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Chapter 521 - 521. Parade

The party had already expected this and made sure to hand out the falling petal charms. "The roots and branches of the tree are very high up. If you start to fall this should save you and lessen the blow. Be warned that there is to help you stay on them but it is not perfect." Walker made sure that he and the party explained this danger three times to every person they handed these to.

"This is indeed a danger I did not expect. However, I trust that my body guard would be able to save me."

"You always flatter me, my king. But it is nice to have an additional safeguard. I did notice the charms on the heroes when they arrived and was very curious." Ibis was very professional and had been close to the king the entire time. He was constantly using his to make small birds fly here and there to check the surrounding of the walking group. They were made of light elemental and show just how powerful the guild master was to summon so many.

Beyond that," Walker took the moon silk robes from his inventory, "I did not feel like I was the proper person to give these. A true hero is impartial to race or kingdom. Please give these yourself." Walker feared the anger of the king however he was greeted with a slight pat to the shoulder.

When Walker looked up he saw some very tense knights and more importantly the king himself taking the robes from him. "You made the right choice and I hope that you remain this way. As a child, I too believed in heroes from fairy tales, and I must say, you are living up to the title so far."

This praise was unexpected and made the entire room stunned. The knights never let the others near the king unless the king expressly wished it. This was a rare occasion and it was even rarer for the king to approach someone. They were much more used to the queen doing such things.

The king placed himself back in the center of his knights with Ibis at his back. He openly carried the moon silk robes which would reflect the moonlight showing the elves his gift in all its' glory. This was not just a political move but also one that showed his true intentions of peace and good faith.

"Alright, we will form up around the kings' guard. We should have a decent amount of interested elves and the enforcer will also be guarding us. But be ready for those that don't know how to keep their

distance. There are bound to be bold curious elves." Walker knew that there would be some children that thought it fun and interesting to rush up and try to see a foreign king.

Su took the back while Gil, Midnight, Onyx, and Remey spread out on the sides. Onyx had taken on a larger size surprising the knights and also the King. However, this was not the time to ask questions that could be held for later. Walker took the lead and was met by Sierra who walked next to him. The other enforcers were hopping branch to branch or hidden in the shadows.

The entire ensemble traveled slowly from where the king had been brought to rest toward the queens' hall. Many elves came to look and see what they could. Walker could hear the whispers about the moon silk robes along with the proper and royal stature of the king. They were very impressed with the matching knights in armor and the nobles brought in their fin clothing.

The ensemble came to the queens' hall and Sierra stopped at the entrance. "Elite healing squad. By my appointment as captain of the elite healing enforcer squad. Form up and greet our guests." There were twenty elves in total that came out to kneel at the sides of the entrance to the queens' hall.

Sierra leaned close to Walker, I owe you this promotion, I hope to work with your party for years to come." Sierra knelt herself at the entrance to the hall and allowed the ensemble to enter.

"Walker wanted to speak to Sierra on how she had been promoted but knew that it was not the right time. However, he did have the feeling that it was due to her growing connection to Walker as the leader of the heroic party. This simple fact made the queen want to have someone who could get along with the party as one of her hands.

The hall was full of the elders along with various merchants and higher ranking elves. Trish was standing tall next to the queen. Alma and Wade also held positions nearby. There were a few other elves nearby but one that the party had not expected to see what Bree who was adorned in multiple colored clothing stitched with runes. The spirits floating about her in slightly different forms that showed off their elements.

Walker couldn't help but feel this was the extreme of the forest elves' greeting and he should be more honored to witness it than he had been before.

"Welcome King August Diamond of the crystal kingdom. We have long awaited your visit and are glad to see you healthy and well!" The queen spoke out in an echoing voice. Every single elder and elf around bowed slightly to show respect before raising themselves back to present their own strength.

"I am honored to set foot in this glorious city. I have never in my life nor any art such as this magnificent tree. It may even reach beyond the clouds." The king paused and made a motion for his guard to step back and kneel. "I would not be a proper guest if I did not bring a fine gift. I hope to present you with these moon silk robes. A rare and majestic item that my kingdom has long held."

Chapter 522 - 522. Mediator

Alma stepped forward, she came to the king slowly and took the moon silk robes from him. "I Alma future queen thank you for your gift. Please allow me to show them to my queen." This served as her introduction and also the showing of her rank in the kingdom.

"It is a pleasure to meet you." The king gave a slight nod to show his respect toward the future ruler. This was a common gesture for all who were to meet those that would one day represent a kingdom or people.

"I am unsure if you know this yet, but the moon is sacred to some of our elves. We have a master lunar priestess that could use these robes to better heal our people. I thank you for this gift." The queen appeared to be happy with this and did not hesitate to speak on why she approved of it.

"I have come with my treasurer and three of my kingdoms' leading merchants. I have also brought the adventurers guild master who wishes to establish a branch of the adventurers guild here. I hope we may enter a private discussion on these matters to bond our two kingdoms closer than ever." The king made his move to officially commence the reasons that he had traveled here.

"I wish to accept these meetings. However, we are also joined by a representative of the demi-human kingdom of Ordist. Please come forward." The queen made sure to open the floor to Scylla who came forward without Monty or Surius due to their current training.

