

## Master 371

### Chapter 371 - 371. Polite Conversation

"It is very nice to meet you. I am Walker. Thank you for allowing Remey to join you." Walker made sure to be as polite as possible. He had the feeling that it would go a long way with this woman.

The smile she gave in response proved his point, "I was happy to have a guest. It has been some years since I took an apprentice. Also, her system is fascinating. It is very rare for the world to create a new system or fuse them. I have only heard of it two times in my entire life." This was an exciting thing for all of them to hear. Remey was lucky enough to have a system that even long lived elves would see as rare.

Remey was paying no mind to what they were talking about. Her full attention was on the boiling pot. Walker had expected to see a full cauldron but instead saw the pot. "Can I ask what you are making?"

"Of course you can. This is the crystal ginger and a few other things mixed together. I call it the crystal mana potion. You might also hear it called a mana sealing potion. It has the ability to seal the body parts that are leaking mana. I call it a crystal mana potion because when it cools it reflects light like a crystal." She said this while adding some small handfuls of herbs to the pot.

Remey watched intensely at every little change that occurred. "I was pleasantly surprised when your friend here came. I had expected a very small knowledge base, but I dare say she knows as much theory as I did a hundred years ago." This compliment was able to get Remey to come out of her focus and join in the conversation.

"I grew up watching the old man play around with his theories. I know most ingredients and potions we can create in our kingdom. Thanks to the journals left behind by a previous owner of our mansion I was even able to learn some of the darker sides of alchemy. The practices are terrible, but the knowledge is worth knowing so I can apply it to other more positive experiments."

"She is an official member of the alchemy building in our kingdom. They are not a guild like the adventurers or tamers. But she got to know many members and one of the current master alchemists. As far as I know, he is at the top of our kingdom's alchemy." Walker explained some left out details to smooth things over.

"Ah, so this old man was like your teacher then?" Trish was trying to find the connection between Remey and the master alchemist.

"He is my family. I watched him but could never do alchemy. But then we got a quest and I got this new system and I love it. He has helped me turn the theory and practices in to reality lately. I could say I am an apprentice, but it's more." Remey was getting a little worked up, her emotions ready to overflow again since she was so happy to be an alchemist in any form.

"So a father passing knowledge to a daughter. You are right, that is much better than an apprentice. I hope to meet him one day. I have never met an alchemist from another kingdom. I spend most of my years away from even my elven brethren. I need to experiment and find the next breakthrough." Walker took note that she had the same mentality as the alchemists from their kingdom, it was nice seeing a common trait.

"The old man does that too. He once locked himself in his lab for a week straight. When he finally opened the door I needed to feed him by hand and give him a mana potion. He was so dumb, what if I had stayed home?" She hadn't talked about this story before and Walker was caught off guard by the lengths the master alchemist would go to experiment.

"Of course, that is why you have apprentices, they can check on you while you create a tough concoction. The longest I have ever had to simmer something was a month. I didn't move from that spot the entire time. I had an apprentice bring me something to snack on and some additional firewood."

This brought a thought to Walker. "I may have missed it, but we are in a tree made of wood. How is the fire burning on it without causing a forest fire?" He was worried this was a dumb question, but Remey nodded her head.

"I asked the same thing. It didn't make any sense but Trish explained it all."

"A wise observation, the wood layered on the floor is made from an aqua sapling. When they are about fifty years old they produce an oil that resists extreme heat. It will only produce this through its core for a few weeks before it spreads to the leaves. We harvest those leaves and layer them between the wood. The oils absorb in and you have a completely fire proof base." She was proud to share the elven technique that she had long used.

The ideas were hitting Walker left and right, "How does it do against other elements? Is it resistant to them?"

"Yes, most elements are resisted by the oil. The only element that it has an affinity with is the water element which is usually attracted around but but not absorbed. The earth element is usually a tough thing for the oil since it is absorbed. That is minimal though. The items treated with it are usually very durable against all elements, even darkness element." She had studied the ingredient a great many times and was even responsible for a few crafting breakthroughs using it.

"Is this an oil that I can purchase and bring back with me? I am slowly gathering materials for a special staff That I can make with my own two hands." Walker's imagination was expanding the more he learned in the elf kingdom. He would need skills to make the staff but that would come when he gathered the proper materials. He couldn't practice unless he got to know the materials and learned about them to the highest degree.

"Of course you can. We have plenty of it to make our homes fire proof. We grow the aqua saplings in a flat plane of water. The growth process is a little slow since the oils are lower quality when we speed the saplings grow up. But after few years we started to get them in to a good rotation."

"It became a farming operation. That is interesting. If you and your people sell it to other kingdoms you could make the elf people a lot of gold and respect. My party recently assisted with a fire in the kingdom. It was only one building, but the carpenters lost a great deal. I would be happy to see things change for the better." The thoughts of the children without parents or the families that had lost loved ones weighed on him.

"Then that will be exactly what I do. I will speak to those in charge and have it sent to your kingdom as one of the first products we sell in trade. I work every day to improve the potions for my people. I would be proud to help other people as well." Trish nodded with each word.

She had become an alchemist after trying to make a potion for her brother, that small gesture had set her entire future in to motion. If she had not thought to help him or even try then she would be a system-less elf and could not be the best she could be for her people. "That's perfect. The old man will lose his mind trying out new things with it. I can show off what I leave here too." Remey became ten times more excited at this possibility.

"You're so eager to learn. If every apprentice I had was as eager I would have an army of master alchemists by now. I a sure you are told every day how studious you are." Remey avoided eye contact and pretended not to know what to say. Walker couldn't hold himself from laughing. He knew all too well the arguments and insults thrown between the old master alchemist and Remey.

"Back to this crystal ginger you brought me. I would estimate it was there for about eighty years. That makes it high tier easily. It will nearly finish the treatments for the queen's little problem. She will be very thankful. She would be fine without it, but to an elf, it is annoying to feel the loss of mana, we are very attuned to mana." Trish said this full of seriousness, she knew all too well the lengths the queen had gone to try and solve the mana bleeding disease before accepting the fact that she would always need the supply of natural mana from the forest.

#### Chapter 372 - 372. Cooling Skills

"The longer the crystal ginger lives the more mana it absorbs. The high amount of mana is why it formed in to crystal ginger anyways, but it can keep absorbing mana and become harder and harder. That is why I have it boiling at such a high temperature. That is the only way for it to release all the stored mana and start to take on the properties of the herbs I have added." Remey was listening intently as the lesson being given.

Walker Was not sure how all of this fit together since he lacked a lot of the specific alchemical knowledge. However, he was learning slowly but surely the more Remey opened up to show off her knowledge. She was proving to be a lot more knowledgeable than anyone had expected. It was the same feeling that He had had when Gil started to demonstrate knowledge on farming or Su on healing.

"Now the next step is to keep it from solidifying while cooling. The best method to do that is slow and steady control of mana to pull the heat away. Any cooling skill can be used but the control of your own mana is where it will affect quality. If it solidifies then it is a waste and we need to turn it in to something else. So will you two be joining me in this? It is a good learning opportunity."

The two looked at Trish like they had just been asked to sprout wings and fly. The question of working on something so important was crazy to them. "Are you sure we could work on something like this?"

