

Master 391

Chapter 391 - 391. Accessories

"So you're telling me that this little ball attracts fire elemental mana and boils water?" Walker was holding a solid iron ball covered in white rune carvings.

"Yes, if you add a little mana to start the run it will boil water for you without using fire. It is very useful for safe traveling during the dry season." The rune smith had become more and more involved the more questions Walker had asked. He was not used to having such curious customers and was enjoying it.

"Then I will buy one too. How about this?" Walker held up a small metal zig zag shape. To him, it looked like scrap metal with multiple runes carved on it.

"That is actually a very important building material. It has wind, fire, and light runes all carved on its small surface. I also add a little water rune to bind it. It has the unique ability to cause lightning to strike it instead of nearby trees, people, or homes. It functions like a miniature lightning rod"

"So it can balance the manas and attract lightning without being destroyed?" Walker had become much more serious. He had made lightning before but it was too dangerous and uncontrolled. He had given up until improving all of his elemental mana understandings.

"Yes. It attracts certain amounts of each based on the rune length carved on it. Without the right ratio, it won't attract lightning but become a producer of static electricity." This was such a wild difference. One made small dry zaps and the other brought brutal lightning to it? This question resounded through his mind.

"Can you share with me the amounts of each mana needed? I think I could use it very much." The rune smith looked at him wondering what in the world Walker would do with this information.

Walker saw and understood the confusion so he decided to explain himself. "I have made lightning before. But it was not controlled at all. I need to understand the ratios so I can make another fusion spell that I can control without the risk of harming my party. This item has the potential to do that."

"So you wish to use it in battle, hm, you got it then. I'll pass down my book on beginner runes. I never use it anymore anyway. I have another that I wrote myself that is much better." The rune smith headed to the work bench and grabbed a tattered book from under a large stack.

"Are you sure that it's alright to give me something so valuable?" Walker was worried that he would be taking something that could harm the rune smith's business.

"Of course it is. I could find a hundred copies of this book just by walking out the door and yelling for it. I don't see why your kingdom wouldn't be the same." The rune smith tossed the old book to Walker who barely managed to catch it at the last second.

Walker opened the first page to see the basic rune formations all laid out explaining the relations to the elements and the patterns they formed. This felt like Walker had just opened the most complicated text possible, mostly because none of it made any sense. "Leader, are you planning on learning runes?" Su was curious if Walker would be trying to craft things too.

"Well, I don't see myself as much of a crafter. But if I learn the ratios of what elemental runes attract lightning then I might be able to understand what creates it better. Then I can gain control over the fusion spell I have messed around with before." Su understood immediately. She remembered the loud boom sound from when Walker had tried before.

"Wait, you're trying to make lightning? You know how crazy that sounds right? It could burn half the forest down in a few hours." The rune smith wasn't ashamed to be listening in as he walked back to the accessory shelving.

"It could be a very strong attack for me to use., I also have a lot of fun experimenting with all of the al fusions. I just need to do it safely." Walker looked like an excited kid the more he talked about it.

"Well, don't go testing this stuff in my shop. I don't need to rebuild again. The last time some wind mage fooled around my shop ended up half way in to the swamps." The rune smith was very dramatic and make Su laugh, but Walker could feel this was a true story and not a joke.

Walker looked at the stack of accessories they had and wondered just how much they would end up paying, the worst part was that he hadn't even looked at everything.

"Sir, what does this green petal do?" Si held up a pin that was shaped like a flower petal. It was a smooth and light green color with leaf pattern veins.

"I still have one of those in stock? I thought I stopped making those years ago. They never sell for anything." The rune smith looked like he was not happy having the failed business venture brought up. "That is called a falling petal charm, it has some wind runes carved in the veins of the leaf pattern. Pretty tough to make but it causes a greater effect." The more he spoke the more curious the two became.

"With the multiple layers of runes, it is able to slow a high fall. The wind element will get pulled from the air and make a slight cushion. I thought it would be good for anyone that fell from the trees, but that was not a wise decision. I had the idea when I was drinking some berry beer and made one the next morning. But do you know how rare it is for an elf to fall out of a tree?"