"I am pleased to represent the warrior king Rorick. I the general of the front will be speaking on his behalf and representing my great home Ordist." Scylla had changed in to slowing robes of purple and blue which made her stand well apart from the others in the room.

The king gave a nod and spoke once again, "I do not object to their joining of our meeting. I hope this is the start of a strong bond between old allies and future allies." The king did not see any reason to hold back any longer.

Walker stepped forward with Su. He had already prepared himself for taking over this role and knew that he needed to act his best to make sure that things would progress. "Welcome three representatives to the peace meeting of the forest elves, Humans, and demi-human kingdoms. I am Walker the true hero, Friend of the goblins, and educationist. I will be the representative mediating this meeting. My fellow heroes will assist myself and guide those who have traveled with you."

He felt as if his heart would explode. But he knew that he was the one that must step forward to speak in this way if he wished to represent the heroes and their goals to push for a more fortuitous future for everyone.

"I king of humans acknowledge the true hero, Friend of the goblins, and educationist as the mediator."

"I Scylla, representative of Ordist. Acknowledge The true hero, friend of the goblins, and educationist as mediator"

"I the queen of the forest elves acknowledge The true hero, friend of the goblins, and educationist as mediator."

The three all verbally acknowledged Walker as a mediator to this meeting. There was profound mana that started to come between the three and form shimmering phantom chains. These held no weight but connected their very beings.

'Temporary bond created. The mediator is set to Walker the True hero. Those under his watch shall have every skill attack and al attack skill sealed. The mediator will know of any attempt at ill will. The mediator can seal additional skills if necessary. The mediator will have their skills sealed as well. The mediator can forcefully stop the conversation if necessary. The mediator shall gain additional powers if required.'

The systems reacted. Walker did not expect this but it appeared that the others were very used to this. Walker was sure to hold his own poker face. "Queen of the forest elves, please guide us to the room

prepared for this meeting. I will be leaving my fellow heroes with the exception of Su to assist those left here to sort out trade, the guild, and other matters."

The queen with some assistance of the vines she rested on moved back toward a door that Walker had not noticed previously due to her blocking. "Follow me if you will." Scylla and the king followed while Walker came up behind them.

The room they were brought to was fairly small but held a round table with a large map and three large chairs. "I hope this is enough for us to begin. I have other materials for writing and recording if needed."

"I believe this is perfect for our current needs." The king stood by a chair closest to their kingdom on the map. Scylla followed suit and so did the queen. They all looked toward Walker for him to speak.

Su closed the door and Walker gave his approval to sit. "Thank you for all gathering here. Today we will speak on the matters of the kingdoms and how they shall interact. Please begin with accessibility. I believe the queen has her own rules for who will be allowed within the city in the beginning." Walker knew this was one worry every elf had.

If anyone was to come in to the city and cause trouble it would not only reflect on the kingdom they came from but also the race they were. It would foster negative feelings and cause more trouble than good. This was Walker's reasoning for beginning with it.

"Please also add in the additional laws they will need to follow to begin with." Su perfectly added to Walker's words further enhancing what the three were starting with. The two focused on the queen who had already taken a deep breath to prepare for this.

Chapter 523 - 523. Guild Idea

The queen had prepared herself for such a question and did not wait to answer. "The laws my people uphold are strict. The forest is the gift of the world to us and must be protected. We do not take kindly to any that harm it without any reason or permission. There are many who have come to hunt protected monsters and animals in the past who have been jailed by us. Not to mention the herbs that were nearly hunted to extinction because of greedy adventurers or other races."

Walker saw the queen come out powerful and did not want to see this take a negative turn. He kept his eyes locked on her waiting for her next words. "I would like to require strict regulation on those that enter the forest until the ways of my people have been properly taught."

The king had expected this to a degree and already had a solution he believed would aid this learning. "If you are willing and able to provide some of your enforcers as guides it could go a long way to teach the merchants and travelers how to properly traverse the forest and hunt within it. I also have no problem with limiting those who can move within the forest for some time. I believe the adventurers guild master is having this same discussion with your attendants."

"The demi-humans people will have no issue following these laws as well. We rely heavily on the food grown in our fields and guard it with similar fervor." Scylla had nothing other than this to say. It was clear that she would not allow any of her people to disrespect the forest.

This seemed to please the queen enough for her to move on to the next topic. "My people need time to adjust to other races and the change of culture. There will be merchants, adventurers, and other professions that aim to take advantage of them. I will not allow my people to be bled dry by such individuals."

Walker was impressed that the queen labeled these as individuals it spoke to her knowledge and wisdom in realizing that these kinds of people were not the normal of a race or kingdom. "That is why I hand picked the leading merchants from my kingdom. I have brought them here specifically to stay and assist in the growth of your industry. They have been given the orders to teach everything they know you your people within the span of six months. Until then they are not allowed to return to the kingdom without a letter written by your hand."

This was more than any of them had expected. Sending three prominent merchants let alone leading merchants away could greatly harm a kingdoms' industry. Scylla had no way to rival this and remained silent. The queen on the other hand saw that there may be more to this than the king was letting on.

