

After his first encounter with the Core, Orlok began researching about it properly, like he should have done before in the first place, but whatever everyone makes mistakes, so he could make them too.

His research mostly consisted of asking people he suspected knew more than him about the Core and the ichor, he also tried to mention the noise he had heard last time, but he didn't mention his reaction to it. That wasn't a necessary detail at all, in his opinion.

After collecting all data he deemed interesting for his research, he decided he would try once again to explore the Core. But more prepared this time.

He bought leather gloves for his hands and leather boots for his feet, while it would make him slower, it would protect him from the Ichor, whom he found out is quite dangerous, and he almost touched it last time, what the hell! The descent was easy enough, just like last time, but in a different location, which brought a few more wary jumps. Once he found himself at the bottom, he began walking around, taking a look at anything interesting he found around. What really was of note to him were the plants, they were really different down here, they looked more like rocks than actual leafy greens, with marbled whites, greys and of course, the dark purples of ichor, like everything was connected to the dangerous substance that seemed to coat every nook and cranny, much to his dismay. One particular plant he found caught his attention, it looked like one of those spikey cacti from the surface, but it was really really tall, and very dark opalescent looking. It was super super cool looking, and Orlok wished he could take a little bit of it home.. But the texture of it did look like Ichor, so he didn't want to risk touching it. So for now, since the coast looked clear, he would just admire it, from afar