Walker wanted to hear her reasoning. "Normally I can manage this myself easily, but if you two want to learn I can guide your mana to cool things properly. Just let your mana flow in your hands and we will see what you can do. My skill is called fire stealing. It takes the energy from the flames and potion. It is a slightly different ability but it works very well." She had other cooling abilities but the situation needed this specific skill for the best result.

"The one I have is called quick chill. It stimulates the water elemental mana using mine. Then it will cool the potion." Remey had learned this from the old master alchemist when she upgraded her system.

"I don't have one, but my grand elemental manipulation should do the trick. Maybe I will learn a cooling skill as we go." Walker shrugged his shoulders. He wasn't sure if he would use a cooling skill often since he could just manipulate the elements to make it cooler. But he had the feeling that learning a cooling skill would cost less mana than using grand elemental manipulation to have the same effect.

"Good, if you learn a skill then it should be easier. Mages have tried to do similar things by manipulating mana but it is always harder and tires them out faster. Your quick chill skill is pretty rare, your family must have been very excited to pass it down to you. I have only had two apprentices who were lucky to have the skill." Trish was happy to hear that she had someone using the skill. To her, it was a lower level cooling skill. But for anyone at Remey's level of alchemy, it was a massive boon.

Trish held up her hands and Walker could feel the fire elemental mana weakening. She was pulling it away and making the energy flow out of the pot. Remey was very similar. As soon as she raised her hands the entire room seemed to chill just like the old master alchemist had done before.

Walker was the one who acted differently. He only held up one hand and started to feel for the flow of mana. He looked for the way the elemental mana in the potion was moving and what different elemental mana was pushing what. He found that the fire elemental mana was pursuing the cooler water elemental mana. But this wasn't causing things to cool. It was making things hotter.

Walker added a little of his own mana to make the water elemental mana stronger. This had the instant effect of making the water elemental mana started to push back against the fire elemental mana. "Bold choice directly enhancing the water elemental mana, but what about the wind elemental mana at the top of the pot? There is a lot of steam there and it is much warmer than the pot because you are focusing on the bottom."

Trish had caught his attention and directed him. He had been focusing on one part and not at all paying attention to the entire pot. "Remey, please lower your mana output. You are letting the room get too cold without focusing the skill on the pot." Walker felt an instant shift in the temperature around him. It seemed to pull inwards and try to wrap itself around the pot closer.

"That's it. You need to focus the mana in to one spot and use the skill. If you let it just expand like that then you will have a waste of mana and a harder draw on your body. It takes mental strength." Trish was guiding Remey like she was her own apprentice. It was a wonderful experience to watch, the skills in teaching from years of doing so were pristine.

Walker imagined the entire pot and sensed the multitude of elements around it. The wind elemental mana had taken a lot of heat from the pit but was holding it and moving around crazily to each of the cooler places. This was keeping the temperature higher when it should be cooling. He focused on the wind elemental mana and tried to change its flow.

The result was a small breeze rotating around the pot and pushing the hot air upwards.

'The skill updraft has been taken from the sun racer system. The skill updraft has been automatically learned due to user action.

Updraft- 1 mana cost

The user manipulates the wind and forces it to flow upwards. Increasing the mana used can increase the strength.'

"Oh, not that is the spirit. Dealing with the outside while the two of us are dealing with the potion itself will make things much more fluidly." Trish was happy to see Walker change strategy. She knew it was hard to assist an alchemist even as an apprentice of a master. But this was the exact thing she needed.

The three were able to steadily cool the potion leaving a bright blue color. There were no solid pieces anywhere and Trish looked very happy about this. The amount left after the cooling process was enough for five vials. "This was a high yield. Normally it would lose so much liquid that it was only left with four when I am teaching this potion. It is usually just low quality and temporary. However, this one will be high quality, I can already feel it."

Trish grabbed the vials she had prepared. They had pieces of the solid crystal ginger to help keep the quality up. She was very quick and had them filled and sealed in a moment. "Now they will sit under the natural light elemental mana from the next full moon. Coincidentally that is tonight. After basking in the moon light it will have enough mana to be an active potion."

Remey was sweating even though her skill had made the room much cooler. She had learned how to use less mana when using the quick chill skill and she was very grateful for it. When Trish had given her suggestions she felt Trish's mana pushing her in the right direction. "Thank you so much for your help. Your mana control is amazing, it was like you were guiding my hands."

"It was nothing. I was more surprised by the change of tactics from your leader here." Trish was being honest. She had not met many alchemists in her people that would use the wind element to cool a potion.

"I actually learned a new skill called updraft. I was just trying to make the wind element stop moving around as it pleased. When I made it go upward it formed a spiral and rushed upwards. I had a feeling that it would pull away from the warmer air and let the cooler air you made come near the pot to help."

"It did help. Normally it would take longer because the air was adding heat as it moved around. That is why the steam was all over the place. But with the updraft skill, it helped maintain an isolation of heat." Trish was surprised by the new skill that Walker had learned, but she did not let him see it. It was amazing enough but the fact that the two had been able to adjust so fast trumped getting a new skill.

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#### Chapter 373 - 373. The World Calls

Trish moved toward a dark chest and placed every single vials inside. "The less normal sunlight they absorb the better. The light mana given off from the full moon is more delicate and can be used for certain healing skills. This is why there are a few moonlight priestesses in our city."

Trish knew that this would be something interesting for the party to encounter since they would be going along to place the potions in to direct moonlight. "Where do you go to place them? So we need to leave the forest?" Walker knew there were not many clearing that he had seen in the trip to the elf city. This fact alone made him curious.

"There are a few places we have set up around the city. When a full moon comes the enforcers are charged with expanding our range. We will take Trish to a specific tree taller than most which have a natural platform our people have grown over the years." Sierra jumped in to inform them. Alma appeared to be slightly jealous that she was beaten to the punch.

"I'm glad we don't need to climb to the top of this tree. I feel like it is too tall, even though it will grow more." Remey was just happy to have the work a little easier. She also couldn't imagine how large of a platform would be on the top of such a massive tree.

"This tree would never need to have such a platform, it would block the sunlight in the day. Instead, it houses most of the elves in the city in its branches. How could we ask more?" Trish was adamant about keeping the giant tree in the best possible condition for growth. This was more than just their home.

"Now that we have finished the first potion, can you show me the way you make a low tier healing potion? Then a low tier mana potion?" Remeybwanted to compare the potion making techniques and ingredients.

"Of course I can. We can go all the way to the high tier as well. But I will need to have some ingredients gathered. Let's go for a climb." Trish walked right out the front door and Alma followed. She appeared to be very excited by this.

Walker and Remey were very curious and followed suit. Sierra took up the rear knowing exactly where they were going. They followed up a set of vine ladders that pushed through different canopies and levels in the branches. Soon they had climbed to a much higher elevation. The strange part was that they felt the air was thicker.

"It's like the air is sticky, where are we going?" Remey didn't like the feeling because she was starting to sweat much more.

"One more ladder and we will be there." Trish just sang a little motivation while climbing up again.