"You must want something in return, correct?" The queen knew that this move was much more than just a way to build relations.

"Of course, your kingdom has knowledge and system users that mine lacks. I hope that some will travel to mine when I depart and spread their knowledge so that a seed may be planted. More specifically I wish to see if we can learn the ability to craft and manipulate mana crystals as your people do. It is a great strength we could never rival an elf in, but the dream may be there for some future generations."

This was a wise trade. The elves would always stand above other races when it came to natural mana and the elemental mana crystals. Asking for artisans to come to the kingdom with that in mind would make these systems and crafts common knowledge which may assist in the elves' culture spreading. It also helped smaller merchants to have a better idea of future trades and business ventures.

"If they are going to have some artisans coming I would like to request some of your warriors to come and participate in the colosseum. It would be a great benefit to our people to see the strength of an ally. It would also make them excited to travel to your city when they are able. Of course, we will also send a small number of merchants with goods and mostly agricultural products."

Scylla didn't waste any time trying to bring the warriors in to this since she saw the opportunity to make sure that Ordist would be able to see the elves in battle. She knew that they had styles, especially ones that used , which could cause a revolutionary growth in the kingdom's strength. Many young warriors could be influenced to surpass their limits and become greater.

"These two things are not a problem for us. I believe that having guides and some elves leave to represent my people would begin a grand sharing of knowledge. The creation of an adventurers' guild would be the start. If I am not mistaken there is also a hero lead creation of a guild in the works." The queen looked at Walker and Su who were slightly surprised to hear this coming up now.

"I have not heard of such a creation. Would there be some form of heroic guild?" The king was thinking that this would be some form of a guild that would put those in need over others, but there were already groups that did this such as the church and often the adventurers guild.

"I am also very interested. I did not imagine a hero would want to form a guild in such a way." Scylla had her interest piqued. She was constantly surprised by the things the party did and this was not going to be an exception to the current trend.

With all focus on Walker and Su, the two prepared themselves to speak on Remey's idea to form her own guild. This was going to be a fairly large matter in the future.

Chapter 524 - 524. Alchemy Guild Future

Walker wished he had brought Remey with him but also knew if she was the one to explain this she would get out of hand. The fact that this idea had already reached the ears of the elf queen was a slight surprise. But if Trish had fully supported the idea then it only made sense that she would report it to the queen because it would affect the future of their alchemists.

"My fellow hero Remey has a unique system called the alchemical brawler system. This allows her the best of both worlds when it comes to battle and alchemy. She grew up very close to the master alchemist in the alchemy building of our birth kingdom. This spurred the great desire to pursue alchemy within her." Walker introduced the subject as best as he could.

Su took the conversation from there since Walker had already begun, "Remey has seen that potions and other medicines created by alchemists are greatly over priced or held in only a few nobles hands. There are also herbs and rare medicinal plants that have the same problem. To put things simply, Alchemy is a money based profession and not one that is equally available."

"There are also issues with safety. My home of Ordist does not support alchemy much due to past incidents revolving around curses and poisoning. We will not be trusting so quickly of a normal alchemist." Scylla took the pause to voice her own position which the others acknowledged.

Walker picked up again, "Therefore, Remey wishes that an alchemy guild would be formed between many other kingdoms. This would give those who wish to study an equal footing to attend lessons from masters or established alchemists, protect the trade and regulations of the herbs and potions, along with regulating the quality and standards for the entirety. This would also cut down on cost which stops many common people or those without systems at all from getting the medicines they need."

These reasons spoke volumes of what a hero should advocate. Not only this but it also showed the fault in each of the kingdoms' handlings of alchemy as a whole. They had not placed their hands in to the subject and let it run wild in multiple ways. The elves had a challenge in guiding their young alchemists, the humans had pricing issues, and the demi-humans lost trust in potions all together.

Su knew that the clincher to this would be the support of the current master alchemists they had met. "So far the current master alchemist of the alchemy building in our home country would support this due to his relationship with Remey. She has also spoken with master alchemist elder Trish and gained support as well. This is something very possible future for alchemy in our era."

"It would also be a massive boon for the alliance of three kingdoms. Not only would it set an example for the other nearby kingdoms but also foster goodwill if we extended a hand to them as well." Walker finished the topic and waited to see the responses.

The king was the most surprised by this. He had not wanted to intervene in the matters of alchemy due to the noble influence on it. But if he used it as a reason to unite the kingdoms and make a better overall existence then the nobles would be unable to argue it.

"I would like to support this agenda. I know it is going to take some time but when your fellow hero is ready please allow me to supply the funding to build an alchemical school and fields on our borders." The king wanted to be sure that this would even be shared by the kingdoms so that it would not be forcefully taken by one or the other.

"My king will need more information to make a proper judgment. Yet, with the heroes backing, I believe that the people would have a stronger support. You did assist in capturing a demon that was selling cursed items to them and causing many deaths." Scylla saw a new path open to them and could only wonder what new things could come of alchemy within their kingdom.

"I have already made the decision to support such a future and can only see it being prosperous for the many herbs my people grow that are not outside this forest." The queen was mostly supporting this to fix current issues but also to have a future selling herbs that were unique to the forest.

