, Walker saw a few small changes. Some stalls near the market streets had been set up with areas for carts to wait that would not cause any traffic jams. It was a small change to where stalls could be placed outside of some buildings, but a very beneficial one. Otherwise, he saw that there were more barrels used for general trash. That would help toward future cleanliness of the entire city which was something that had been a focus since Genesis was being built at first.

He also noticed a small group of mages, some water and some light, but also a few with water and light dual affinities. This wouldn't have been standing out to them if he hadn't caught their conversation.

He realized as they spoke about different canals and the water in them, that this was a group of mages responsible for purifying the water moving through Genesis. They visited certain canals and cast their cleansing magic on them to ensure that the water was not being polluted by any run off from rain or watering of plants within the city. It was a very good squad to have moving through Genesis since some areas near shops would be dusty, covered in sawdust, or just have ash that gets washed away by rain or cleaning.

This made him look even more carefully only to realize that there were also groups of tour guides. People met merchant caravans and traveling groups at the entrance square to the main city who were

waiting to see if they could act as a tour guide. It was a smart little business since Genesis was not small by any means and many people would struggle even using a map. Especially if they had to go to the underground section of the city or wanted help moving through the night life of Genesis.

All things seemed to be improving within Genesis at every level. It wasn't just the larger projects making advancements, everyone was remembering the small details now. The smallest details could make the most difference in a time of need. Just having items and goals that improved daily life would make the entire population happier and healthier. That alone was something to hold pride in.

"Walker!" Turning around, Walker saw that it was Su patrolling with a group of very young looking guards. They seemed fresh faced but excited to be following Remy for a patrol route.

"Looks like you found the first group to teach some of the new shield battle styles you have improved yet again? Hm?" Knowing that Su had done exactly that as soon as she could Walker had to recognize it, but he also wanted to hear if she was working on anything else too. She was busier than many at any given time since she would also train the soldiers working with her at night so they could adapt to different situations. They were not a simple group of basic guards, they would have the chance to move through the Genesis territories and fight or defend within each one at any given time.

"I am training them, they are the newest recruits with the best scores for the written and basic tests. They even have the expedited cultural tests with the best scores so they can help multiple races." Su didn't hide her own excitement to have a new group to teach. If the recruits knew that her excitement meant more training, they might not mirror her vibrance in the matter.

"It's only a good thing that they are ready to be trained and learn a lot from you. Other than that, they should be prepared to see the leaders and their royal guards walking around, it's a good chance to learn more about the other cultures. I can't say it would be considered general information how each royal guard or elite unit guarding a leader might act."

The suggestion brightened Su's face even more. She knew that it was exactly her plan and that Walker had already started to catch on to what she wished to do with this new group of guards that she had chosen. She already had elite guards who had learned from her but while she was gone they had taken the lead of their own squads to teach and guide.

"Are you going to the new city construction now? Or will you do your speech first so you won't need to come back as much?" She knew he would give a speech but in theory it would be the last one so he could sum everything up as a leader. But it would be stressful teleporting here and there more than once.

"Well, I actually want to plan a little bit of a guiding conversation about space mana with the tune carvers. It might take a day or two so I can see myself giving the first speech instead of the last." His idea was focused on improving teleportation first, but it worked out for this too since he was obligated to give a speech for the people.

"Then I will let everyone else know. I have to register a few of these new recruits properly as a special unit." Su was off, her focus acting contagiously with the energetic recruit behind her.

Chapter 2714: Improve The Runes

Walker's direction was already decided. He was heading toward the crafting guild, well, not really though. The crafting guild had been expanded a few times and many people knew this. He had even heard that a few private workshops had become interested in connection staircases to an underground tunnel that would bring their goods directly to the crafting guild for safe keeping before auctions.

The safe and guards within the crafting guild had increased significantly due to the fact that they had so many different valuable materials along with valuable finished goods. Hence why the expansion of the guild had also been a major instance this time around, they had added a very defendable and very tough looking safe.

This has been why the rune carvers workshop for rune research and cataloging had been moved a little ways from the central crafting guild where all the business took place. They had wanted the quiet to better focus on the very delicate art of rune carving and drone formation making. The master rune crafters and a few master rune researchers had been given the exact perfect workshop they wanted rather than spending time closer to others without the space to work as they wished.

There was also the added testing fields between them and the crafting guild. That was why it wasn't necessarily heading toward the crafting guild. The testing field was enforced with magic and had mages on standby to create barriers of earth and wind to ensure that the damage from failed rune formations or rune testing did not cause harm to anyone. Any larger scale rune testing or formation creation would be down in the barren areas outside of the Genesis territory. It was why they also had their own elemental rune teleportation formation.

Getting there, Walker noticed that the decoration on the stone entrance was carved using the symbols of the basic elemental runes. Enough to show that the connections to elemental manas were close and acted as the core for all runes. It was a nice sentiment since there were many who would forget that the rune formations always had one elemental rune acting as the core and the base of everything it did.

To the rune carvers, this was a fact and the most important focus for them. If they had the affinity for fire, they became fire rune carvers, specified and powerful within their own right. They could ensure that fire elemental rune formations were always stronger and easier for them to carve. When they worked with other rune carvers, they could ensure their work perfectly blended with other specific elemental rune carvers.

The general rune carvers could utilize every rune but at a lesser quality which was why they often took supporting roles. Only the master rune carvers were consistently able to use multiple elemental runes or they would be able to focus on the other rune formations that were of higher quality or difficulty overall.

When Walker entered the workshop, he found that the front area was a general knowledge workshop. Plenty of books laying around being organized and read. Even a few being copied so that they could be sent to the archives to be stored and organized for when they were needed.

