

Amplification

As I approached the tavern, with questions in my head needing to be answered, I felt a strange presence. There was power there, but unlike any I have encountered. I focused on a group of people walking into the tavern. It was there I saw it. Him, I guess. Near the pack of the crowd, trying not to be seen, was Souldrinker. Cousin to Lady Tso and another Threat. This may be my chance, to get to Tso. If I can kill him, She will have to stop whatever she's doing with Tiamat. "You need to get going." Gelmat said to me.

"Why?" I answered.

"I feel a strong winter coming on, and you need to finish your quest." I agreed with this. There have been rumors that this winter will be the worst one. I shrugged and turned away.

"Fine. But I will see soul drinker again." I said to Gelmat. I started to walk to the outskirts of town. Once I got there, I took off at my blinding speed. I knew I had to travel more North. But how much farther, I didn't know.

It seemed only a matter of minutes, but I was hit by the blinding snow. Damn winter, I cursed. I dislike the cold. I kept moving, passing through the snow unaffected by its attempts to slow me. But its cold wintry Bite got to me faster than I had wanted. Foolish, I yelled at myself, You should have prepared for this. Continuing at my speed, Ignoring the fact that my Body was beginning to freeze, I saw a small town. I stopped once I reached the center. It was deserted. There were bodies lying around, as if something just happened here. I exerted my senses to see if I could pick something up. A faint but powerful scent of magic was used here. But not normal magic. I sensed this before, when I was lost in the woods. This was the work of Fae. Who knew fairies were so devious. I took off again, not seeing any reason to stay. Why didn't I sense the trouble? I could have helped.

"You were dead at the time." Gelmat reminded me. Quiet pest, I threw at him, I know that. He gurgled his laugh as usual.

About hundreds of miles later, and about an hour, I saw a landmark that I needed. A deep chasm in the earth, also known as Windy Pass. Rumors say that the wind is so strong, it actually throws a human to the ground. But I am no Human! I took off through it. Who knows if there was another way around? As I entered, there was a small breeze. This is Windy Pass? I laughed, and took off. As I got deeper, the wind did start to pick up. IT got to a point that I had a hard time keeping my balance. I have an idea. I dispersed into my alternate Shadowy cloud form and I felt no wind. No restrictions. I felt Free. And Powerful! I took off, at a faster speed than I ever traveled. It took only a few seconds to reach a dead end. I reverted back to my human form.

"COME ON!" I yelled. There was no wind at the end, but I still fell to the ground, out of anguish. How do I reach the temple if I have no passage?

"Think." I heard Gelmat say, "What did the sage say? Did he tell you to enter this place? Or Simply that you were to look for another landmark from here." I slapped my forehead. Yes, he did say that. I wasted a trip and energy to get here. As I stood up, I saw a strange glow to my right. Silvery, and I sensed power. I walked towards it. I noticed it was rectangular. A Tharenian Spell card! No wonder its so hard to get through. Its protecting this power. I reached for it, and stopped. Still, for a trip like that, its too easy. Something like this wouldn't be sitting in the open. I must be prepared. I reached out and touched it. Nothing happened. So, I grabbed it.

"Still too easy." I said to myself. I looked at it. It was still glowing. Like the other one did when it was time to use it. I studied it, and it formed words. Interesting. Amplification, it was called.

Well, lets see what is does.

“From the Simplest Form
Make it shine, make it glow.
When trouble comes,
I will Know.
Grant me the power,
Increase my Will,
Heighten my senses,
Lest nothing be still!

As I finished, I felt a surge of power. I could See every detail on the rocks, on the other side of the Chasm. I Could hear the wind whispering its song, and I could smell the Fresh air over the Musty stale smell of the damp rocks. So this card Simply makes my senses Unbelievably Strong. This will help. I placed the Card in my bag next to the other two, the one still not aglow. I began to walk out of the chasm. The wind seemed to die down quite a bit. Or My sense of balance was strengthened so much that It had no effect on me.

I reached the main part of it, and took off running. OH! I was running as fast as I did in my Shadow Form. Unbelievable! I'll make it to the Temple in no time.

I reached the exit and looked around. The Sage said its not a far walk from the Windy Pass to the Temple. And It's path only appears at noon. I looked at the sun. It was well past noon. I looked around for somewhere to rest, and get out of this snow. I was freezing, It felt like I was ice. I guess there is a downfall to this power. Everything is, as the card said, Amplified. I saw a cave up ahead, and took off towards it. It was small, but provided shelter for the night. I found myself a rock to sit on, and pointed at the ground. A magical fire began to burn. Heh, Ignis' training was a lifesaver. I got comfortable and fell asleep. Tomorrow is the beginning of the true adventure.

Little did I know, That it was the beginning of something much worse.