"Then we shall support it as well."

"I will await my king's word. But I do see support as a possibility."

This was a great step for them. They had already decided on something that would assist in the bonding and growing together as kingdoms. Walker and Su could not be happier that the conversation had moved this way.

"There will be many documents to sign once our attendants, elders, and merchants have reached consensus." The queen knew this and was ready to move on to a more pressing matter. "On the next subject...The demons have been aggressive lately. My people are struggling at the southern border. The demons even sent this so called slime breeder to cause trouble."

The queen had brought up the most touchy subject, one that Scylla had been waiting for specifically. The looks in their eyes had become sharp and full of cold.

"I am also here to speak about this. My king wishes to form a joint army and end this demon issue forever. There should not be such a race that causes so many issues. They are nearly monsters and are always on the cusp of becoming them." Her words hit hard for the elf queen but brought a different feeling to the king and the party members.

"I am not sure I can support such antics. My kingdom may not have the greatest relationship or history with the demon lands. However, we do not have any reason to take the lands and end a race." These words made Walker and Su hopeful, but it was just the start.

Chapter 525 - 525. Banned

"I am sure you have seen the hateful things they do just to entertain themselves. They are a cruel race that even treats their own as trash. It is a blight on the world to allow them to exist." Scylla spoke without holding back. Her voice was steady and cold.

The king's forehead wrinkled as he heard this and was not sure how to proceed. Luckily Walker had his own thoughts.

"I would not want to get rid of a race. There are some demons who do not follow the ingrained survival of the strong over all else methodology. I believe there is a change that needs to occur in the way they live. One that could save those at the bottom who are tortured and beaten down while removing the corrupt and power hungry. But to do so three kingdoms may be too small."

Walker did not want to see the absolute destruction of the demons by any means. He had personally met Maria who was forced to bend to a stronger demon's will just because she could use the light elemental.

"I can agree with Leader, if there is ever a movement to do something so cruel as to condemn an entire species then any hero would stand on the side of the species being attacked." Su made sure that this was a statement that every single person heard. Not a single one of them could expect a hero to let a people come to such an end, especially when there were some who still valued the good in the world.

The king looked about the table and came to his own realization, "If we wish to change their race into one with the possibility to exist with our kingdoms we need to remove the corruption that guides them. We will need power to do so and strong will. If we follow the heroes' way it will not be easy. Would you both prefer that over yet another bloody war with many losses?"

This question silenced them. Not a single person had believed the king would utter such a strong desire and question. They found themselves asking their very being what was right and if they could rise to such a challenge.

"My king wants the demons gone so that they will never harm our people again. And as a victim of the way the demons live I can not support saving them at this point. However, I have seen things I did not expect from the heroes, along with gaining quests I did not think possible. I am even a title holder of the educationist title, something that may assist in my guidance of the young. I can learn to accept demons if enough proof is provided."

Scylla had used much of her strength and will to say these things. Her heart screamed for her to ignore the desires of the others at the table and push to slaughter the demons who had tortured her and taken away any family she could have had. She also knew that many in the kingdom had generations of built up hatred for any of the demon race. This alone would push them for war.

"I have many of my people at our boarder to stop those controlled by the current demon lords' minions. The demons used to be unorganized and ruled by their title holders in territories.. But now they organize and push the weak down while trying to expand their territory. This can not continue. "

The queen looked at the map and pointed to the demon territory, "I am willing to hold out as long as we need to gather allies and take down those corrupt individuals leading the cruel on the top. We can unite and take down their generals and at the very least return the demons to their territorial disputes. If not we will give the weaker demons the chance to rise and choose another path."

This was the plan the queen would follow whether the others supported her or not. "I agree and will offer the full support of my armies. There will be much to do to prepare but we have the time you can buy us. I will first assist in supporting your borders." The king pledged his men and would be issuing the order as soon as he possibly could.

"That would take a great deal of stress from my shoulders and the hearts of my people. Some elves have been away from the city for a few years." The elves had always patrolled their borders but over the years the demons trying to cross it began to grow to the point they were at now. It was so consuming that the elves could no longer make trips home to see family and properly rest.

"I will send a message to my king detailing everything. I may take some time but I can not proceed on this matter..." Scylla had reached the ends of her authority. This also showed the end of what the conversation could bring without speaking in circles.

"As a hero, I am proud that the decision for murder and brutal war was not made today. The strength of will to choose the harder path is something to be said, not only for you but for the kingdoms you

represent." Su could not help but speak. She had wanted to say this for some time but it was most fitting now.

The king was unsure of how to proceed but cleared his throat, "I believe we should look to contact the other races, the ancient dragons could care less. They could snuff the demons out of existence easily. The merfolk also may join but it is doubtful. They deal with their own troubles within the oceans and have no reason to come upon land"

"Then we must look towards the dwarves...I recall another law of my city. Spirit crafting is forbidden within the forest no matter the reason. Anyone with a spirit forging system will be banished." The queen made this memory surface as she realized that many dwarves had crafting systems. Some of which used elemental spirits to fuse in their creations; a sin to an elf's beliefs.