It really spoke to the fact that many books within Genesis could be copied in less than an hour, let alone how they could be copied in high numbers in less than an hour. But he wasn't here to worry about copying books, Walker was already sure he sensed what he was after.

The manas flowing in the workshop while some rune carvers researched or tested was somewhat mixed. The rune carvers learning caused the manas to spill away from rune formations because they lacked the refinement to keep the manas flowing as desired. That was just the step they needed to rest on until they became more experienced with their hands in the art of rune carving as a whole.

Walker's sharp senses allowed for him to make sense of all that mixed and mashed together mana. He could follow the feeling of space mana where he needed to go. Since the carvers recognized him, they did not bother to turn Walker away. They knew very well that if he had randomly showed up here he was looking for a project to work on, to share some knowledge, or maybe he would help them with a major breakthrough. He has done that with other crafting professions, why not them this time?

The workshop he was led to within the rune crafting workshop was not larger than others. It was silent, deadly so, as if the sounds of the outside would cause something to break so everyone working was holding their breath.

And there were many working. Almost thirty different rune carvers had been working before they began to notice Walker and focus on him and his actions of browning the runes being tested on paper where they wouldn't cause a lot of damage.

"It seems you are making good progress. The space mana here is denser. That means you are attracting it with the shape of your space runes. You are testing them well enough but you are still missing the substance of space too. In your tunes, it's like you call space mana to you but then forget to have it become an anchor, a core of what it should be."

A few of the younger rune carvers glared at him before they realized that the older and more experienced rune carvers nodded along with Walker's sudden words breaking the silence. They hadn't realized that Walker was saying exactly what the older rune carvers understood. They were missing the proper shape of the rune that would allow for the space mana to reside properly within it. To allow for the space mana to flow as desired rather than naturally. That was the missing piece.

Not that they would wish to admit this out loud.

Their work was one of almost obsessive research. Whether it was just part of being a rune carver or researcher or not, there was a passion bordering on obsession that came with the profession. They did not easily say out loud that they were unable to understand something. It was more likely that they would silently grab ahold of more information and pursue it with everything they had to make a breakthrough and find something new.

"When I was exploring the elemental planes, I was able to meet a being that moved us using space magic. I also saw runes that formed an entire language unreadable by anyone that is not of the same race. I have some insights that I believe will make the testing spatial runes solid and able to handle teleportation that will not degrade the materials the runes are carved on. I can't make the rune like it's nothing like those powerful beings, but I can help everyone who has the knowledge to accomplish what Genesis needs."

Walker's statement did not show pride in himself but instead in the combined efforts of the rune carvers working to enhance the very fabric of what made Genesis Genesis. They worked hard to ensure that new rune formations were used for more than just this or that.

The magic towers had been crafted to link to the main magic tower enhancing the density and balance of manas. Now with the spirit trees, those small magic towers worked to help them grow and also to enhance the effects yet again. All of this was because the rune carvers worked tirelessly. This didn't even mention the mapping hall, the supports for buildings, weapons, armors, the carriages for travelers, and the fact that natural runes could be guided to form as the core of the small magic towers.

Every single thing was integral for Genesis and evolving constantly.

"I think we should leave for the more dangerous testing area. They are currently testing a new form of the teleportation formation that focuses on earth mana to teleport metals without as much mana cost. It is an interesting theory we have yet to prove." An older man with what Walker could call a surprisingly bully physique came to meet him. When he realized this man was a demi-human with the traits of a boar it made more sense. His physique was larger and tougher for that reason, but his hands showed the fine tuned control of any mature rune carver.

Quite a few of those who had been hard at work dropped everything to follow them. Their focus was on learning and keeping ahead of one another and even the rune carvers off investigating other culture's runes and ruins too. If they could take the lead in making the next teleportation rune formation, then they would take it. They had to take it.

#### Chapter 2715: Rune Skills

As expected, the testing area that was used for runes had a lot of junk. Well, it was only junk to the rune carvers who had already managed to utilize the materials to the point that they broke down and were easily considered useless to making part of a rune formation. To a craftsman, they could be melted, burned, or carved in to something useful as long as the rune on them was also broken down as well. That was an important job others did though.

Looking around, Walker spotted a few tables with their own smaller magical barriers or earth walls allowing for smaller sets of tests. He was also glad to see there were healers on staff waiting to help any of the rune carvers who were injured due to failed tests.

Besides this, he noticed the larger area set up for the carving and testing of the teleportation formations. Enough space to carve the runes and utilize materials while also being able to get away from it if there is an explosive burst of mana at any point. There were also some knights with tower shields to be able to defend from any physical materials being shot away during a failed instance.

Watching, he also noticed that the earth mages here to fuel the rune formations looked exhausted. They seemed as if they had done the test a few times with only failure to show. The dispirited atmosphere around them was enough to feel that Walker arriving might be for the better rather than the worst.

"Came to laugh at the next set of failures? I told you that it would take another three weeks to figure out a better rune formation for the earth mana to pressure space mana to move. It would be better for transporting..." The rune carver that walked up was younger and a little fiery, but he lost his steam when he noticed that Walker was with the older rune carver who had come here.

"Our guest is here to assist us in forming a better space rune. He has some new insights and I am interested in seeing if we can utilize a central spatial rune for all formations that involve teleportation. You might be able to use it for your metal transportation idea." The knowing smirk proved to Walker that he knew very well the rivalry between the two.

While one was younger, the other was older and more experienced from people that did not value or focus on runes. The demi-humans had not been highly focused on anything magical unless it helped their plants. Regardless, this younger rune crafter appeared to be intent on making teleportation from the mines even better than ever since he was clearly a half human half dwarf. Meaning he was trying to help his parents or family in some way. Or at least that's what Walker assumed with the passion he had for his project.