Walker's head breached the next level in the reward and found that he was immersed in another room of vines. Orange and yellow orbs floated around illuminating many plants and hanging herbs. The entire place was warm and filled with the scent of the forest.

"Welcome to my hanging garden. This is where my herbs are grown and tended by some elemental spirits." Trish pointed abut at the countless orbs of light and some moving droplets of water. Walker could even see some small wisps of fire and wind circling each other.

"This is the most amazing herb garden I have ever seen." Remey's whisper to herself held true awe. She wanted nothing more than to spend all the time she had left looking at every herb she had never seen and every possible way to use them to create new potions. Her desire to somehow drag the old master alchemist here too was pulling on her heart.



Walker was amazed at what he saw. The elements that the elemental spirits controlled were constantly changing the environment. Some herbs were held in an incredibly hot and nearly flammable space, but right next to it would be the brutal bone chilling cold. They had complete control over their elemental mana and used it to give the herbs exactly what they needed.

"You are all so quiet. Even though you have seen these hundreds of times Alma, you are still silent as the spring winds." Trish was giggling at the faces they were all making. Even Sierra had broken her poker face and shown her amazement.

"I can't help but look like this. These herbs aren't in my kingdom. I can't find them in any book I have ever memorized. I can't even pull them from the memories of fairytales that I have. I need to know them all. I need to research them/. I need to know how I can help people with them. I need to share this with the old man. I need to know." Remey was falling in to a mass of excited rambling.

"Well, then get to it. You have the herbology log, don't you? I have it as my high class skill yes, but you should be able to unlock it if you are lucky. Worst case your system just gives you the herbalist field guide skill." Trish was speaking on skills that she had used to remember every herb she had ever touched and studied. The requirements took some time to meet, but once the information was seen and felt by her it was logged in to the skill. From that point on she would be able to recall every bit of information about the herb in question and even properly store and grow the seeds with the assistance of anyone with a farming type system.

Remey was instantly frozen on the spot. "The old man said he has the book of herbs skill that he and his mother both had as master alchemists...I have nothing like that. Everything I know is in my own head."

"You memorized everything yourself? This master alchemist has the mirror to my high class skill. How interesting. Humans are proving to be more and more fun. I hope you can unlock this skill or even a new one. What will you do? Try to unlock a skill to learn everything and memorize it? Or try and memorize it all yourself?"

Remey felt her will solidify in her heart. Walker could only see her fist and jaw clench before she raised her head with a clear goal in her eyes. "I am going to use my own power to memorize it all. If I get a skill great, but there's no point if I don't do it with my own two hands."

'Unique quest created: Alchemical brawler class quest

The alchemical brawler is like no other. They must create their own skill and bring it in to existence using the will of the world.

Requirements:

Examine and memorize every herb within the hanging garden of the elven city.

0/524 memorized.

Learn and analyze the fighting style of the elven races' three major battle classes.

0/3 analyzed

Reward:

Unique skill created- The alchemical brawler's field guide.

Description locked until analysis fo herbs completed.'

Remey saw this quest on her system and nearly choked. She had no proper words to explain what she was seeing. Walker could only wonder what had gotten her so tongue tied. Trish and Alma both looked around for water thinking there was something wrong and she needed a drink. The only one that had a feeling something amazing was happening was Sierra, her gut was telling her to brace for what was about to be said.

Remey's eyes locked on Trish. " I need your help to create a unique skill for my unique class. Can you help me?" Her eyes turned to Sierra next. "I need you to tell me the three major battle classes for the elves. I need your help to make this skill."

The room nearly stopped. Even some of the elemental spirits seemed to be stuck for a moment before resuming the flow of the herb garden. "You are creating a unique quest...tell me what it will be called!" Trish didn't waste a second. The words she had heard were history being written as she watched. "The

alchemical Brawler's field guide. A long name I know. But if I can memorize every single herb here and the three major battle classes of the elves, then I will be able to make it." Remey held nothing back. She could feel the strange influx of mana around her. It was as if the world was calling her to challenge.

"Alma and Walker can leave us. We have work to do. Sierra, as the highest ranking elder in the elf city I use my power to order you to gather three of our warriors. Bring Wade, Elsa, and Ryan. They will be her teachers for combat. Get every scribe possible to record this. We are elves and we have long recorded the changes the world has through the centuries. Today we will record another without interruption."

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#### Chapter 374 - 374. Skill Creation

Alma pushed Walker to go back down the ladder. "Wait, is this OK. What is going on with Remey? She isn't going to be locked up?' Walker had the misconception that this was a bad thing. To hear Trish using her power and authority as a higher ranked elder was a lot to fathom.

"No, this is great. We live to study the system and the world. We are so related to natural mana because it is the closest to the mana of the world. That is why we are so close to the elemental spirits. But Remey is a unique class, as in brand new to the world. Those who get unique systems in the world have a chance to make their own skills if the world deems their will strong enough. The world will feel this through the system and gave a push. Don't you see?"

Walker was still taking in what Remey and now Alma had said. This was a big deal for any kingdom. But Remey had received a fusion system making it different than any before. Walker was jealous but also afraid. "She will be safe though." Remey was his family as far as Walker was concerned.

"I will be fine, get your head out of the dark and wait for me. I will be ten times better when I get done here." Remey had heard the panicked voice of Walker and stopped everything to let her party leader know that she was safe and ready to go. "Just go and learn some , I know you have wanted to for the whole day. Su should be there too, she does have some skills she needs to practice."

Walker heard Remey resume some rambling with Trish. He was full of energy and didn't know what to do with it. The thoughts raced through his mind before landing on the fact that this was a new path the world had opened with Remey's help. He may be walking the path of the jack of all trades system, but Remey had a unique system. He needed to expect some things like this would happen.

"The queen is going to fall out of her throne at this." Alma was bubbly with excitement and happiness. She had only heard of the stories about unique systems in the world. The last elf they had in the city had managed to unlock a unique system after falling in to an unfortunate circumstance.

"Just so you know, the last unique system we recorded was the frigid flame system. The elf that unlocked it accidentally fell in to a cask of pure alcohol in the winter. They were very cold and somehow managed to light themselves on fire. Just as they started to burn and also freeze their system unlocked. Their passive skill gave them full immunity to fire and water elemental damage. Their water elemental attacks were always in the form of ice. There are many books about their skills. The mastery skills that made them immune to fire and water elemental mana are the two most amazing through."

Walker had started to fully grasp the immeasurable feeling that the elves had for the world and its' systems. The fact that Remey would be blazing a new path like this made him swell with pride. If that elf was able to have such a system and gain mastery skills no one else had ever had in unison, let alone passive mastery skills, then Remey could have the same dream.

"I really need to work on my power face. I spend all my time shocking my party members and here I am losing it over something crazy like the will of the world having Remey create a skill." Walker had started to laugh at himself. "I need to remember this feeling next time I learn a skill and act so casual." He had a feeling that he would need to be more delicate in the future.

"Your party is really crazy. You can learn pretty much anything. Gil is an arcane marksman. Su has a guardian system related to dragons which are just unknown to me completely. You have a dragon, a literal dragon. And a serpent that can talk in people's heads directly. I can't even figure anything out."