Walker and Su saw the immediate problem with this item, they had already seen the fact that elves would run and catch branches or vines like it was part of their own body.

Chapter 392 - 392. Future Advertising

"I might have an idea for you." Walker and Su had the same look of understanding projected on their faces.

"The elf city should have plenty of visitors soon and they are not elves. They won't have the same skills to keep them on the branches or hopping the vines as an elf would." Su started off the thought and let Walker finish it.

"So if you make these and sell them to the visitors they could be protected if they fall from the trees. Especially if you sell them to royalty and ambassadors that come visit, it could make your shop the most respected rune shop in the city because you care for the safety of every visitor."

The rune smith's eyes were wide. He had not thought of how valuable this would be for any visitors in the city because he had not thought they would ever have proper visitors. "They are only one use too, the mana that the runes generate is too powerful and makes them shatter, but it saves a life. I need to make more then."

The rune smith started to shuffle around the materials and looked for everything he needed. Walker and Su were happy to be sharing this with him since he had been very informative and helpful when they asked questions.

"How many people are coming from your kingdom? How long? Do you think making fifty would be enough?" The rune smith had found the spark to craft and wanted to make as many as possible.

"That will be a hard question to answer. The king might bring a few officials and guards with him. The guild master is coming, then there are the demi-humans who will be coming but they might have wings or a flying skill but they also might not." Walker rambled on and was about to try and give an estimate when the rune smith spoke up again.

"Who am I to just make fifty. I am a high class rune smith. I can make a hundred in a day. What if someone falls multiple times? They will need one or five or even ten if they are clumsy. I will just craft until I can't craft anymore." He was full of energy and had pulled more materials out that Walker and Su thought possible from underneath the work bench.

"Sir, can we request a small bundle of them? We can give them as a welcome to our kingdom members when they arrive. We of course will mention you and give out opinions. It would help them understand the importance of the charm so you don't need to explain it." Su was trying to help but also knew that these were not something someone would go looking for without already knowing about them.

"Advertising, how many years since I advertised anything? Yes of course, please I will make you twenty to take with you. Then I will head over to get a sign made and sell them in bundles of five, ten, and twenty." The rune smith was seeing possibilities that he had never used due to the fact that anything he made was considered a common place item for elves, but with visitors coming there was an entirely new horizon for him to pursue.

"Well then we can place an order and leave you to it." Walker was all smiles because he knew that he had managed to find two dependable elves that made some unique items in a short time. He also had given them ideas on how their shops could change and evolve with the city opening up.

"Yes yes, the order will be ready tomorrow. I will get my son over here to help too. Just come back anytime, and don't worry about paying for anything, I need you to promise your word as a hero that my product is a safety measure fit for a king." This was a sly move, but a fair one. Walker and Su had already said they would advertise and help out when they purchased the items. But now he wanted to lock the deal in and make sure that they were willing to do so by making them feel slightly indebted.

"Then we both swear. We would have without you asking us to through. We really believe that this will put many of the other races that visit at ease when they go up in to the trees." Si was polite as ever but Walker could see the joy on her face at being given these things for free.

Walker and Su were able to sneak out of the shop while the rune smith was running from place to place. He had continued to ask them the same questions out of his excitement and they needed to be on their way. "When we come tomorrow I have a feeling there will be a lot of changes." Walker could already see the signs adorning the front of the shop in his mind.

"He was very excited. I am glad we are able to let him know that he would be able to sell something he thought was a failure. I noticed many things being sold that are common here but will be rare and useful treasures back home." This had been prevalent to Su since she set foot in the market.

"I agree. I haven't told you about the water spikes I found yet, but they can channel water elemental mana in to the ground making the soil hold water. It will change the way farming is done for us and I can bet for Ordist as well." Su appeared surprised but quickly overcame the feeling.

"I just can't believe how many amazing things we have seen here. It really is a tragedy that the elf city has been locked up for so long." Su said this and Walker had no intention of arguing it. This was the plain truth.