Chapter 526 - 526. Impasse

"This will not be an issue with my kingdom. The crafters there do not know of spirits in such away. I have also never had a form of spirit system in the kingdom to my knowledge. If we have, they most likely left to pursue a better environment. I Can easily uphold this." The king was worried though, he knew that the dwarves used these methods often and even went out hunting for elemental spirits to add to their various crafted items.

"The kingdom of Ordist does not rely on such things as well. We rely on physical strength and battle prowess. Our craftsman have not used spirits but instead, use fires created by various monster trait demi-humans or monsters themselves." Scylla was referencing the crafting methods that the party had seen. Walker was still mesmerized by the crafting with dragon fire. Even with his experience with Midnight, it was only a small act in comparison.

Walker realized that this would mean the dwarves could almost be completely banned from the elf city as a whole. "I believe the dwarves do not leave their kingdom often. However, if they are to express interest in the city it should be an agreement reached with them and not a law keeping them from here completely."

Walker said this because if it was a law from the start then the dwarves may completely toss aside the idea that the elves and them should be allies. Simply because anyone who is told that the majority of their people are not allowed to do something could rebel.

"I believe this will be an issue that should be spoken of when we are able to get one of the dwarven kingdoms' rulers here. From my memory, they currently have three kings who rule different factions. The ruler of the surface. The ruler of the depths, and the ruler of the people. They all work as a joint

council to expand their people and kingdom." The king spoke sharing this common knowledge just in case the elf queen had not been fully up to date during the period of time the city was closed.

"This is a law that has long been [art of my peoples' culture. We believe that the spirits are the closest beings to natural mana and the world. If one is harmed by being forced in to one of their golems or in to a weapon it is a sin." The elf queen did not want to budge on this. She wanted to have another ally but within her city here many spirits lived in peace, she did not want to ruin it.

"It sounds as if we may need more information on the dwarves... Possibly a meeting to first establish what would be their standing and what these spirit craftsmen do. We may not know everything we need to lay down our judgment." The king had the feeling that he was missing something in all of this.

"I agree that we do not have a full strategy. Without the proper information, we could be signing off on many failures." Scylla saw this as a war fought in ignorance. Top her, judging the dwarves completely and not accepting their craftsman would be foolish.

"Then we need to find the information. Until I am told otherwise I will not allow their spirit craftsmen anywhere near our kingdoms' spirits." The queen took her stance, but Walker was glad to see that she would be able to be reasoned with.

"We are planning a quest to the dwarven kingdom. There were purple slimes here that caused significant damage. We also know there were yellow slimes there that posed a similar threat." Su chimed in making all three of them fall in to deep thought.

"Then the heroes can not only look to assist the dwarves but extend an invitation for further meetings. They may stay hidden within their under ground city. But if they bring their golem armies they could more than protect the borders." The king saw this as an even better way to solidify the safety of all people and work toward their goals.

"I agree. Let the heroes take the lead while we move forward here." Scylla had no sooner agreed than there was a sudden roar from the other room.

"Leader, Midnight sounds like she has had to be strict with some of those speaking." Su knew well that some of the talks could become heated. Midnight was acting as she should but it was still worrisome for them to not be there and see what was going on.

"I believe the three of us should take a moment to breathe and think on what we desire to come of this in the end. The matter with the dwarves and demons is already settled. All that is left is when the merchants from the demi-human kingdom will come when we wish to have an adventurers guild open, and when we will send out our own merchants. Please check on your party members' situation."

The queen needed time to think and this was the perfect chance to do so. "And we can speak about a grand tournament to foster and show off our kingdoms' young growth." Scylla had an excited grin as Walker left the room.

"Su, please keep watch on them while I am gone. If they try to move forward do what you must." Walker knew Su could just taunt them as a distraction or even worse place her shields between them and use other applicable skills to interrupt their conversation. However, he still knew that they were bound by their promise to a mediator. This should keep things on even and safe ground without him even there.

Walker turned his attention to the hall where he knew all the other conversations were taking place. His fear that a large disagreement had caused Midnight to take action was at the front of his mind.

Chapter 527 - 527. Trade

Walkers' return to the main hall was not unnoticed. Many of the elders, merchants, and enforcers looked at him for a moment. Gil and Onyx were looking over a round table that had been brought in. The table was covered in documents that guild master Ibis was explaining to enforcers.

"This rule here is one that controls the rankings of the adventurers. They are only able to take quests at levels applicable to their ranking within the guild. A stone tier adventurer would never take a gold tier quest. However, the guild master must sign off on any exceptions. This is not a rule that can be changed or ignored."

Walker saw that this was an important explanation as the enforcers were also speaking here and there in the hope it could relate to their own rankings and what they would add or subtract. It was also clear that there would be another guild master unique to the forest elf city.

For the moment Walker chose to bypass Gil and Onyx's group and looked at Midnight and Remys'. This was due to the roar he had heard and the looks of frustration that were on the merchants' and elders' faces.

"I am in a short intermission. Since you are all having some disagreement maybe another set of ears could set things straight." Walker casually walked over to the other table which had many proposals for the items and times of trading. It appeared that there was a disagreement on who would bring what first.