"He's right, I came to see if we can adjust a core space tune in to a more refined form causing the decay rate of materials the formations are carved on to decrease or at the best to be erased entirely. I do feel

that decreasing significantly is more achievable though." Walker knew all too well that erasing wear and tear on anything was an impossibility. He knew it could be feasible with an absolute mastery over such a thing, but would that really succeed? Maybe not.

"Thank you for visiting us hero. We have heard about your work elsewhere uncovering the lost histories or runes, allowing for the draconic runes to be shared with other races, and even the formation of the first teleportation formations." Respect was given and Walker did not shy away from giving a welcoming nod.

"So, I see you have just finished cleaning the area from the last attempt, seems like a good time to carve an elemental teleportation formation? Why don't we start with the space runes that had been fixed and adjusted recently. From there we can focus on changes. First is the paper layer right? Then the carving from there?" Walker knew most of how to the rune carvers working on a formation followed.

First they would lay sheets of paper over the entire area that they would carve. This would allow a template to be made perfecting the area used and the way that the runes need to be carved. Oftentimes it prevents wasted material since there was always a selected stone, wood, or metal used for the basic foundation. Some rune carvers used the first but those forms of formations often were degraded right after use. Especially when they were carved right in the air as some rune carvers could do. Those forms of rune carving formations were best used for small helpful household things like cleansing water or sparking a small fire in a fireplace.

Otherwise, Walker knew that the materials already placed were a dense stone, not a metal this time or compacted earth. He didn't bother checking the appraisal since he knew he would be able to utilize the material regardless. This was space mana focused now, space mana was part of everything since it had to be as it is the foundation for other manas in the world and even outside of the world.

He stood back as the young and old rune carvers began their work. Walker's focus was on their form. Not on the other runes they were using. When he reached out to stop them, they both froze thinking that Walker had seen a huge error. He had mentioned to the boar trait demi-human rune carver that he

had seen runes used as language and even been influenced by someone with greater space mana control than anyone else he had met. So, it was expected that there would be much more he could do.

"The jagged line here, that's losing you some mana flow. It is forcing the space mana and not welcoming it. Space mana doesn't like to be forced because it is a foundation. Think of it like the concrete mix used to make a house's foundation. All manas can stick to it easily, they have to so they can balance and remain calm. But if you force the space mana, you need greater amounts of mana to do that, it's why we have so much degradation in materials. So let's smooth this line here and add in a few circular lines like this.."

Walker slowly adjusted the runes in a rougher way, but the two rune carvers were picking up his intuition and the feelings he had about the spatial rune formation. They also started to work to smooth out and refine the changes he made as they drew the template for carving. It just began to become more advanced when the pair seemed to realize that these changes would alter every single rune used and they had to do the same.

By the time they had the central space rune drawn, it looked entirely different. Instead of sharper edges that would have connected to elemental runes like before, it appeared that the central space rune was its own formation. A rune will have various smaller runes drawn to make the space mana circulate over and over before spreading out to a larger area.

Furthermore, Walker showed them how to adjust the elemental runes. He was partially using what he had seen formed around some of the outer elemental planes developing. His way of doing this was to mimic the ability that the runes had to encompass and hold mana without pilling it. That would make the entire formation safer for the material it was carved on. The manas would not spill out and damage what they were making overall. Otherwise, he also saw that the two rune carvers were in a trance like state.

They had left their entire focus in on what they were doing, not even worrying about the changes being made. They could see what they needed to do and Walker realized that it wasn't simply because they

were focused but it was because they had awakened a new rune carver skill once they had understood the feeling of mana that needed to be put in to the runes as a whole.

"Rune vision, I wonder if I can learn that skill too." Walker mumbled to himself when he had appraised the two and looked in to their current state. Having them both undergoing an enlightenment that awakened the rune vision skill was amazing. It helped them adjust and adapt runes and the overlay formation while they were more in tune with the manas that would be part of the formation as a whole. An ideal skill for constant improvement in rune quality and rune formation efficiency. All Walker needed to do now was step back and watch the masters work.

Chapter 2716: Just Think Bigger

The shift in space mana as the rune carvers began to cut in to the stone prepared was enough for Walker to understand the gravity of what had actually changed. It wasn't just the manas around that were influenced but the space itself was being pulled. This alone was also enough to show off to him the depth of what he had begun to delve in to.

The world had lesser densities of manas compared to what the elemental planes did in certain places. Meaning that they were also able to change a lot more about what runes and formations could be used. Not that multiple types of elemental runes would be used within a singular elemental plane. That was not normal since they would not have the ability to manipulate or understand other manas.

Regardless, Walker could tell that this stronger change in space would mean that when, not if, this formation succeeded, that there would be a constant pressure around it. Not just from the space mana gathering, but because it would also drag in other manas that were attached to the space mana in the surrounding.

To combat this, Walker began increasing the natural mana around which balanced and calmed the elemental manas being pushed out of balance. "When we are working on this you will need mages that can draw in or balance natural manas. If you do not then we will end up with denser mana unbalanced and they will become chaotic mana."

This was a lot of weight to drop on the project out of the blue. However, the assistant carvers or researching carvers made notes and also began to record the risks of not being able to encompass a proper spatial teleparation formation. They did not look at it as if they were seeing something entirely wrong and horrible, but something that they would need to research and adjust over time.

Simply put, the carvers would be able to develop natural mana rune formations that would balance the elemental manas and also be able to bring the natural mana in the area to a denser form. If that were the case a few of the researchers also realized that they would be able to create rune paths that took that mana and brought the natural mana to nearby gardens, greenhouses, and even gathered for training other images or testing other smaller rune formations.