Alma was mentally drained from everything that had happened recently. These humans had come in to their city offering help and managed to turn her world upside down. Not only did they help her protect her people, but also change the way the elf people would advance. "Sorry. We are an odd bunch I know. But we are a bunch of kids who went out to protect some farms from locusts and then ended up saving some fellow adventurers. We didn't plan any of this, but now we are on the adventure of a lifetime. We wouldn't have it any other way."

He believed this more and more every day. The things he and his party experienced were amazing. No other he knew could speak of such wonder in every day life. Even when they were training or eating with family, there were amazing things that would happen.

Two elves rushed past Walker and Alma. One walked on the air in an elegant dancing manner. He had never seen anyone move so perfectly in his life. It was like watching a dancer on stage. The woman that passed him has multiple thin swords of different colors on her body. They were all easily within reach for her in a moment.

"There goes Elsa and Ryan. They are the other two warriors that Trish wanted. Wade will be there soon I am sure. He is still a little battered."

"What kind of warriors are they?" Walker could not understand the need for warriors other than the fact that it was an alchemical brawler system. If it needed something to do with brawling then it made sense.

"Ryan is the wind dancer. He uses needles and thin weapons that cut through the air. He is one of our best warriors and by far the most precise. His system isn't completely for battle though. He is mostly a talented dancer, he can walk on air in ways no one else can." Alma had a slightly dreamy look in her eyes. Walker could only guess he was somewhat of an idol to the elves.

Then Elsa is our elemental spell sword. She commands a group of spell swords here. She was injured recently and needed to return to heal. She has been teaching the younger spell swords until she can return to the battle. Every one of those swords is made for a specific element. She can use them without touching them and manipulate elemental mana with them. She already has stories written about her." Alma showed a pride in the elf named Elsa she had not shown before.

"So those three will be the top warriors that will help Remey." Walker memorized their systems since Alma had told him about them. He had actually heard about the spell sword system before but it was so rare in humans that it wasn't worth thinking about. However, the spell sword system sounded much more common to the elves.

"You know, as much as you are shocked by my party, I am equally shocked by your city. Can you even imagine the new things I have seen?" Walker's question caught Alma off guard.

"Well, since I have never been to your city I can't." Alma's response was simple but unbreakable.

"Then you need to visit one day. You are the future queen, right? Then I assume you will be like our kingdom's queen and visit other kingdoms for events and peace talks. It is normal for other kingdoms"

"I will do just that!" Alma saw the reasons for her to see the entire world in front of her. If she used the reasoning that she needed to go forge relations with other kingdoms then she would be able to see it all as she traveled there. It was the perfect plan.

"I will look forward to your visit. I feel like when our king gets here he will be pretty shocked. You will need to support us a little. But it is alright, we will support you when you visit."

"Deal." Walker and Alma were even more excited for when they would see each other's kingdoms. Walker still had plenty left to visit. He had not even scratched the surface. He had been walking and Talking with Alma after his fears and anxiety had been calmed. He was throwing himself fully in to the tour since he couldn't do anything to help Remey make a skill.

Before he realized it there was another mass of vines that created a wall in front of them. "This is the training area. We have plenty of mages who come here to test skills and use the spells to spar. Be ready for the unexpected in here, things get a little chaotic."

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#### Chapter 375 - 375. Wind Halo

The vines that blocked their path moved again. Walker was not expecting the training area for to be so different than the training area of archery. However, instead of tree limbs and winding vines to run on and spar there were multiple areas in the large interior. Each area was made specifically for a certain elemental mana and was set up in a circular pattern. This let them overlap which allowed them to be used by mages that had an affinity for multiple elements.

The first thing that caught Walker's eye was the elves walking around with swords. They were like the swords that the elemental spell sword elf had when she ran past him. However, most of these spell sword system holders only carried one sword portraying one element or even no element at all.

"Those are the spell swords I was telling you about. Most will have a singular or dual elemental affinity letting them add that element to their strikes. But some are lucky to have no element or more than two elements." Alma followed his gaze and was happy to start to show off their strong elven spell swords.

"Wait, why would a spell sword without an element be powerful? Doesn't the element make them powerful?" Walker had caught on to this and felt that it was a strange interpretation of power.

"The ones without an element are not necessarily stronger in every situation, but they don't have the weakness to a specific element. If a fire element spell sword went against a water element spell sword they would be at a disadvantage. However, a fire element spell sword against a spells word without an element would stand on equal footing."

"So it is based on weakness then. So that elemental spell sword system has no weakness but every strength. I understand why that woman would be the commander. She could teach or adjust it for every single spell sword she commands." Walker saw the value and strategy in her being the commanding spell sword. It was only common sense to make her the leader.

"Exactly. If we don't let her show them the direct weakness and strength we would be shooting ourselves in the foot with an arrow." Alma used the common elf analogy and pointed toward one of the areas. "Those mages over there are the water elemental mages. They work very closely without water spirits. Based on your it might be good for you to visit them." Alma had only seen some of Walker's and still didn't fully understand his ability to use every elemental mana.

"I think I will sit here." Walker took some steps in to the training area. He walked around mages that were practicing basic control of their elemental mana and drew a few curious looks. Some teachers were reprimanding students for getting distracted by the wandering human.

Walker sat directly in the middle of the training area. He wanted to be in reach of every single kind of mana that was boosted within the training area. If he focused on one he could end up only practicing that one skill and leaving others out. So far he had practiced with the water, fire, and earth elemental manas. He needed to improve on darkness a little along with light. They were the next most practiced leaving wind elemental mana as the lesser of the bunch.

His first task was to start to understand the wind elemental mana that was condensed in the space around him. He had the goal of either learning a buffing skill or creating an attack similar to Gale's. If he was able to manipulate the wind to such a degree, then he would be able to prevent a large amount of ariel monster attack or even be used to propel another attack.

Walker reflected on the earth spike he had made and done just that with the wind. He had not practiced it and studied it, therefore, it had not shown itself as a skill. But it was a powerful attack that took some time to prepare. He had a pretty firm belief that if he managed to understand both elements better he would be able to get the system to give him the skill. Then when he got the skill he could use the attack much faster.

Alma watched him sit dead center of the training area. The only other elves that ever did such things were ones that could use every single element, like the elemental spell sword system user. The other mages also slowed themselves to watch out of the corner of their eye. They had wondered what the leader of the human party could do and this was an interesting twist of events.

Walker first started to control the wind element and make it rotate around his hand. The wind was very easy to make move but very hard to control once it became stronger. He had some good luck so far but as soon as he increased the speed of the rotation he found the wind would expand instead of staying in the one place he wanted.

Feeling a little annoyed by the wind's betrayal, Walker used more of his mana in his grand elemental manipulation skill. This time he was able to force the wind to stay in a tight spinning ring around his hand. The elves were surprised to see him practicing the wind element while sitting in the middle. This made them feel that he had misunderstood the purpose of the separate areas. The only mages that continued to focus on him were those practicing wind.

To the wind elemental mages, Walker's manipulations were a heavy shock. They had seen the wind break from him only twice before he reigned it in and controlled it. This was too fast of a pace for someone to start to understand the inner working of the element. They felt he must be using a skill to manipulate it in some way, like their skills.