Chapter 393 - 393. Walking The Market

Walker had many things in his storage that he had purchased and couldn't wait to bring back. He dwelled on who he would give what to and how they would be amazed by the things he gave them. He had a feeling that the high priest would like the animal shaped charms that brought a steady calming mana to them. Mostly because he was always plagued by the chaos of the cathedral and the healing matters he needed to attend to.

"I want to give those animal charms to everyone we know. So many people help us out and I think having some calm in their life could help." Su was thinking of the people at the forge but also those at the adventurers guild.

"I am sure Clara would get the most use out of it. We might want to get like five for her, she might need more though." Walker could only imagine having to give her ten to deal with the stress from the daily insanity at the guild.

"Yes! Clara needs a really good souvenir, she deserves it for keeping up with everything. I know she must have sent plenty of quests for us, but we have been too busy to take them." Su was a little sad that she had been letting Clara's effort go to waste, but the party was not aware of her current duty as acting guild master while Ibis was away.

"Well, then let's keep looking. I feel like there are surprises around every corner. We might find something interesting to bring back. To be honest I think we should look for someone who wants to travel to the kingdom as a merchant to establish proper trade routes. If they can do that we could have the people we have met visit and sell their wares themselves." Walker wanted this mostly because he thought it would help connect the kingdoms more.

"That could make things much easier for when elves start to adventure out and explore more. I expect there will be many young elves, humans, and demi-humans who see the chance to make a name for themselves in a new place." Su could already see the new faces trying to enter the cities.

"I think it will be a little crazy for a few months, but after things get established it will be like any other day. I am just interested to see how people adapt and our daily life changes. The elves will bring a lot of things we don't have or can't make in our kingdom. But we will bring plenty of our own things. I think our kingdom is more of a connecting place. We aren't particularly on bad terms with anyone which is the best way for us to become a mediator."

Walker had started to look at the big picture. This was a point he was waiting to bring up when the king gets to the kingdom. Su was following along and would also be harping on the same thing. What the kingdoms had to offer were major advances in knowledge, but what was bigger was the fact that they could all improve the life of every citizen.

"What about the enforcers? Do you think they will be able to maintain the laws that protect the forests?" Su was a little worried that they might have some trouble if there was a major influx of travelers.

"I think we should guide them toward a slow opening. Limit travelers on both sides so that they can adjust over the course of a year. First, start with higher class businesses and officials to lay ground work then start with the younger generations to test things out. After that, we can start to let more and more adventurers since the guild should be established after a few months."

The two could see the adventurers guild playing a major part in connecting everything. It already acted as a major bonding place for all kinds of races that would form parties and take on quests. It was literally

founded to help others. "I am very excited to see the guild that will be built here. I wonder how they will teach the new employees in regards to the elven culture. I could see there being many gathering quests."

"That would make sense. The elves would be able to teach a lot when it comes to herbs and fruits that grow in the area. Any new adventurer that came would be an expert before they knew it. Actually, if an alchemist came and took quests they could get ahead in that respect too." The more they spoke the more things they saw that would improve each of the races.

Eventually, the two walked all the way to the square they had stood above the other day. It was filled with more elves who were all giving them curious glances as they passed by. Su and Walker had quickly become a gossip point for those that would usually wander through the market.

"Should we check out that little shop there? It looks like it has some elemental mana crystals, I know you are looking for more with dual elements." Walker snapped to attention and locked his eyes on the shop Su was mentioning. He was realizing that the more he actively looked the closer he would get to have the materials he wanted for his new staff.

"There is no other place that I would rather check out right now." Walker couldn't help but smile brightly. Su was right by his side happy to find another new place to look at. She was greatly enjoying being one of the first to explore the elf city. The only thing she wanted more was to bring her parents to see everything too.

"I can already see some light and water dual elemental mana crystals," Walker said this and picked up his paces.

Chapter 394 - 394. Spirit Mage

The same bell that the rune smith had made was hanging on the door to the elemental crystal shop. Walker was pleasantly surprised by the soft ting of the bell as it rang through the entire shop when he opened the door. He had expected it to be much louder than it was. Now he was seeing the benefit of the bell and the high chances that it would be a high selling item at the start of the trading between the kingdoms.