Overall, there was an adjustable variation to the formations and the ways that the excess manas would be used due to countering the downsides of denser space manas and the fact that the new teleportation formation would drag in manas at a higher density naturally. This was just a way to begin utilizing the formation though, they would need lasting effects at a later date so the flurry of information now was going to birth a lot of theories.

Walker heard a lot of the conversations and was picking up a lot of material degradation worries and how they would need to increase the rune maintenance staffing for the city and everywhere else. Since there were the smaller magic towers helping balance manas and also sharing manas, the idea that there would be improved rune pathways and maintenance did not seem too intimidating. It would just be a new set of recruitment and new specialized training.

At the end of the day it meant there would be a lot of new classes related to diagnosing and repairing rune formations and other magically inclined creations. The world was shifting toward more of the rune formation based creation and Walker wasn't sure if he would recognize everything in a hundred years.

He stopped for a moment and laughed a bit. He hadn't considered what genesis would be in a hundred years and what he would see when he was the one to look out at it. He hadn't really considered the

many years he could live all that much. He had theorized about it, but he hadn't really imagined himself actually doing it.

Sometimes it was just one of these things out of sight and out of mind. The future was always hazy.

"This is amazing." The half dwarf rune carver had stopped carving. One of the tools he had been using was basically trash due to the fact that the mana he used was higher and the tool had been used constantly for the last three hours of carving without stopping. The tools the rune carvers used were specialized and they did not usually get abused like this. But in this situation where they had been in enlightenment, it made sense that there would be a little loss here and there.

"Amazing? We just made a proper space rune. This thing isn't a formation, it's one rune!" The demi-human rune carver roared with laughter seeing that he was looking at a singular shape and not a formation.

They had all been trying to make up a formation and didn't even realize that a singular spatial rune was enough to constitute an entire formation within itself. Not because it gathered that much space mana, but because of the effects space held over the elemental manas.

Every single mana needed space mana to act as a base for them. meaning that the runes they used were all just parts and they had been missing the true complete essence of what a spatial rune would be. They had never completed it and the smaller runes that every single rune carver believed were the issue. They had all believed in something smaller not in something larger. The bigger picture had been lost to them.

"That is a space elemental rune. The first created by carvers of Genesis and it is whole instead of what I have seen before. The other genius carvers and young new class holders had parts of it here, here, and here, but I had no idea until I felt space being used by someone that mastered it multiple times over,

that I was thinking too small too. I just lacked the dedication and training to do anything alone. So my insight was better used to give all of you the missing pieces to complete your projects."

While seemingly humble, Walker was more amazing to be honest. His focus on the rune formation like this were simply too small and fleeting to be called perfect or advanced. He could carve runes but his were all focused on armor, weapons, gathering manas, and storing manas. That was what he had learned from the wandering blacksmith and other craftsmen.

Therefore, Walker was not able to see those who actually spent their lives understanding all of this. "I saw a language condensed in to runes that made no sense to anyone but myself so this is just another step toward being able to understand something like that as a world and unified people. I hope we can keep adapting. I feel like the runes are a way to make mana in to substance, you know?"

His small question caused another glint to flash in the eyes of the carvers who began writing intensely. But the two he had been working next to had already begun to bring mages over. They were using the outer rune formations with elemental manas as the method of activation. But there was a significant decrease in mana that flowed through and caused the spatial rune to activate.

Now having an entirely whole space rune seemed to be making huge changes. The space mana gathers and the other manas were separated making it purer. Not perfect, but Walker felt this was the way he could use teleportation to step and reach a distance ten feet away. However, it was on a more refined scale, he felt like he could teleport across the city without a sweat using this rune.

"I can use this rune to move all around Genesis. What would happen if all of you made multiple in to a larger formation? Instead of condensing and shrinking the space rune and formation, we should expand it all, right?"

Now they had a direction to take this. The teleportation to the Sigil continent would take less mana and all they would need is new runes carved, a better formation, and a larger formation? Why would they hesitate? This was exactly their goal. They could make certain runes smaller for different mana gathering this or that, but they could make this formation much larger since the space in every elemental rune teleportation formation was given excess so that people could wait and be away from the formation for safety.

Before Walker could say another word, the entire testing area was being cleared. They didn't care about smaller projects right now. So many of the researching careers had already cleaned up the workbenches and were making themselves part of the unified effort.

Chapter 2717 Check On The Tree

"Clear the area! Mages prepare a wind barrier and water barrier!" The sudden announcement halted the entire line of waiting travelers. They had all been waiting for their chance to use the elemental teleportation formation. It was normal for the lines to be long and for there to be many merchants trying to set up their caravans for teleportation.

It was even more common for the material carriers to enter the line heading toward this village or that village. The sheer number for teleportation formation now created was amazing. It required there to be separate changes to the runes based on which formation someone was heading to and leaving from. The complicated runes and magic caused there to be a whole slew of classes related to it because of this fact.

That didn't stop the average person from being entirely lost about how this process worked though. Then again, it wasn't an issue in terms of complexity. The idea of rune formations themselves was a huge and complicated mess. It was the same as asking a child to rebuild a dwarven golem without any training or knowledge of them at all.

The groups pushed back by a group of soldiers soon heard another announcement being made. "Test of the new teleportation formation will begin now. Please be aware of your surroundings. Do not run, do not panic, do not worry. Mages have barriers and the group teleportation is guided by the hero Walker"

The soldier announcing this was using Walker's name to ensure that calm was kept. While some of those here had been present for small failures of rune formations, it was still enough to leave a lasting impression. The damage to the ground or other areas that occurred when a formation broke was exactly why so much staff was here checking the formation after every usage.

As the mana in the area became more dense, the people noticed that it also felt like they could sense the manas more clearly. For the average person who did not have a strong affinity and train their affinity, this was a shocking moment to feel their elemental affinity so strongly.