Walker felt that he was on to something and made the wind form in to a tighter and tighter ring. It was pushing back much harder than he expected. Walker continued to add more mana to manipulate it until the wind was forced in to a green spinning ring of pure wind elemental mana.

'The skill wind halo has been taken from the sky angel system. The user had automatically learned the skill wind halo due to user action.

Wind halo- 7 mana cost

Condensed wind/air elemental mana will create a rotating halo around the user's specified body part. The halo will repel physical projectiles based on their weight in relation to the mana used in the spell. The user can add this spell to a physical projectile to either launch it or increase its speed.'



Walker read the system notification and smiled. He had managed to get a different skill than he intended but a very useful one. If he made an earth spike with his high earth sculpting then add this spell he could launch it at high speeds. He was basically performing archery with .

Walker started to use his high earth sculpting to form a spear out of the earth. The earth elemental section held a lot of earth and parts of stone from training, they began to move towards Walker and from in to a simple spike. However, Walker was not content with this. He wanted to do more than just a spike. If he made the shape different it could move better and even be aimed better.

The high earth manipulation began to work its as Walker imagined the spike gaining fins like an arrow. The points became a rounded arrow head that came to a point like a cone. The tougher rocks were made in to the earth spike solidifying and condensing it. In a matter of minutes and some extra mana, Walker had created an earth arrow out of dirt and stone.

The earth mages training nearby felt the mana around them being pulled away and looked on. They saw the strength in Walker's control and realized that they were witnessing him use two of the elements at once. The wind mages and the earth mages immediately came together to theorize on what was happening. This was an interesting topic that again drew the attention of most mages in the area from their studies.

Alma was watching intently as Walker was bringing together the mages to speak to each other without the express intention. They would rarely work together on joint fusion for the simple reason that they wanted to increase their understanding of their own elements. With the earth and wind elemental mages trying to understand Walker's intentions and Alma watching, Walker began to add more mana to the spells. This caused a murmur to go through the room.

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#### Chapter 376 - 376. Fusion Skills

Every mage in the large training area had begun to focus on Walker. Alma was also more focused than before. Not mana mages would demonstrate the multiple spells in front of each other. With Walker using the Wind halo skill and the high earth sculpting to make a fusion skill.

This was not often done by one mage due to the understanding required of their elements. Even dual elemental mages would not be fusing their elements until they reached a very high level. Walker was moving the earth arrow he had created in to a position aiming for a solid looking wooden dummy across the training ground.

He made the wind halo wrap around the earth arrow and even created another to wrap around it as well. He felt the strain and draw on his mana and mind. This was his absolute limit at the moment. He had wanted to create a third wind halo but if he did he wouldn't be able to control the wind and it would break.

In an instant, he released the arrow and the wind halo spells pushed it forward at an extremely high speed. The earth arrow moved faster than their eyes could follow and pierced directly through the wooden dummy. It sped still in to the solid vine wall burying itself nearly halfway. Walker's jaw dropped at the fusion spell he had used.

'The fusion skill has been taken from the sand mage system. The fusion skill stone piercing arrow has been automatically learned.

Stone piercing arrow- 8 mana cost

The user creates a condensed stone arrow out of nearby earth and fuses it with strong wind currents. The arrow can be aimed and fired at high speeds while being propelled by the wind. The user can increase the speed and density of the arrow with applicable wind and earth elemental skills.'

Walker was feeling his victory. He had used this combination what felt like ages ago. Now he had a fusion skill that was slow to prepare, but very powerful. What was better was the fact that he had been able to gain another skill this time of the wind element. He could feel that his elemental spells were starting to balance out.

"What skill is that!?" One taller earth mage pushed through the group of mages and walked right up to Walker we was still staring at the aftermath of his skill.

He focused on the tall earth mage and grew more excited. "It's called stone piercing arrow! I fused the wind halo with my high earth sculpting skill and with a lot of mana and force I managed to make it. I almost tried to add fire elemental mana or water elemental mana, but I have no idea how well they would fuse with the earth. I am also not strong enough mana or mentally to do that yet. The only thing I can do with three elements is make lightning. But the two times I did it, I couldn't control it or gain a skill."

The mages were stunned yet again. This human had just admitted that they were going to add more elements in to the fusion spell when he was stronger. Not to mention they had created lightning. Their brains felt like they were full of slowmoving slime. "May I ask...How many elements can you control?" The earth mage was afraid to ask, he had the worry that he was about to hear another crazy thing.

"I can manipulate all of the, with my grand elemental manipulation skill. It makes it easier to manipulate them so I can learn skills much faster." With those words said most of the eavesdropping mages started to approach him. They were still silent, but their faces showed their desired to learn everything they possibly could.

We have plenty of mana potions. Feel like demonstrating a few more skills for research?" The earth mage was ecstatic to hear they had skills they could research. Alma saw the looks from all the mages and called for one of the nearby young mages. "Please set up some more wooden dummies. I have a feeling there will be a lot of spells used." The young mage rushed off and started the task.

While Walker was bombarded by questions and asked for meanings between skills the wooden dummies were set up. When they were finished Alma joined in and got everyone focused. "Now please don't be too hard on our guest. I am sure he only wants to show off a few skills. Let him choose. Here is a mana potion." She handed Walker a mana potion and let him breathe for a moment.

"Thank you. I was running low on mana after making that skill. Let's do a fusion skill. I have a fireball that uses darkness elemental mana and a little light elemental mana. The best part is it is technically using three elements but it just pulls in the elements from the air and doesn't use as much of my mana."

Walker used his firebolt skill first and shot it as a dummy. The fire mages were happy to see the basic skill but were wondering how it was going to change. Walker smiled and created a fireball in his hand. It was much easier with the condensed fire elemental mana. He used his black flame skill and the fireball turned in to a darkness elemental manipulated fire ball.

"You can balance the light and dark elements in the fire!" There was one mage that wore dark clothing and was standing the farthest from the mage wearing pure white.

"I told you it was possible. But noooo you and you just didn't want to put the effort in to balancing them." The mage from the fire side looked at the white and dark clothed mages and gave them a knowing look. Walker nearly lost his cool and laughed. Instead, he threw the fireball in an effort to distract from the laughter starting to break out on his face.

The fireball caused the dummy to break in to a black flame. It slowly ate away at it until it went out leaving a slight rotting effect. The three mages that had been glaring at each other now looked inspired instead of annoyed. Walker was willing to bet they would be trying to replicate this flame after he left.

"Oh, then this is a newer skill to me." Walker created his frost whip then activated the frost ring skill. The water mages were very happy to see this and even a few started to copy him to create similar water whips.

Using the fire elemental mana Walker felt he could make a flame doll without fuel. He still directed the skill at the wooden dummies just in case. The flame doll copy he started to mold from fire elemental mana was similar to Alma but lacked details. "This is a flame doll. It can take basic orders and survives as long as it has fuel. When it is beaten it explodes to stun an enemy. Please go and keep Alma company." Walker directed the flame doll to stand next to Alma.