"We believe that it would make more sense for the elves to send their merchants with the king to journey back to the kingdom. It would be safer and begin trading early." One of the leading merchants spoke out.

"And we believe that this could slow the merchants coming here to get new items. They should come and learn about the culture behind the items before they are brought and purchased blindly by human nobles."

The elders seemed to be afraid that the elven merchants would be ignored and the items purchased as simple trophies. This was an understandable worry since it was likely to happen.

"You see our problem then?" Markus Raven had remained silent since his main purpose was finding the middle ground for prices since the two kingdoms would value different things at different prices.

"The way it sounds is that you all speaking about every single item that the elves have here being sent at once. That is a poor idea. The merchants should first take a small number of items all that are valuable to the growth of a different aspect of the kingdom." Walker's idea was enough to get them all thinking.

"Like I said. Bring that water spike and the clothing. The clothing would attract mages and the nobles. The water spikes the farmers and alchemists." Remey spoke again. This time there were those that listened to her and Midnight rested her head back on her front legs.

"What of the other crystal items? We could sell them for high prices at auctions. Or we could make them a studied resource for a few months." The merchant wanted these items to be sent first but Walker was shaking his head.

"Those should be saved until later. By the looks of Remey's face she was already saying this but you ignored her." Walker looked to Remey, "Remey, why do you believe this?"

"The crystals crafts and weapons are something unique to the elves and the longer that stays that way the better. Too many at once could shock the people and change the way people value other things. It would be like selling a high potion at the same price as a low tier potion. The low tier potions would be seen as trash."

The idea was fair and made more sense now that the merchants and elders were listening carefully. Having their full attention Remey continued her role as the watcher of this group.

"Bring the dual elemental mana crystals first. They are valuable within our kingdom and are seen as such. This would establish a very solid foundation for the high quality of goods from the elven city. From there the crystal weapons and items can be discovered by merchants that come here and can properly learn about them from those who create them." Remey stopped and looked satisfied at the expressions of the merchants.

'Ui agree that it would be wise to start with something that we already know the value of. Finding a proper price with a dual elemental mana crystal is a simple matter in comparison with a weapon or item never before seen in the kingdom." Markus Raven was also supportive of this while he began calculating a price range for dual elemental mana crystals that were a rare auction item currently. Having an influx of them would make a splash but it would bring about a positive and open change to the kingdom.

"Well, then what should your kingdom, be bringing here? That is a bigger question?" The elder was sure that there was a great many things that would leave their kingdom. However, the things that would come also needed value.

"We have items from the demi-humans that can jump start your knowledge of their culture more. There are also goods we receive from the opposite side of the swamp. I believe you do not trade with the merfolk?" This was enough to make the elders incredibly interested.

Walker started to head away. He was glad to see that there was a focus on Remey now and what she was suggesting. Walker had not expected her to be ignored in such a way but was proud of her for remaining calm and leaving it to Midnight to stop the arguments and stop the conversation.

He turned his gaze from this group and back to those discussing the guild. There was a great deal of information being shared and he could not say he was not curious.

Chapter 528 - 528. Another Guest?

Walker made his way to Gil who was still standing a slight bit from the table with Onyx on his shoulders. "How are things here?"

Gil smiled and was proud to report, "The enforcers are confused at some points when it comes to some of the duties of the various staff. But they are adjusting those things as we speak. I have a feeling that by the end of the week there will be a draft of the guild rules and positions for hire."

This was great news. If the formation of an adventurers' guild could progress faster then there would be a quicker growth in the entire opening process of the forest elf city and kingdom.

"I believe the king has already proposed this to your queen, but the guide position would be unique to your guild. There would be enforcers that are required to accompany those without proper certification from your guild. That would mean your patrols need a badge of some sort to give those who pass your standards to safely traverse the forest. It would be mana imprinted like the guild plaques we already use but affix on to the traditional plaques to show this."

The Ibis had already decided that this would be necessary even if the queen and king did not agree on it. If the adventurers guild made it a position then it would be so. These guides would train adventurers and issue a certification to traverse the forest without a guide. Once done it would greatly protect the forest.

"I fully support this position. The trainees could act as the guides as part of their training before they leave the forest. It would familiarize them with those outside the forest and eventually assist their social skills when needed." The enforcer that spoke was already writing these things down so that he could develop an applicable training plan.

"We would need more outposts for adventurers to stop and show identification. Or more patrols." The other was already looking at a map to decide the best places for such things.

"How do we control the hunted monsters and gathered herbs? Should we have patrols checking them?" The enforcer that asked this question had their own stack of personal notes and was still writing more.

"We have a dissection area in the basement for adventurers to bring their monsters. The guild staff and party managers are also required to check such items. That does not mean your enforcers can not check them but they will need just cause to search an adventurer. Of course, the rules will push the

adventurers to comply with enforcers anyways." Ibis had already thought of this and was glad to share the process that worked for them.

"Good, then we will easily be able to track the information of nearby monster species and population." This was the goal at the end of the day.

"The adventurers guild also works alongside the kingdoms' monster researchers. This means the data we gather is sent to them and analyzed. We have discovered many poisons and venoms that alchemists can use or produce antidotes for. This has helped greatly in healing."