Yet, that feeling was gone in the blink of an eye. The mana calmed and the figures of several rune carvers and Walker could be seen. However, there was some issue. The mana of the teleportation had caused the elemental rune teleportation formation to degrade a lot more. The pressure of the space mana as they had arrived drew a lot more elemental manas causing there to be a faster decay rate on the stone used for the formation here. While the formation in the testing area did not have as many issues.

"Looks like we will need to speed up the tests. The other formations can't handle the mana drawn in by the space mana. Do you think the space mana is too much? Can we shrink the size of the rune and decrease the flow? Or should we change the materials of the other formations while we test things?"

"We might need to just halt everything for a while. Stop teleportation for a full day and just test the distance we can take in terms of teleportation."

The two rune carvers were talking constantly making all the staff here seem as if they didn't have enough work to do other than stand around. They didn't like hearing that they might be closed down. But they also understood that there was a lot being said right now. A lot related to a new rune formation that might work better.

"I think you two need to close this one for repairs first, then you can test more. There is a space rune carver now right? They should be taken back from the ruins they were studying." Walker recalled a few of the unique rune carvers banding together to research ancient rune formations in a few ruins; they had done that to get a better handle on the runes used by ancient angels that might help with the creation of teleportation or space manipulation in general.

Where things changed was the fact that they had just missed a large event with the way that the runes had changed just now. Meaning that many traveling or researching rune carvers were sure to separate from whatever they were doing and rush here. It would be a busy time for rune carvers since the bodies they had to send off to work on formation would only increase yet again.

Walker noticed that many of those in line waiting seemed less than happy, but as he gave them a wave and he enhanced his voice to explain that there was a breakthrough in teleportation knowledge, they all began to speak and share their conversations and theories. These were mostly transportation groups or merchants, knowing that better transport would be possible soon was enough to get them talking a lot. They could be the first to prepare for such an event and prepare more employees and carriages. How could they be angry at a small delay now when they would be ahead in business compared to everyone else now?

His explanation was short and sweet leaving him able to see that the rune carvers had entirely forgotten he existed. This was the obsession that anyone associated with runes seemed to have. Even the few who called themselves a rune warrior or rune mage were just as obsessed. They didn't have a ton of strength because they wanted to understand how runes worked and did not focus on actually fighting or battling.

It might be a good thing now that he thought about it. Runes could be powerful tools to manipulate mana in an exact way. Maybe even more controlled than what many master mages could do. It wasn't something that Walker needed to work on now though. Instead, he realized it was the ideal time to be on his way. He wanted to check on a few other odds and ends before he had to speak in front of the general public.

He had caught wind of a few new rumors about the elemental spirit trees. The wind spirit tree had its own caretaker. Someone who had become the very voice of it in a way. That gray haired spider had even changed their race to be able to bind and become one with the spirit of that tree and develop alongside it.

When Walker heard the rumor that the dark spirit tree had managed that same connection he wanted to go and see them. So, he might as well do so right now. Plus, he could sense that midnight was nearby. Most likely because she wanted to watch over the eggs of the ink lizard race that were being cared for by Mordant and his subordinates.

When Walker had least seen the dark spirit tree, he knew very well that it had been growing in a way that made it feel as if it might not actually be there. It shifted and moved like a shadow would but it was still physical. The darker leaves were like looking in to the sky without stars. There was also a unique form of decay that did not break down everything around it but instead seemed to provide clarity to those with dark mana affinity. If Walker were to find someone able to bind and embody the dark spirit tree in the same way that had happened with the wind spirit tree, well, he could only be excited to see who and what race they were.

He also needed to ensure he took extra care and looked in to the ink lizard race and how their eggs were doing. Once they hatched it would be clear that their race now has a proper home within genesis and the world. Their speed of growth would most likely be slower due to the lower density of dark mana, but in return they should develop greater resistance to other manas. Meaning that they would have stronger offspring one day.

It also meant that Walker might be able to learn how they made their magic golems using just materials and mana to a better degree. He had learned some already but it was not enough to have the same degree of control and strength in making elemental golems with a material as a core. He knew that he could make temporary ones with fuel for fire but they were not as capable. They were just battle oriented and very temporary.

With a soft gust of wind, A few noticed that Walker had stepped in to the air and was flying away. Soon no one seemed to notice though. They were way too occupied with the gossip of new space rune formations and space rune uses. The teleportation formations soon to be carved would be an immense benefit to everyone.

#### Chapter 2718 Meeting In The Dark

Not many people noticed when Walker was walking yet also disappearing with every few steps. It seemed that using shadow wrapping while also teleporting small distances that he was capable of by using space mana was worthwhile. He has been inspired by the ways he moved with space mana and how he could incorporate it in to his normal movements.

While it seemed like he was abusing the usage of space mana, Walker could tell that he was allowing his body to acclimate to it even better. He was using space mana to move faster and further than his average movements. That alone was enough to begin influencing his ability to use space mana more fluidly since he was allowing it to take a more front forward position in his overall usage of mana.

While this was just training in a sense, Walker was also able to understand a little more about the manas of the world. The space mana here was a lot more solid than the manas he had felt in the outer elemental planes. The places where those smaller elemental planes were held had space mana that was less influenced by the other manas keeping space more rigid. Instead, the world was more rigid in terms of using space mana because of the higher manas.

In basic terms, he had to use more of his mana and have a deeper control on space mana overall. It was a little more challenging but that was what helped him the most. Because space mana was harder to take advantage of, Walker was being more specific about his control of his own mana and the space mana he utilized. It also allowed him to sense the tougher usage of space mana around areas denser in other manas.