The amount of elemental mana that pushed at the two of them as the door came open was not small in the least. Walker's senses were overwhelmed and even Su was having trouble standing it. It was not harmful in the least but it was a lot of stimulation.

"I'll be there in a moment, just let me get a few things in place!" A sweet sounding voice came from deeper in the shop. Walker and Su looked at each other confused. They couldn't figure out how a child would have been running a shop like this.

The sound of rushing feet came from behind a few shelves and a short elf girl appeared. She was wearing a rainbow of fabrics which all had elemental runes sewn in to them. Her long hair was woven with colored ribbons the same as the dress she wore. "Hello, I had a feeling I would have visitors today. I am the spirit mage Bree, it is a pleasure to meet you."

After the elf girl Bree gave a bow she stood tall and proceeded with the usual routine for a shopkeeper, "What can I do for you today? Are looking for anything specific?"

She saw the looks the two were giving her and quickly realized what they might be thinking. "I forgot you were humans and weren't used to spirit mages. I look like I am very young by human standards, however, I am one of the eldest elves in the city. We spirit mages have a passive skill called spirit body."

"I would like to tell you that I am less confused...but." Bree had a feeling she had confused Walker and Su more, and Walker confirmed it.

"Well spirit mages are special systems, not many of us exist at one time. We have the spirit body passive skill which allows one elemental spirit of each type to reside within us. This makes our bodies age at a snail's pace, even related to an elf. We are responsible for the production of all the elemental mana crystals in the city."

"I believe Alma mentioned this. She said that the water elemental spirits can make water elemental crystals." Su recalled a passing moment where Alma had said this fact.

"Correct. I have a system that lets me bond with elemental spirits and then ask for their help to condense elemental mana in to crystals. The fun part is extracting mana from a crystal which is an earth element normally and changing it to be another element. Oh, but don't let me bore you. What are you looking for?"

Walker had to struggle to say something for a minute. He had just been given a lot of information on a system that he had never heard of and skills he had never heard of. "I am sorry, but you really have elemental spirits living in your body?" Su was having a hard time wrapping her mind around this.

"Yes, they are bonded to my soul. We are partners for life. If I perish they take my energy and use it to grow. It is a very natural moment for spirit mages. But that won't be for a long time, I have maybe four or five hundred years." She said this while casually waving her arms.

"You say that like it isn't a big deal..." Walker was stunned beyond belief hearing this.

"It is very common for a spirit mage to live hundreds of years. One of my friends has lived for double my lifespan, and she still thinks she will live another hundred." Walker and Su felt they were suffering multiple blows every time this elf spoke. She seemed to have an endless supply of ground breaking information to upturn what the two thought was normal.

"You know, I am used to shocking my party and those I meet, but you have outdone me so quickly." Walker could only admit the truth of what he was thinking at the moment.

"I am used to it. A lot of young elves are sent by their parents to get the crystals they need and I am a very large surprise. They always ask where my mother and father are. They are so cute when they realize that I am ten times their age." Bree giggled for a few moments while she thought of how many she had confused when they came in to her shop.

"Well, now that I feel like I have a small grasp on the situation, I am here for some dual elemental crystals. I am thinking of using them to make a staff that can enhance every elemental spell I use." Walker's idea was not something crazy by any means and Bree instantly understood.

"Then I have some of the best crystals for you. I even have a few triple elemental crystals if you would like them?" Walker had not thought that triple elemental mana crystals were possible, but was again surprised.

"What elements are they?" Su and Walker had barely stepped inside the shop and they were already ready to spend whatever necessary.

I have one that is earth, fire, and darkness elemental manas in one large crystal. It is made for underground heating. It can make magma under the right stimulation. Then I have a light, water, and air elemental crystal which is ideal for making rain in a greenhouse." Walker and Su were amazed by this lesson.

Chapter 395 - 395. Elemental Crystal Shopping

"Of course these triple elemental mana crystals are harder to make and cost a little more. But I assure you, my products are high tier." Bree nodded at every word in the sentence trying to bring emphasis to her skills in the deal.