"Oh, so it is similar to a foragers system users. Just every adventurer would participate in it." The other enforcers all understood this and were in support.

The progress was smooth and Ibus had nothing that was standing out as a problem. Walker was ready to head back inside and move on when he heard Inius calling for him to wait.

"Walker, from your time here do you believe more duties within the city or without the city will become quests at their guild." This question would also be to the elves but Ibis wanted Walkers' input as well.

Walker was glad to give input here, "From what I see there are many tasks that can be quests for younger adventurers and those learning the laws of the elf city that can be done within the city. In the beginning, there will also be many merchants guarding quests. But later on, there may be a way for the experienced adventurers to assist the enforcers in some way. Especially when it comes to the remnants of the purple slimes. There could be a nice reward for slaying them."

This was what Ibis had hoped Walker would explain. Having another adventurer's words on the matter showed how the humans would think and how the elves' thinking would also change over time. The enforcers scribbled down notes that could help them with this and how to enforce their laws on top of these values and quests.

"Thank you for your input. I also need to let you know that Barry will be arriving soon with another important representative." Ibis spoke as if he had just received this information a moment ago.

"Can you tell me more?" Walker was hesitant to ask this because he was sure another race had not been invited or spoken of coming. Also, Walker believed that Barry was too busy with his current tasks to come here at this moment.

"Oh, yes. Barry has reached a point in his current task that needs the approval of the elves. It would also benefit him to have the support of other kingdoms as well. Technically I believe everything will fall under the elf kingdom but it should be noted that they are technically separate matters."

This only made Walker become more confused. He couldn't figure out what the elves would be in control of but also not in control of within their forest. To him, it sounded like Ibis was describing a wild monster or herb. "I see you are still confused, but the answer is walking this way as we speak. I received the system notification from Barry just now that they are being led here for the meeting." Ibis closed his mouth as the doors to the hall opened.

Chapter 529 - 529. Kroll And Ventus

Walker's full attention was at the door. It swung open slowly and more than a few enforcers made their way in to the hall. They appeared to be on edge and Walker picked this up immediately. He also held himself in a much stronger stance.

"You all look so worried. And here I thought the elves would hold themselves with more grace." The familiar voice and silhouette of Barry came in to view. However, as Walker relaxed he saw another silhouette. One of a spider with an equally familiar goblin on its' back.

"There's a goblin and a large grey haired spider here. How could they tame both?"

"No, this is the one that the hero spoke of? Is it not?"

Where are the knights? The goblin could attack at any second."

The merchants and elders were falling to pieces over the entrance of the goblin spider rider and Barry. They had been so shocked that they didn't even hear the words that Barry had said.

"Rest easy! This is my vice guild master and a newfound ally. They are welcomed by us and if any dare to act against them then I shall be the one you face." Ibis was not having any of the fear and distrust. He released some of his mana and the force caused any of those nearby to shudder.

"I second the words of the guild master. The heroes recognize this goblin as a friend and any that oppose them will meet the consequences." Walkers' words drew their attention and slightly relaxed those who were voicing their worries. The elders had known that Walker had encountered the goblins but had fallen in to an older methodology of fearing the goblins instead of welcoming them.

"So you are acting so adult and grown up. I thought you would be taking a backseat approach to all of this political speak. Actually, shouldn't the king be here?" Barry had realized that the groups of people and elves were too small. There should be more important figures as well.

"They are resting. I was going to return but it appears there is something else I must deal with first." Walker was still putting on his best bravado and mannerism due to his current position. This shocked Barry who had looked at them as children in the need of assistance last time he had been with them.

"In that case let me act a little more proper." Barry cleared his throat and straightened his back. "Sir hero, I have brought the forest goblin chief Kroll and the Patriarch Grey haired spider Ventus to meet with the elf queen and company. Please guide them." Barry lowered his head and motioned for Kroll to come forward.

"Sir Hero...Kroll has arrived to speak to Queen of elves." This was a shaky start for Kroll who had always known the elves and humans as creatures that had hunted them. Yet, Barry and Walkers' party had started to change that. "Champion Barry has guided us here."

"It is good to see you again Kroll and Ventus. You two look to have prepared yourselves well." Walker could see that Barry had taught them to clean themselves very well. Kroll wore clean leather armor and Ventus had every hair on his body clean and trim. It was the world's cleanest goblin and grey haired spider.

Walker thought for a moment and realized that all the things the guild master had spoken about were related to this. The goblin was here to meet the queen and most likely establish proper laws and other things when it comes to the goblins.

"I believe it will be a good time to bring you in to the conversation. Barry will be staying here to assist the guild master though. So prepare yourselves for this." Kroll gave him a nod to show that he had been ready since the time they left the goblins' cave.

"Things have taken a change at that cave the goblins and spiders were hiding in. I gathered some trustworthy adventurers and we built up the space around them. They have small homes made from fallen trees. I assumed that it was better to reclaim the materials than to use anything fresh." Barry had taken note of the location and the elves' feelings.

"They also have one goblin that showed great strength in cooking along with another that is a very talented leather worker. The spiders are also amazing at creating threads for various uses. I believe they have a future as a race as soon as they are given the chance and protection."