Specifically, when he would approach a smaller show with a higher amount of rune carved items, Walker felt the dense manas around and how the space mana did not want to move with him. It was a perfect example of how a lot more manas attached to the naturally occurring space mana made the manas not wish to move with the space mana and remain in their balance.

Space mana could surely be used to break the balance of many different forms; however, it was not necessarily the goal of space mana. It preferred to be an anchor and naturally acted as such. Meaning that any attempt to do the opposite had to be from something catastrophic and not something easily done. Therefore, it made Walker feel a little more comfortable.

Space mana training was not his goal though. The goal for Walker was to chase the new emissary of the dark elemental spirit tree. He wanted to meet them while also generally looking around the dark spirit tree. And with Midnight there along with Mordant, there was no other better time than now.

It would be nice to see Mordan outside of the meetings since it was easier that way. Plus, speeches and everything else that Walker had to handle was not really the best time to chat and spend time with others. Especially when he was asking about the plans for the youngest and newest race joining Genesis in such a unique way.

The atmosphere was dim and full of dark mana as usual. Many of those running around were working hard but the entirety of the area was still pretty quiet because during the day even the dark elemental area is less busy since it is more of a night oriented community. Then again, that fits very well with the density of dark mana and the comfort of many more nocturnal races.

Walker did spot a few of the batmen race mail carriers who worked with the harpies. They were working hard to deliver the updated notices related to the next round of expansion within the territory. Walker had heard that the next street would begin construction this week which was great because many were looking for new homes in the area. Seeing progress was always a rewarding feeling.

Seeing that the dark elemental spirit tree was growing taller was also rewarding though. Its branches stretched out further over the town that had been built allowing for the calm and balanced dark mana to spread. It would surely make the crafting of any dark affinity items become easier while those with

dark affinity would be able to better use the mana here. Meaning that more development for the people would just be evident in the coming years.

"Brother!" The tackling hug that came from Midnight grabbing Walker from behind was exactly what he had expected. He had sensed her coming and was prepared to jump and catch her, but then he had noticed that there were two dark dragon hatchlings following her and wanted to see if she was trying to teach them something.

Naturally knowing this, Midnight has kept her shadow wrapping skill and the soft steps skill she was using working all the while until she had pounced. In her dragonkin form she had just gotten better and better at using her skills until now. It was all due to her training and acceptance that she would need to maintain this form more often in the crowded areas of Genesis so that she could keep helping and exploring. Plus, she wouldn't be able to get her favorite snacks if she was in her entire full dragon form, now that, would be tragic.

"I see you have two new students to learn a little here and there then?" Walker pointed at the two hatchlings watching him curiously. While they were somewhat smaller than what he expected to see from a dark dragon hatchling, they did appear to have a fairly strong dark affinity. They could easily attract dark mana to them naturally more so than any other dark dragon hatchlings that he had seen.

"They are going to be the guards for the ink lizards. Mordant and I are training them!" This brought a small smile to Walker's face since he knew that this meant Mordant was preparing for the ink lizard race to be protected for more than just the first generation. Potentially for the next hundred years at least. Of course, the hatchlings could choose another path to travel, but odds were that they would choose this one due to the growth they gained but growing with the ink lizard race.

"I'm glad you came by." The voice of Mordant drifted over as Walker noticed he was accompanied by multiple dragonkin each carrying farm mana crystals, some dark affinity herbs, and some dark affinity building materials. "We are constructing a small nursery to improve dark mana gathering. It was recommended by one of the echidna that I make it with more naturally growing materials."

This was a good idea for sure, "I like the idea. That should help the ink lizards acclimate to the world and differences in mana density and purity while they develop." If this worked the way they hoped then the ink lizard race would grow faster and not be as stressed by the other manas in the world as they would be if it had been adults traveling from the dark elemental plane to the world.

"I can't say I expected you to come and visit as well." The questioning look that Mordant and Midnight were giving Walker was enough for him to explain what brought him here now.

"I heard that the dark spirit tree had made a connection with someone. I met the wind spirit tree's bond so I thought it best to meet the dark spirit tree's as well. That way I can be more in tune with how the spirit trees are doing if anything is ever needed."

This causes Mordant's eyes to flicker with some excitement. It appeared that he had wanted to show this fact off a little. Meaning to Walker that it had to be a dark dragonkin who had burned with the dark spirit tree and not another race.

"Come with us then, the nesting area is going to be right next to the roots so that the ink lizard eggs can absorb more refined dark mana. They will most likely live around the tree for comfort too." The planning that Mordant had done clearly was working out very well for the development of this future race within Genesis lands.

The larger group moved toward the base of the dark spirit tree. The roots were significantly larger but they didn't impede the roads or the buildings. Instead, they grew around them as if they were an added layer of protection and safety. The dark mana also increased in density too, Walker was very happy to see the purity had also risen. But his eyes were drawn to a single figure sitting against the dark spirit tree flickering like the shadowy branches above them.

Chapter 2719: The Perfect Guardian

While looking at the dragonkin, Walker understood the changes that had influenced them. Instead of the normal black scales of a dark affinity dragonkin working under Mordant, this dragonkin had a lot of differences. His scales were deep shades of black seemingly darker the more anyone focused on them. There were also claws that were black matching the horns growing from his head.

These more developed features proved that the dragonblood that made a dragonkin different from a simple lizardman was stronger due to the bond with the dark spirit tree. It had spurred advancement and refinement of the body causing these clear physical changes. However, it was the potency of the dark mana around them that made it even clearer.

Walker had very strong senses for mana and could tell that the dark mana wrapped around the dragonkin he was seeing for the first time was like clothing made for them and only them. It was why it became hard to discern minute details along with the presence of the dragonkin at all. The shifting of that dark mana was the same as having a weaker form of the shadow wrapping skill, active at all times.