Walker could only imagine that this was going to cost a massive fortune. He was prepared to offer all the physical gold he had left, and if necessary make a request to have some made for his return at a later date. "If possible we would like to purchase them, but I am also interested in ones of other elements." He decided it was best to browse everything first then move on to the price.

"Of course, let's not speak on price just yet. I have some fresh high tier crystals with wind and water elements along with some of fire and light elements. Then over here we have the other elements. Unfortunately, the light and dark elemental crystals have sold out due to an experiment that the light and dark mages are doing tomorrow."

"That would be my doing, I will ask them for one or two when I see them. Sorry." Walker felt bad to be the reason Bree was out of stock in her shop.

"No no, this is great. I was holding on to them for a long time. I enjoy mixing the conflicting elements. The spirits need the challenge as well. They can achieve great things when fighting their very nature." Walker and Su thought this strange before he recalled all the times he had done exactly the same thing with fire and now with two opposing spells.

"I hope I am not over stepping here. But would you consider showing us the way you make such crystals? I believe the mages tomorrow would benefit greatly from the knowledge." Walker had the idea that seeing them come together in to a crystal could unlock some of the missing pieces in their experiments.

"Me? Of all people, the mages in training would learn from me? I could, but it would be very out of place."

"Leader just wants you to demonstrate. I know he made an interesting fusion skill today and the other mages will most likely try their own ways to combine the elements. You already understand how the balance and could show them that." Su jumped in to help Walker gain a person with insight to his cause.

"Well, if it is to help out and advance understanding I can come. I am not sure they will learn much." She thought that what she did was so basic, but she did not realize that she was able to fuse elements that other struggle with.

"Perfect, I look forward to you joining us. I will make sure Alma knows and that we have everything ready to learn about it. I am actually very curious about how you make crystals and how you balance the elements in your body."

"Balancing the elements is easier than you would think. I just have to help each grow at the same time. The best part is this will happen in the natural life cycles of the world. If I let them absorb elemental mana through the day they will absorb the elemental mana of their own kind at the same rate. But that's because I am careful. Each spirit will grow the same amount every day, it is slow but very rewarding."

"So they need the natural mana as well. Spirits seem to need more natural mana than any we provide. I feel like having that a long lifespan could still feel too short of a time to understand spirits." Walker was having a very hard time filling in factual information on the spirits.

"Yes, they thrive with natural mana and dislike other mana from living creatures. That is why spirit mages have the spirit body passive skill. We become partially a spirit so they can bond with us. This means we also absorb natural mana to survive. But we still get to eat so don't worry about me missing out." Bree laughed at her own joke while smelling the air.

"Oh, by the way, do you need any of these earth and water dual elemental mana crystals? I would like to sell them soon so I can make my next batch."

"Yes please. I would also like to ask if you had any crystal shards for making mana storage gems." Walker was thinking of stocking up just to have the shards for the mana storage gem.

"Why buy the shards? You can just purchase the actual mana storage gems. I have a decent amount just laying around. I could even sell you some elementless crystals if you would like to just have those made directly in to mana storage gems of a higher quality." Bree was again speaking a different language to the two of them.

"I didn't expect you to have the mana storage gems here, I, of course, am interested, but what are the elementless crystals used for other than you creating elemental mana crystals?" Walker was very

curious what the crystals without an element were, mostly because he thought the crystal would shatter without the elemental mana inside,

"I have them for my creation. I remove the earth element from a huge amount of crystals. They don't break if that is what you are worried about. They are stable because of the skills I have used on them. But they need to be changed within a few months of me doing so. Some people bring them to low traveled areas to absorb the mana around and get unique crystals."

Walker thought that this was a great idea. Having multiple unused elementless crystals would be something nice to gather mana on their travels. He could try to make a very large unique crystal. "It only takes about twenty years to fill. It is very efficient." With that Walker and Su were crushed.

Chapter 396 - 396. Full Elemental Spirits

"I don't think I will have twenty years to hang out and protect a mana crystal so that it can absorb the element I want it to." Walker had thought for a moment that the elementless crystal was going to be something that he could easily fill with his own mana or by channeling the natural elemental mana he wanted.