He was wracking his brain with more to show off. He proceeded to use the different light orbs and more of the high earth manipulation skill. He knew he had some other skills like mana shot and some dangerous skills like mana desolation, but he didn't see the point in using them since they weren't elemental skills.

Walker was caught up in the exclamations from the mages that he barely ran himself dry on mana again. He took another mana potion from Alma and sat back down. This was when the mage in white robes approached him. "Have you ever thought about condensing the light elemental mana in to a solid form?"

This question was a little off to Walker since he had not yet been able to do such a thing. "I didn't really think it would work that way. Is there a way to do that?"

The mage smiled brightly, he wanted to teach their guest something since they had been making him show off for the entire time. "This spell is called light blade. It condenses the light element to its highest solid state and can leave a cut on the soul of an enemy. The physical damage is always small. But you will directly damage their mana reserves. This can end a fight with a mage much faster."

That skill is very similar to darkness elemental skills like dark spear which can cause decay to the physical body."

Walker heard the darkness elemental mage join in and saw a new fusion skill form in his mind, he did not hesitate to speak. "What if we fused the two skills? We could cause decay to the body and mana bleeding to the soul. It would be very hard for large tough opponents."

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Chapter 377 - 377. Opposites

"We were hoping you would say that." The two mages said in unison. There were murmurs from the other mages around Walker.

"I can't believe they are willingly working together."

"Those two are always oil and water."

"One kid shows up and now everyone is focused on fusion skills, it's been years."

These were just a few things Walker was able to pick out of the murmuring. He was impressed that they were all cooperating so easily. He had imagined from the set up of the room that they would all be at odds much more easily. "I am interested in trying it if everyone else is? Who knows what we can learn from the experiment." Walker had felt his curiosity grow, and much to the mages' joy, theirs did too.

"This kid is after my own heart, you came to the right place." The fire mage finally found the desire to experiment sparking in the other mages and he was not going to let it fade.

"I managed to get to high class wind element spells last year. It is only natural I work to fuse my skills with another." One of the wind mages had been staunchly against fusion skills since it was commonly believed to slow the growth of the elemental understanding. But seeing the earth and wind fusion spell they could not argue the merits.

Alma saw a chance to butt in and let Walker know the general standing between mages since he was still lacking details, "I know it's weird that we watch the different elemental spirits fuse and interact because that is the natural order. But when it comes to mages it is more common to work on a solo path to a pure element than stop and figure out how they fuse. The only mages that fuse are the dual elemental system users' and even they prefer to focus on one."

"I can see how that comes about, but at the end of the day I find myself learning more from fusing elements. I get to know how weak they are and how they react to each other." Walker was just saying what to him was common sense.

"Yeah, but they are stubborn and don't like to admit that, especially since most of them are too young to go off and fight and actually learn that they need to fuse elements to cause real damage." A few mages who were older than Alma gave her glares. They wouldn't argue with her because of her standing, but they would not ignore the slander.

"So what skill should we show you first? Want to learn light blade?"

"Or dark spear?"

The light and dark mage seemed to be competing over how to teach him the skill first, to them this was a form of superiority. "Show me both please, I want to see what happens with the touch if that is safe?" Walker's want was enough to shock the two yet again. They would never usually let the two opposing elemental manas come in contact unless it was a natural contact like the shadows in the sun.

"Alright, those who want to watch the demonstration retreat and those who wish to participate stay in the middle." Alma took charge and made sure there would be no accidental damage. She knew all too well of the explosions the mages could cause when experimenting.

The mages all backed away. The only ones left were Walker and Alma along with the light and dark mages. One of the darkness elemental mana mages came to the center and reached in to his own shadow. Walker saw his hand disappear in to the darkness and nearly thought it was social. He pushed this thought from his mind as he witnessed the hand resurface from the shadow with some solidifying shadow clasped within it.

The shadow in the mage's hand was not the same as his own shadow. It had a darker color that seemed to be an endless void. His hand wrapped around it and came to a triangular point at one end. The rest of the dark spear was rounded and flat on the end. The darkness elemental mage spun it a few times and attacked a wooden training dummy brought forward.

Walker saw the fastest speed of decay he had seen yet. The wooden dummy started to crack and rot before his eyes. "This darkness spear is very concentrated and focuses on delivering heavy amounts of darkness elemental mana to the target through the spear tip. It is similar to an injection of poison. Think of a scorpion."

Walker took note and thought that this would make a better base for a combined skill. It could inject a toxic amount of the element and completely decimate the body of an opponent. While he memorized these things the light elemental mage came forward too. "The light blade has less from than that spear. It is formed from any and all light in the area."

The light mage held his hand high in the air and the light around them started to pull in towards him. It condensed much as the dark spear did but from the air instead of a shadow. The light seemed to be pulled inside of the mage's hand instead of forming a shape. Walker was looking on confused.

"After I gather the light element then I am able to trap it in a condensed state. This is the key to forming the blade.' The light mage opened his palm and a sharp blade started to rise out of it. The pure white light was making the mana in the air vibrate, it was almost as if it was afraid of this blade.

The pure white blade formed a rough pulsing shape. It was like a sword blade without a handle sticking out of the light mage's hand. Like the dark mage had before he turned to a dummy brought forward to him. "Now this is what happens to the natural mana we have stored in each of the dummies."

The light mage slashed at the wooden dummy and the reaction was instant. The color of the wooden dummy became grey and faded constantly. "This happens with an object starts to bleed out the natural mana within them. If this was a living creature it would become tired and pale. Eventually, it would lose consciousness and never wake without treatment. For this dummy, it is now a mana free piece of wood."

Walker was engrossed in the two demonstrations. He knew that they were informative and would be the ideal training information for him. "Alright, I have memorized the results. Please show me their reactions with each other." Walker raised a small earth wall with his high earth sculpting skill and Alma whispered to the vines. They were both prepared for the worst.

The two mages used their own protection skills that used their own elemental . They slowly approached each other and held out the two elemental weapons. The closer they grew the more tense the atmosphere. Not a single mage dared to speak as they activated their own protective skills. They were not stupid enough to risk going without a protective skill.

The two weapons barely touched each other when a burst of light and darkness elemental manas flooded the training area. The blinding flash was combatted by the equally blinding darkness. It was like two tidal waves pushing on each other. Those watching quickly noticed that they weren't causing any damage because the two elements were canceling each other's negative effects out.

When the waves of mana finally depleted two pale and exhausted mages stood in the middle of the room. The other mages rushed to give them mana potions so they could hear the feelings and results of the collision. Not a single one of them wanted to be out of earshot when they spoke. If they missed it they could lose the chance to greatly increase their own elemental understanding.

The two mages took a while to fully organize their thoughts. The force they had felt from the opposite skill had out a major toll on their minds and mana. They both had ended up exerting higher and higher amounts of mana to balance things until the skills finally broke.

"My light blade was condensed so well, but as soon as it touched the condensed darkness element, it fell apart. I could barely keep it from whipping out all around the area."

"I experienced the same. The dark spear lost all of its stability. I was unable to control, it even when I used almost all of the mana to hold it to some degree."

The two mages having the same issue with their condensed mana was a very telling instance to every mage there. They had all felt this when they lost focus or when they had run low on mana. The only difference here was that the two mages had been surprised by the loss of stability.

