MASTER OF NONE

Chapter 20 - 20. The Gates/ Reporting In

""Stay close to me, we are entering the kingdom it could be dangerous. " Walker thought to Midnight who growled slightly but proceeded to stick to his heels.magic

"We might as well get this over with, hopefully, the fee isn't too bad." Walker was very nervous. The guards didn't know he was a tamer making it tough to bring a monster in. But he knew under no circumstances could he leave midnight alone outside.

"Halt!" You may be adventurers but you must not bring beasts inside the walls for the safety of the people!" One guard walker didn't recognize spoke up. The others who he had met many times were looking at him as if he'd grown a second head. "Please state your business walker." The other guard had spoken up but been more polite knowing the news of his system and also having pitched in for the gift.

"Sooo I might have tamer skills now and I just forged a pact with Midnight here through an emergency quest...if my father is still working you might want to get him so he can file a report. I know this isn't the right way to do it but I haven't registered as a tamer yet. By the way, my name's Walker! My father is Garret, how have you liked the new job?" Walker sped through the beginning but quickly turned to the new and now off put guard.

The new guard slightly unsettled after hearing this was the boy every other guard gossiped about, " Well it's not as exciting as one may think but a quiet life here is better than patrolling the fields and fighting orcs. So you're the boy who can learn anything huh? Sure you're not just a lucky tamer?"

" If I was just a tamer would I be able to heal people, defend, attack, walk silently, and do this?" Walker used his inventory and pulled out his backpack causing the guard's jaw to drop. Spatial magic he had just witnessed spatial magic!

"Well, eeermmm yea you might have a point there, in any case for not having the proper identification for your..umm Midnight? There it normally will cost 20G fine and until you register at the guild you must be escorted by guards there". Leaning on his work knowledge the guard was able to cast off his previously shaken emotions to regain seriousness.

"Walker! Why must you cause trouble!" Garret had just rounded the corner to see a small black dragon curled around his son's legs playing while he spoke to another guard. "Why did you bring a baby dragon with you!? Didn't you just go to collect flame newts? Dragons and newts are very different...oh I've failed as a father." Garret appeared to be defeated but the look of wonder as he stared at the black crystal dragon was apparent.

"Well father this is Midnight my new partner" reaching down to tap midnight forehead "and Midnight this is my father Garret you'll be seeing more of him tonight at dinner." Midnight looked fiercely at Garret for a moment before walking up to him and sniffing then shaking her head. She would remember him now but for some reason, all she sent to walker was ""food? Hungry? When?"". Walker wasn't surprised it seemed like this little dragon would eat him out of house and home. Lots of hunting quests could be seen in his future.

After sitting down to file some paperwork and forking over the 20G two guards had appeared to walk with them to the adventurers guild. Helping to pass the trip they bothered the party members about their first quest and what happened. This completely distracted them all from the looks of amazement and reactions of passersby in the street. Once they saw the familiar door of the guild the guards bid them farewell even waving to midnight who gave a soft "pfft" in farewell. The guild is used to many strange sights but seeing a small dragon was indeed a sight that drew a few stares. Clara nearly jumped over the counter in her surprise. Where did he get a dragon...didn't I issue them a flame newt quest?.

"We'll be heading to meeting room five please follow me." Clara only took a moment to steel herself back to her normal composed form. Following her upstairs and to the room they quickly sat down, midnight finding it more comfortable to lay on top of Walker's feet instead of the table made them all glad.

Clara's expectant glare causes Walker to immediately recount the circumstances during their quest. At the word emergency quest Clara, a face showed disbelief but she knew that lying was not something a young adventurer could pull off. After some time and a few questions later things seemed to draw to a close. "I'll be taking the items from your quest and I shall return with the reward along with paperwork to register your beast...err to add Midnight to your party". Clara had realized midnight popped her head up at being called beast so Clara quickly changed to saying her name. Midnight's reaction was a proud shake of her head before returning to her nap.

A moment later. "Here is your 25G each, I would recommend as I do to all young adventurers to save it and invest in your gear at your lower tier to prepare for the future. Secondly, I have filled out this registration form for you and it only requires your signature. From this point on Midnight will be required to wear this tag showing her contract with you. The guards will recognize it and other adventurers will know not to cause trouble. Finally I recommend you find a suitable place for her to live as she may be small now but with time I'm sure you can imagine the size she will grow to." Clara has slid a small metal necklace that was engraved with a strange symbol ' identification tag has been recognized, please list the wearer and the user.'

Walker quickly placed it on one of Midnight's small horns

'Identification plaque has been bound to black crystal dragon hatchlingmidnight. Contracted with user Walker. Due to the registration being finalized the stats of the contracted beast are now available to the party leader.'

Walker quickly looked at his party menu excited to finally see the difference between a dragon and a human. He knew that monsters and beasts were naturally stronger and grew in different ways but he was not prepared for what he saw.