"You could have spirits fill it then. But that would mean you have them residing in your body, and you were a spirit mage." Bree was a little smug saying this because it was her pride and joy to house a spirit with each of the elements within her body. They were just as much a part of her as she was a part of them.

"I don't think I will try to learn that skill. From what I have seen from the elemental spirits I do not wish to take them away from their desired homes. Unless it's necessary...actually, I do have a full water spirit that is resting dormant right now. One of the greater water spirits told me to take it along with me. They said that this one could wake up the dormant spirits in my kingdom potentially."

It was Bree's turn to be amazed. She had never seen someone given a spirit like this before. This was abnormal. If someone was to meet a spirit and bond with them then it was possible for the spirit to stick around or like a spirit mage become one with them. But to just be given a dormant spirit to take on a trip was radical.

"Why would you have been given a full water spirit that is dormant? That is just too much. If it is dormant it has either been so for many years after deciding to rest or newly formed. There is no reason anyone, not even a normal spirit mage would be given one." Bree was trying to figure this all out when Walker took the frozen blue drop from his cloak.

"This is the full water spirit. I was lucky enough to watch it form with Sierra. The great water spirit said that I should take it with me because it would most likely leave to find its own garden when it awoke." Walker wasn't sure why this was such a big deal but decided not to show it.

"It's so pure. It is newly formed. It's also larger than usual. T must have gotten more elemental mana from the greater spirit to speed up the condensing process. How interesting." Bree mumbled while looking at the dormant full water spirit.

"The spirits I house are full spirits. One is near the greater water spirit evolution, but that is going to take another few years. If that full water spirit awakens and chooses to stay in the garden or kingdom you bring it, you will see a large change for sure. Just remember that you are blessed to have the presence of a spirit around you." Bree had started to accept that this human actually had a spirit with him and decided it was best to move on before she got too caught up.

"Is there any way you can show us what the spirits look like? Or would that be too forward? I apologize if it is, we are not used to the culture and ways of the elves yet." Su was curious since she had not seen any spirit but for the dormant full water spirit, Walker had shown her.

"It is not forward at all. We actually like showing ourselves off. It is rare that we have a chance to do so since the work with crystals is never ending. But that's what happens when we have so many arcane marksmen, they all need the crystals for their arrows." Bree sounded a little sour but behind it was a lot of excitement.

There was a slight fluctuation in all of the mana around them. Bree appeared to fade a little losing some of her shape. This was a shocking scene to them since it was something they had never imagined possible. Walker was even worried enough to start to step forward and ask if she was alright when he noticed that different elemental manas had started to condense around Bree.

Much smaller pixie like figures started to appear around Bree. They were made up of different elements that had spontaneously appeared from the mana in the air that had condensed. The little fire spirit was the first to manifest and flit about. It looked at Walker very curiously before moving on to Su. It didn't put off heat but Walker could tell what elemental mana it controlled even if his eyes were closed.

Next the water, earth, and wind full elemental spirits came in to sight and followed the actions of the full fire spirit. Not a single one of them spoke which was not surprising. They were looking at Walker the most and he could only guess this was because of the skills he had to manipulate all the elements.

Before Bree focused again the light condensed in the room and a bright white colored full elemental spirit appeared. This was at the same time as the shadows on the floor condensed in to a full darkness elemental spirit. It was darker than any night Waker had ever seen and was very interested in Su for some reason.

"They are all very adorable and powerful don't you agree?" Bree was back to a solid looking form. "They seem very interested to meet you two, I wonder why that is..." Bree was curious as to why the spirits seemed to be fluttering around the two so much. The last time they acted this way was when they met another spirit mage. She knew these two were not spirit mages, but maybe they had some unique traits or skills that the spirits liked.

Chapter 397 - 397. Information Trading

The full darkness elemental spirit was now focused on Walker who it appeared to be even more enamored with. It was the only spirit with the courage to poke and prod the two. The full light element spirit seemed to just want to look at them from slightly higher in the air and avoid touching anything at all costs. Walker could understand that the darkness spirit was like this because of the fact that the shadows were always in contact with the one who casts it. The light spirit must be that way because the light normally comes from higher up and it's more comfortable.