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Chapter 378 - 378. Light And Dark

"Hold out your hand. You can manipulate light already right?" The light mage saw Walker nod, "Then I will guide you the same way my master has guided me, and the same way I guided my junior apprentice." The light mage helped Walker attract the light elemental mana. With the assistance, Walker was amazed at the decrease in mana he needed to get the light elemental mana to move to him.

The ball of light elemental mana was steadily condensing in to his right hand. He had a dangerous idea at that moment. "Do you want to assist me with the dark spear this way too? If I can balance the focus I have on both with your help and his help I might be able to learn them both at the same time. If I do that



then I might be able to learn something special." The mages were pushed again in to a murmuring gossip.

"Can you handle the strain? The darkness mage was concerned that the strain of using two spells at once would break Walker's mind.

"I should be able to handle it. I was able to use two frost whips and the frosty ring skill at the same time earlier. If I can't I will let you two know immediately." The darkness mage rushed forward, all he had needed was a yes to start. This was a great chance to experiment.

The dark mage grabbed Walker's hand and pushed it towards his own shadow. Walker did not expect the cool feeling that came with entering his shadow, but he understood that due to the lack of other elements there was no other feeling that the shadows would have.

The darkness element started to condense in much the same way as the light. Walker used some additional mana to equal out the two balls of light and dark condensed mana. He wanted to make sure he was in balance the entire time so that he could more easily fuse them as he had done with the black flames.

The two opposing elements grew in density until the two mages looked at Walker. This was their signal for him to start to form the blade and spear. Luckily Walker had used both of the weapons before and could easily imagine them starting to form. However, he was hit by a massive amount of pushback from the two condensed elements. They were trying to escape his grip and ignore his mana all together.

The watching mages saw his face twist in effort and prepared themselves for a rogue spell. Yet they saw that both the elements were starting to change, even though it was slow. The amount of mana the two mages were adding to the manipulation was not small, it was making the shaping much easier as Walker divided his attention.

The forming was taking some time but after a lot of effort, there was a ball of light that had sunk in to Walker's hand and started to make a blade. The same was happening on his left hand which now gripped a smaller dark spear. The system responded with his success.

'The user has simultaneously learned skills from the light mage and the dark mage systems. The skills light blade and dark spear have been learned automatically. These skills are opposing elements and have

been equally guided by two high tier mages of the respective systems. The skills have been upgraded to equal the rank of the mages in cooperations.

Pure darkness spear- 6 mana cost

The darkness element is condensed in a pure form to the shape of a spear. The attacks inject a great deal of darkness element in to the target causing rapid decay. The user can make this spear appear instantly out of their own shadow. The user can only wield one dark spear at a time due to the user's current body strength. This can change upon stronger physical and mental inclination.

Pure light blade- 6 mana cost

The light element is condensed in a pure form to the shape of a sword blade. The attacks sever the connection with the soul causing mana to bleed out of the target at a high rate. The user can make this blade appear instantly as long as there is a fair amount of light in the surrounding light. The user can only wield one light blade due to the users' current body strength. This can change upon the stronger physical and mental inclination.'

Walker was incredibly happy as he saw the system notify him. He was sure that this amazing outcome was because of the hard work the light and dark mage put in to assist him. He couldn't help to start laughing out loud. This caused the two mages to release his hands and start to laugh as well. The entire room was soon laughing at the great success of the first step.

Alma was stary eyed at the insane speed at which Walker had gained these skills, and at the same time. "How can you do that in only two hours!"

"Wait, two hours? You're crazy. It has only been a few minutes." Walker couldn't believe that much time had passed them by as he was focused on the skills.

Alma shook her head, she was very used to the mages losing track of time while they focused on nothing but . Many of the mages gave Walker knowing expressions, they too had been in his shoes many times. "If that was two hours...how long will it take to make the two skills to fuse," Walker mumbled this out loud as he released the two skills and stood up to stretch his stiff body.

"Don't worry, we have enough mana potions to stay here for a few days. The other mages are already learning a lot. Look at the earth mage over there, they are trying to copy your stone arrow shape and pair it with that wind mage's wind gust spell. The two have been at it for half the time we worked and are already showing progress." The light mage had noticed the two other mages along with a few others practicing as soon as they had let go of Walker's hands.

"That's great! If they can use it too then they can do so much more." Walker could only hope that they would start to experiment with more skills so that he could start to fuse them as well. If he could gain a huge amount of elemental mana understanding then he would have the chance to gain more advanced skills. If he did this he could fight well about his stats and levels, this was evident in the fact that he could only wield one of the new skills at a time.

Walker and the two mages made sure they drank more of the mana potions that the other mages and Alma were providing. Walker could see the excitement in Alma's eyes. He knew that she was witnessing the improvement in many aspects of her culture already and only one party of adventurers were there. "I thought you heroes would be amazing, but the more I watch you the better it gets."

"Well, we didn't plan to come here. To be honest we were going to avoid it and hide Gil. But we ended up forced in to the situation and in the end...It is the best thing to have happened." Walker was thinking of all the things he and the party were learning when he had the sudden realization that Su wasn't here. "Wait, wasn't Su supposed to be here?"

"Oh, she should be at some point. While you were focused I asked around a little and she is actually busy. She ran in to one of our elven craftsmen and started talking about her shields and skills. Now they should be exchanging knowledge and from what I understood making a deal for some materials to be brought back with you."

Walker couldn't help but be even more surprised. While he had been busy Su was out gathering materials from the elves that he was sure his kingdom did not have. Not only would the wandering blacksmith be in heaven, but they could also look forward to new gear at some point. It was like the party had shown up to a candy store and been given free samples.

Feeling energized and full of mana Walker used his two new skills to create a pure dark spear and a pure light blade. The two opposing elements in his hands made him look like a terrifying dual elemental mage about to enter a harsh battle." Now does anyone have any ideas of how to keep these two stable while I change their shapes to fuse them?' Walker was going to lean on the elven mage's knowledge to make this process smoother and eliminate wasted mana.

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## Chapter 379 - 379. Crystal Theories

Walker's statement made a large amount of conversation start within a second. He was hit with so many theories at the same time since every mage around wanted to test their own idea. This of course caused a lot of arguments as well. Walker soon realized that he was left with only three people still willing to have a normal conversation.

"We rarely work together since our elements are opposites, but if you want to mix them I think you should keep them as equals." The dark elemental mage was trying his best to stay calm and not get overly excited.

"I agree that we should keep them equal, but the light element will want to spread out and go back in to the air around us. We should use the darkness elemental mana to contain it." The light elemental mage agreed on the fact that the elements should balance, but he wanted to see one element covering the other.

"It is true that the darkness element is better suited for an outer shell. Shadows are a lot more stable being out in the sunlight but I can see the light element trying to break free and spread out in the sun."

"Well the darkness elemental mana would spread out at night so we should use the light elemental mana as the outside in that case."

Walker's idea was added on to by the dark elemental mage. The three fell in to deep thought. "It sounds to me that you three needed to find a way for the two elements to switch places with each other without a problem." Alma chimed in wanting to help. The three instantly felt inspiration in this. All they had needed was an outside perspective,

"So we need an element to keep the two close and balanced but also trapped until we need them." Walker had a feeling that the two skills were perfectly compatible with a stabilizing element.