Walker couldn't help but be impressed by Barry's report. He knew that the goblins had been working to improve themselves since he left and that was one reason that the guild master was sending Barry to deal with the occurrence. However, this was at a much faster rate than expected.

"I believe that is more than enough to make Kroll's presence justified." "Kroll, Ventus, Come with me. The break is over and the rulers you will be meeting will be your equals." Walker said this last part for a few reasons. One was because it would make Kroll feel a little more at ease, but this was not the most important.

The most important was because it would let Kroll know that the people he was about to meet were incredibly important to his future. They would be the ones that would stand beside him in the fight for the goblins to rise and find their other brethren. If this was done they could step away from monster hood and become a full fledged race.

The two opened the door to the room the queen, King, and Scylla were waiting in. Kroll rode Ventus through the grand doorway to face those that he had once feared the most and would now be able to regard as equals.

Chapter 530 - 530. Standing Equal

"Su, come here for a moment," Walker called for Su as soon as the door had opened and he had stepped through. He was lucky that the others could not see behind him because he wanted to present the topic of the goblins then he needed to warn Su so that she was prepared.

"Barry arrived and brought Kroll with Ventus. The two have been named chief of the forest goblins and patriarch of the grey haired spiders respectively. This is an important step for the goblins to become their own race and the grey haired spiders by relation theirs as well."

Su showed a look of surprise for just a second before she nodded and became determined. "I will prepare myself to act if necessary. I do not believe Scylla knows of the goblin and grey haired spiders becoming friends. She has heard our title but not the explanation."

Su had made the correct decision since it was one of caution. This could avoid any unnecessary fighting. She stepped back toward the table obstructing the three's view as Kroill entered with Ventus. Walker came forward to stand next to her.

"I present the fourth and fifth guest that shall be joining us today. Kroll the chieftain of the goblins and Ventus the patriarch of the grey haired spiders. Do you acknowledge me as the mediator of this meeting?" Walker said this causing every single one of them to straighten in their seats.

Scylla was the one most affected since she had not drawn the line between their title friend of the goblins and the fact that the goblins were not just monsters. The king had a more mild reaction but still feared the monsters being introduced since he had always been far from monsters. He had been able to handle Midnight and Onyx since they were contracted with a hero.

The only one to have a positive reaction was the queen because she had already chosen to give the goblins this chance and aim for their protection. She had even made it against the law to hunt them within the forest unless absolutely necessary for survival.

"Kroll and Ventus accept." The goblins' voice came through from behind Walker and he and Su moved away to reveal the perfectly clean and groomed pair.

"Then I welcome you to this meeting. Please be at rest and meet, King August Diamond of the crystal kingdom. The queen of forest elves and the elf city. Scylla the general of the front and one of the strongest demi-humans representing the kingdom of Ordist and their king; King Rorick." Walker made the introductions and Kroll was obviously shaken.

He was able to easily see this fact and made a move to stand beside the goblin which was afraid to step off Ventus's back. "Come down and stand even with them. You two are an inseparable pair, but need to be able to stand side by side." Walker made it seem as if this was a powerful stance to take which spurred Kroll much more.

"So you have brought the goblins you have befriended here." The queen spoke softly and evenly. "I greet you as my own people. From this point on do not fear any elf you see. I know your peoples' history and I hope for your future." This statement was more powerful than any other had made today. It showed the other two representatives that this was not just a monster but a being in which the elves would defend with their full might.

"Then, in that case, I welcome you Kroll and Ventus. I have only ever met two others that would be known as monsters. A little dragon still growing who became a hero and a very inspiring being and a small serpent that is much larger than any would know. You two are the next for me to meet. I hope that we will learn a great deal from one another." The king did not hesitate to also support the two and their endeavors.

The pair felt strong and Kroll stepped off the back of Ventus. The two looked at Scylla who appeared to still be processing the situation.

"I can not say I can fully support this without my kings' permission. However, in the demi-human kingdom, it is common for monster trait demi-humans to find solace and lead groups of monsters they share traits with. This being said, you would be welcome within our borders at any time." Scylla wondered what would happen when the goblins were considered their own race. If they would still have goblin monster trait demi-humans or if they would just become known as half goblins.

"We thank for the greetings. Please let learn the way to stand beside all." Kroll did his best and was met with approving nods. Walker took the lead from here yet again.

"As you all have known, the goblins were once victims of a demon lord with a particular system to enslave goblins. Now they have been free for many years and are able to progress forward. I hope that you can all assist in this starting with Kroll and his partner Ventus. Kroll is a very rare system user. The goblin spider rider. He and Ventus are a pair. This has birthed the grey haired spiders that do not mindlessly attack and fight."

"This is very amazing. Yet, I wonder if this means there are other monsters in a similar situation. How many potential allies have been slain for our misgivings?" The king came to this conclusion instantly. It made everyone fall in to deep thought yet again.

"I believe that is where my kingdom can assist." Scylla was the one to speak up. "We have a harpy queen, naga maiden, and ogre lord residing within our walls right now. We believed them to be demi-

humans but found them to be monsters. They are obviously similar to Kroll and Ventus." These words were enough to throw both the king and the queen in to a loop.