"It is nice to meet you all, I hope we aren't disturbing you by asking you all to come out. My name is Walker"

"And I am Su, we are here for some crystals but are very pleased to be meeting honorable spirits." Su and Walker teamed up in their introductions and let out a lot of polite compliments. The spirits appreciated this and nearly swarmed them as they fluttered around them more.

"All of you have so much energy. How are you so excited?" Bree was a little at a loss since she normally needed to encourage these spirits to work constantly.

The darkness spirit went over to her and poked her a few times while its body flickered and changed a little. It was not speaking in the way the grand elemental water spirit had but, it was still communicating. "I see, so you are saying that her system is similar to an ancient species and he can manipulate every element? That is indeed interesting. Thank you for telling me."

Bree had heard these things from the darkness spirit and was now more serious than before. "You must be some sort of elemental mage to manipulate all elements and you must be closely related to one of the elder races." Bree was not trying to get some of her own information. She was curious and was not going to let it slide away from her.

"I have a skill called grand elemental manipulation, but I am not specifically a mage," Walker said this but left the rest unsaid as bait to get Bree to potentially spill more information on the crystals.

"I was in close relation to a dragon when my system was changed." Su was even more prompt and didn't give away anything else. This made Bree even more interested.

"What kind of system do you have then? Elemental craftsmen? Elemental watcher? Oh, do you have an elemental sage system? And you, do you have a half dragon system, or were you lucky enough to be a dragon breeder system?" Bree listed off systems that she had only ever read about of met once. To her seeing them again would make her very happy.

"I am curious. How do you communicate with the elemental spirits? I could be convinced to tell you if you explain." Walker was using this to see if there was a useful skill he could learn, speaking to spirits sounded like a massively beneficial skill to have when in areas with high natural mana.

"I would have told you this if you asked, no need to hold back some information." Bree laughed a little before she told him, she enjoyed the suspense. "The skill is called mana speak, it lets me send out specific waves of elemental mana and received these waves. It is tough to learn at first since I needed to be able to understand each elemental mana speak. But now that I know them it becomes one skill instead of six."

Walker thought it was amazing that it was six skills divided in to pieces that would come together to make one all around skill. It was something that he would want to work towards if he had the time to do so. With Bree looking at him he realized he was expected to share his system now.

"I have the jack of all trades system, as long as it's not a mastery skill I can learn it." Walker was so used to explaining it that at this point he had started to lose a little vibrato.

Bree was a little surprised to hear that he was not a form of mage at all, but she was also still curious about Su's system and held her words until after. Her eyes fell on Su so Su knew she could speak her own thoughts as well.

"I am curious of the spirits you are bonded with need combat training or if they just live normal lives. If the spirit happens to cause trouble for Leader, I do not want it to be a surprise." Walker was yet again impressed by Su's tact when it came to the things she thought to ask.

"Normally spirits do not pursue any violence at all. It is against their nature since they wish to work within the flow of the world. But there are some spirits that have a strong desire to protect the flow of the world and will create a physical body made of their element specifically. They are called elemental battle spirits and can defend entire areas of land if they are given the proper time to grow. But if they lose their body then they revert back to a lower spirit and need to grow again." Bree was very willing to share these things since it was a fair worry to have.

"Now your system, what is it? I need to know!" Bree had lost her patience and needed to know in that second.

"I am a draconic guardian system user. Our party member Midnight is a dragon and I am very close with her. So I gained the system which has been a very large adjustment, but it helps me protect those I care for and that is all I can ask for." Su shined a little brighter for a moment and all the spirits looked at her. They could feel the slight strength of a dragon from her.

Chapter 398 - 398. Trouble Makers

"Draconic? You are a guardian of dragons? Wait, the dragon in your party, is it a single elemental affinity dragon? Or multiple?" Bree rattled off these questions wanting to know everything.

"She has a darkness elemental affinity within her." Walker left it at that and didn't explain further. This gave Bree the misunderstanding that Midnight only had one affinity. It confused her since every spirit reacted to her in some way that would have signaled something to do with every element.