"We can't use the wind element mana because it would let the light and darkness flow through it. It is too spread out anyways." Walker agreed with the light mage theory.

"Then we could say the same for the water element. To hide the light or darkness elemental mana would need a huge amount of water elemental mana. By that point, it isn't worth trying to fuse the energy since the mass would be great."

The dark elemental mage was speaking from experience. He had tried to make a fusion many years ago with the water elemental mages. The idea was a decaying bomb of water, but the darkness always seeped out. In the end, if they got enough water together to keep it trapped they were creating an attack so large that the darkness elemental mana inside was overkill.

"Well, fire elemental mana is out. It is tied with light elemental mana and could just throw it out of balance. Trust me, I know after making the dark flames, they were tough to make happen without Midnight's decaying breath attack starting to manifest as a guideline." Walker ruled out one of the last two elements.

"Then you use the earth elemental mana. It can be dark or light easily by using a crystal substance." Alma had already reached the same conclusion as the other three. They would be forced to use earth elements. The trouble was shaping a crystal in a quick moment.

"Can any earth elemental mage make a crystal weapon or crystal shaping in just a few seconds?" Walker's words drew the attention of every mage again. Their theories were just thrown for a loop and he was again about to start another experiment.

"I can do that!" One of the farthest away mages rushed up. "I am a crystal mage. I just unlocked my system a few months ago. I was almost too late when I broke a scrying crystal and tried to fix it." The young crystal mage from the earth side was very excited to be of some help. He was spewing too much information and the other mages felt embarrassed for him.

"Don't worry about him Walker, he is just a kid. He will help though. Crystal mage systems are rare in the earth side of . He should be able to help out even with just a small manipulation skill." Alma apologized for the young mage's actions.

"It's fine. I like the energy, just put it towards solving my problem." Walker gave Alma a nod of thanks before he and the other two mages' focused on the crystal mage. "I want to place these two elemental skills within a piece of crystal so that I can use their effects whenever I need to especially during different times of the day."

The crystal mage scratched his head and went silent. After some moments of hard thinking, he had a few ideas. "You could try to learn the crystal pole skill. It is mainly to create a buff effect for healers though." This sounded like it was almost what Walker needed, but since it would only channel the light element to add a benefit to healers it wouldn't work for the darkness elemental mana.

"You could try to learn the crystal sword skill. It condenses and makes a crystal sword in only a few seconds. I am not sure if mana can be added to it though. I am too low level to use that skill, I just studied it in my books." This sounded the most viable so far, but Walker saw that the crystal mage was ready to say one more thing.

"Lastly, I think the crystal crafting skill would work. It is a unique crafting skill that some crystal mages learn. If you can make a hollow crystal base in the shape of a pole or orb then you can make the elemental manas go inside. Then with your high earth sculpting skill, you can change its shape. The only reason you would need the crystal crafting is so the crystal would be tough enough to withstand the mana put inside, it would cost too much mana to force the crystals to change shape and hold another mana." Walker's eyes widened.

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#### Chapter 380 - 380. Crystal Ball

"Do you have the crystal crafting skill?" Walker asked the question that every single mage listening wanted to know. A few of the earth mages were smiling smugly which practically gave the answer away. But most of them would not believe it until the words left the boy's mouth.

"Yes, it was one of the first skills I got. I think it's because I was trying to fix the scrying crystal which helped me unlock my system." Walker released the two skills he had created as soon as he heard the confirmation from the crystal mage.

Walker grabbed the boys' shoulders and looked at him in the eyes, "You are going to teach me to craft with crystals." The crystal mage had no choice but to agree.

"Alright, someone go get some crystals from the storage room. We should still have some left over from those crystal training dummies for the light mages to practice their skills on." Alma had made it a point to keep up on what the mages were studying in general. This helped her better understand the value and goals of mages in the city.

"Perfect, we would have had to go all the way to the prisons for some crystals left over from the last expansion." The dark elemental mage was worried that they wouldn't be able to proceed.

"The real question is how fast do you think you can teach crystal crafting?" The light elemental mage was very invested in this study and could see the fusion possibility even with singular elements. If they could create a crystal that housed their elemental mana effects from the light blade skill they might be able to apply it to one use weapons.

"Depends on what shape sir hero would like to make the resting item to be. If he wants it to be an orb in the resting form it will be simple. If he wants a pole it could take a while, and if he wants something ornate it might take weeks or years." Walker was thinking speed would be the best bet for this.

"I think we should make orbs. If I need something ornate I can do it another time when I am free. The poll sounds good but I can make one of those while I travel as long as I have natural crystals. So I choose the orb shape. It should be the easiest to make anyways." Walker's choice made the other mages happy, They too wanted to see the fruits of the experiment today.

"Then we will make a crystal orb, or more commonly named; a crystal ball. But we will leave the inside hollow for the condensed manas to rotate in. I think you should have the different elemental manas make a circle and chase each other to reduce the stress when we make and ass them to the crystal ball."

"That makes sense. They will be too busy trying to catch each other than trying to escape the area they are trapped in." Walker couldn't agree more.

Alma and a few mages returned from a far off room at the opposite end of the training area. They were carrying three large crystal training dummies. One was cracked and the other was in rough shape. The third was perfect and Walker could tell it had never been used before.

"Here we are. This one should be good for a small item. This should be good for a medium sized item and this one is just extra, but I have a feeling you want all three." Alma had already started to catch on to the fact that Walker was always eager to gather new materials or gear.

"You are starting to know me too much, I hope Gil didn't fill you in on my weaknesses." Alma blushed at the mention of Gil since she had indeed talked with her about the party. However, she had only learned

common sense things, like how Walker would easily become lost in thought without someone to pull him to reality.

"Do I owe you anything? I don't want to take without repaying you all. It wouldn't be fair." The mages all looked at him with appreciation. They knew that a true mage would be respectful even in the heat of experiments with .

"Those are the property of us light mages. You can have all of them and the remaining crafted gear if you are able to succeed in your experiments. I want to see the results." This was great news to Walker who was more excited to try and learn another new skill. The process of getting the fusion of the two elemental spells was becoming more and more involved by the moment.

"Of course I will do just that. I will have this skill learned as fast as I can. Then I will start to make the fusion skill using this as a base. Earth is really something. I didn't even think of using crystals at first."

"I know it is hard for some people to understand that the crystals in the ground are really part of the earth. They are all condensed earth elemental mana or other pieces of the earth. Very similar to ores in a mine but smoother." The crystal mage laughed at his joke a little.

Walker was starting to see that shaping a crystal would be harder than regular earth. The crystals he had been shown were very dense and contained a lot of perfect flat surfaces. The reason he knew things would be harder to shape the crystal was his feeling of the earth's elemental mana in the crystal itself. It was very solid and unforgiving, if Walker tried to force it he knew that he would end up shattering the crystal instead of changing the shape.

'We have crystals now. Here are a spare set of tools for you to use. We can get started." Walker took the tools from the crystal mage and looked at the cracked dummy he was going to start with.

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