When he thought back to the wind spirit tree and the fact that the movement of the gray haired spider's hair had mimicked the currents of the winds always affecting the wind spirit tree, Walker understood the same was happening with the shifting dark mana and the branches of the dark spirit tree. However, the dragonkin's eyes were now entirely black making things slightly uneasy for those that held his gaze. Not that Walker flinched away, he had met races who had eyes the very same within the dark elemental plane, it was just a characteristic of what and who they were.

"So you are the one who understood and bonded with the dark spirit tree. Now you are the only one who will truly know of and what the spirit tree needs. You also have the opportunity to sense the connection with the central spirit tree that Alma is bonding with. You can sense what everyone needs to remain within balance as nature must do."

The way that Walker said this was more like a sage than even a hero would speak. It was as if Walker was trying to test the dragonkin rather than trying to make their acquaintance. Yet, the dragonkin just

stood up slowly while the dark mana gathered around his feet. The gathering mana caused decay just also caused exactly what need to happen for the new smaller dark mana affinity grasses to grow a little faster, just enough to be visible to the naked eye.

"Hero, true nature dragon, founder of Genesis... I greet you in place of the dark spirit tree. While young, its spirit will one day leave the branches and see all that we have built as a people. I will serve until it is time to pass that duty on to the next. I swear to you and the balance of our world, that is my duty."

The way that the dragonkin spoke wasn't emotional, it was factual and strong. They were not words of half hearted promises but of what would happen and exactly what they would do no matter what. It was a solid and unshakable promise.

"Mordant, your dragonkin has always impressed me, I assume that you did not expect this young dragonkin to be able to bond with the dark spirit tree?" Now it was Mordant and the dragonkin's chance to be a little surprised.

"I didn't expect that you would recognize that they are barely old enough to be called one of our warriors." Mordant laughed a little knowing that he should have expected Walker's keen focus to allow him such a guess. "I placed him here since his father was one of the most loyal who has personally brought three of my elder dark dragons to Genesis from their village on my orders. I wanted this one here to learn slowly and have the chance to follow his father's footsteps. Now, he treads a new path that will put him as an important figure for all of Genesis and somewhat out of my control."

That statement made the surrounding dragonkin to look shocked too. They would never have imagined that a royal dragon would say that a dragonkin was out of their control and might even stand somewhere as an equal or above them. Something like that was arrogance and not pride. It was disrespectful to the dragon race and the bonds the dragonkin had with them.

"Well, he might be able to be important, but that's up to him. He seems calm and from the way I sense the dark mana around him, he is learning what he should do about the dark spirit tree. The spirit of the tree will surely develop more and is young, so for now I expect that we will see it grow even better with a saint, emissary, or whatever the title and class is called. I assume it will be different for each spirit tree. Just so that the trees have what they need."

In response, the smaller roots seemed to move and wrap the feet of the dragonkin. He just showed a glint in his eyes of denser mana being shared. Proof that he was connected and would be so for life. "We thank you for your support. Right now the dark spirit tree needs of nothing. Instead, it wishes to grow alongside us, and the new beings brought here to become connected to the world. It feels excitement."

For the dragonkin, this was clear, for the others, they did not understand how a tree was excited. But understanding that the spirit trees would have an elemental spirit that formed from them, they could see how that might be the case. It would just take time to show itself in a defined way with more relatable features and understandings.

"That is also why I came. Midnight was here helping and I assumed that Mordant would be preparing everything perfectly. Knowing that the dark spirit tree will assist in the growth of the ink lizard race and their hatching in the world puts me at ease. They were trusted to us by their race to build a connection here and remain safe. So, that is what will happen until they can stand on their own as an equal race within genesis. If there is ever anything you need please ask."

Walker also took out several dark affinity herbs causing the mana to be drawn to them. The small bulbs that would grow roots and become plants that the party had seen and gathered within the dark elemental plane were enough to cause changes. The dark spirit tree clearly understood this as it had gained more intelligence as it was connected to more than just this area. It was attached to all the other spirit trees and could gain more strength and learning as it was influenced by all those that cared for it and the land.

The other materials like purer dark mana crystals attracted a lot of attention because Walker began moving around the small area being made for the ink lizard's nursery and placing them in a formation

that matched dark elemental runes. It would naturally keep the mana from the purer and denser dark mana crystals there rather than allowing it to dissipate. Meaning all the manas would be going to the ink lizards.

"If this helps then I believe you will see them grow a little faster." His smirk showed that he would not be expecting anything but success. The Dragonkin, Mordant, and Midnight all looked grateful that Walker had brought everything here. Especially since they had all been working on this.

"I think we just ended a little more work then, care to stick around? Or do you need to work elsewhere?" Mordant's attitude seemed a little more parental and calm than what Walker expected. Then again, he was the father in a way to the ink lizard race within genesis. He would be caring for them as if they were his own. If anyone dared to even think about harming them.... Well, a royal dragon was scary, but Mordant was a darkness dominator dragon looking to grow and become more powerful to protect the world let alone Genesis.

"I have to make a few more rounds before I leave for the second Genesis city and also work on the floating islands. I wanted to meet the dark spirit tree's chosen caretaker."

"I am called, my class that is, paladin of the dark spirit tree. To me it like I am it's guardian and protector. I will also be whatever else it needs in my lifetime. Even if that means I must give myself to it as well." The class sounded fitting for the role they were taking. Walker could only nod in approval before he started walking away, Midnight kept at his heels though, the two dragon hatchlings remaining with Mordant to keep learning.

Chapter 2720: Familiar Face

As Walker and midnight wandered off, Walker was not at all surprised that a different class was given for a different connection to a spirit tree. The wind spirit tree was more related to faith in the wind and the knowledge of how to pass that down. Allowing for there to be an understanding. The dark spirit tree was growing in a way that it protected the ability of those with dark affinity. It allowed them growth so having a paladin that also protected it and the things it does is very telling.

This didn't mean he would not want to see what the other spirit trees managed to do in terms of connections. They were all developing spirits that would one day be the voices and ethereal bodies of themselves. It was just due to the high mana and the attention they received. Their deep connection to the people of Genesis and the growth of Genesis ensured it.

"Midnight, are you going to the Sigil continent with me then?" Walker felt that Midnight had started wandering at his side because she didn't want to be left out. He also knew that she would like to explore more and the Sigil continent was also less explored than Genesis territories where she would be if she didn't come.

"Yes!" she shouted and bumped Walker trying to get him to walk faster. It seemed that he was not on his own schedule anymore.

"Then it will be even more exciting. We can see about getting to the core of that fallen floating city and if we can learn enough to reconstruct it. I bet there will be a few monsters and maybe an undead or two in those ruins." This caught Midnight's attention since she knew that there would be many who worked as general excavation workers. They would need protection from monsters like the undead trapped in the fallen city for however many years it has been since it touched the ground.

"The others might not come at all since they are busy. I haven't even seen Alice since she returned to the cathedral. I heard there are too many new healers, nuns, and light warrior candidates looking to be tested or taught." This was all due to the fact that the ways of whaling were becoming more and more varied. So many different forms of healer needed documentation and education. All taking Alice's time from anything else she might want to do.

"I do think that she might make them expedition for the Sigil continent and live around the construction area and excavation area. That would give all of the younger healers constant opportunity to grow and learn how to care for the injured." Larger projects would come with injuries that were unavoidable. Meaning that there was surely a way for them to learn of Alice taking this route.

Walker felt he was sure she would though. It was a great chance and she would be able to check in with him and work together too. A bonus so to speak.

"The floating islands have to be close to being able to be made in a separate modern way since we have our floating ships. But making a stable consistently floating island has been a failure so far because it would have to be made from mental and carved stone instead of a section of earth. The rune formations would not hold up otherwise. Meaning that the runes used on the floating cities are more unique somehow." This was one of the theories that had come to a conclusion amongst those studying the floating cities.

The angel race has struggled with this fact for a long time since even the two active floating cities did not have much evidence that they could utilize other rune formations or other runes in general. Repairing the rune formations had also been something impossible for them until recently too. Yet, now that they had begun to repair the runes and gather more information, the idea that there were runes made to focus the flow of mana differently with less degradation of natural material made itself clear.

In actuality, there were smaller runes allowing for the repair of the stone and earth used overall in the floating cities. It was why several smaller floating islands had returned to the whole once the rune formations had been repaired along with the potential for other aspects of floating cities to hold themselves within a link for communication and trade.

From what everyone could gather from the history of the angel race and the ruined floating cities, at one point all the floating cities could have connected temporarily for larger events. Allowing for trade, people to travel, and also for there to be room for more development in talks for the leaders of the angel race. However, that was all in ancient times when they had moved across continents to fight monsters and other races like the immortal chasing race.

Currently, the angel race has no need for such things and has no population to uphold a war faring traveling race like that. In all terms, they were peaceful and growing, which was much better. If the time came that they would have to rebuild the ancient aspects of their combat within the floating cities then that was what it would be. But they would most likely lean on Genesis and have entirely new defensive abilities created.

Walker shook his head slightly trying to get on to a better topic though.

"What do you think it will be like? The second city should be developed pretty well. There will be some exploring to do there too since the underground section should already be built to near completion." Since it was the first aspect of the new city being built and also the foundation, it made sense that everyone would be living there while the surface level of the city was mostly under construction now.

The more that Walker and Midnight thought while walking toward the elemental rune teleportation formation, the more that Walker realized he and Midnight had not explored the construction area at all since they had been too busy. It meant that they might be able to grab a little more new knowledge when it came to new building techniques and even the changes in city planning for building. It could be a lot more fun than what they had expected.

"Hey!" The shout was a familiar voice that Walker and Midnight hadn't seen in a while. Someone who was expected to be too busy to be walking the road back to the central Genesis city from the dark territory. Yet, when Walker and Midnight turned around, they realized that the slow walk had allowed for a small set of carriages carrying various woods and ores to catch up to them.

"It's been a while but I think we will see more of each other soon." Rodney was easily a foot taller than the last time Walker had seen him. A growth spurt plus the hard work within the crafting guild as one of the top managers proved to be all for the good of his personal growth.

"You are looking good. Glad you are growing in to your role." Walker knew that Rodney still had one of the rare classes that allowed for specifically crafting with dragon materials above what others might be able to do. But Rodney has also been working harder than just about anyone to make the entire crafting guild move together in one direction rather than be various forms of crafting divided and competing with one another. If there was anyone within Genesis that could represent the crafting guild as a whole, it was Rodney, and many people knew it despite his younger age.

"I am! It's been busy since a lot of the basements being dug with connections to the underground city have been found to have decent small ore deposits or the land clearing has plenty of wood we can use. But a lot of this is being stockpiled to be brought as material for the new city. You are heading there soon too, right?"

Knowing that they would have the chance to catch up with Rodney, Walker and Midnight started to chat about the building going on. It also appeared that Rodney knew of the materials used to attempt to repair the floating cities of the Angels. Meaning that he had been there to evaluate things. "I gained a skill called project appraisal. I can guess the amounts of materials needed and even share the information if I record it using a magic scroll."

With this comment made, Walker realized that Rodney might have gained more to his unique class. Something set to guide the crafting guild. He just needed to ask him but Rodney was going on and on about unique material needs and rune crafter availability. His bright and cheery attitude had not disappeared but increased!