"Well the darkness elemental spirit did react the most strongly, and if you spent a lot of time guarding a darkness affinity dragon then it makes sense," Bree mumbled softer and softer about things that made sense.

"I'm sorry, but we are a bit lost again." Su was very confused about what this all had to do with the new system she had.

"I should probably share a little more then. Normally draconic guardians are members of the mountain villages tasked with guarding young dragon hatchlings. They tend to gain elemental affinities that match the dragon they guard. I just can't fully understand how you would have the system when you should have had the system before meeting a younger dragon. You also have the residue of multiple elements with the darkness element just slightly stronger. I am very confused myself."

Walker and Su tensed up a little making Bree stop her thoughts in their tracks. She realized that she might not be getting the entire truth, but if she wasn't she knew there was a reason. "I see, then I won't bother with it anymore. Just know that from what I have read and learned from the rock dwelling elves who have long locked themselves away in the caves of the high mountains, that the draconic guardian system has elemental affinities. You should focus on learning about the elements as well as defensive skills."

"Thank you for your advice. However, I will learn of the elements whether I like it or not. I have a certain party leader that experiments with elemental often." Su relaxed a little but was far from dropping her guard.

"That is good then. I hope I did not pry too much. It is rare to have those with information I do not know these days. Well, I guess the more races that start to visit the more I will encounter. How much have we been missing." Bree trailed off while the spirits realized the watchful eye on them had disappeared.

They rushed to Walker and Su and the two of them could feel the constant poking and prodding. Walker could sense the small waves of different elemental manas but had no idea how to understand them.

He watched as the full water spirit stopped and was looking intently at the dormant full water spirit. It was very intrigued by the spirit at rest and soon every spirit was looking at it. None of them dared to touch it but the constant waves of elemental mana made Walker feel that there was more going on, almost like they were whispering secrets to it.

Bree snapped out of her dazed thoughts as she had just heard something ridiculous. "You all need to stop saying those things to that little spirit. It is trying to rest, how would you all feel being woken up by such things. It will go where it wishes and it can't be forced."

"Do we want to know?" Walker was a little curious but he wasn't sure he should ask.

"No they are just saying foolish things about coming here with them and traveling the world. They are just trouble makers." The spirits rushed and hid around the shop like scolded children, the waves of mana they let out toward each other erratic.

"Let me finish your order and then I can send you on your way. For once I have some work to do with dual elemental crystals. I also want to think about the things we spoke about, I won't go blabbing about it but I will be here waiting for your next visit." Bree moved to box up the crystals while the two watched.

The crates were soon filled and in front of them, there were many more than they had expected. "If you are looking for something that will act as a good material to bond all of the crystals you may want to have your eye out for some petrified wisteria branch. It is a little rare and useless for anything but small wands, but I hear there are some with skills to turn them in to unique staffs. Especially when unique crafting skills are used." Bree said this knowingly, he had an idea that the light and dark mages had spoken of his crystal crafting skill.

"Then I will be looking for them before I leave or while I travel." Walker thanked her and stored the chests while pulling out his gold. Su helped him count out a much lower amount of gold than they expected and then headed out the door.

"Everything that could cost thousands of gold only costs hundreds. Everything that could cost hundreds is tens. The city will be booming if we don't hold people back." Walker could only express the worry of how many people would swarm the entire city for the low prices when it came to what they thought were exceedingly rare materials.

"I am less worried about the gold problems the city will face than the fact that miss Bree was easily guessing things about our little dragon." Su could tell Bree grasped more than they caught in to. "How many others do you think noticed?"

"If anything is a problem it would be the systems, for all we know there could be a dragon with a quest to come here and find her. But we need to just lay low and wait. We can't stress about it forever. We were lucky here, once we make it to the dwarven city in their small kingdom we can try to glean some information on the dragons since they are close by."

Chapter 399 - 399. Getting Rest

"That is a risk I think we will need to take while there. More information on what others may think of Midnight could be extremely important." Su agreed on the idea that the party needed to gather more information. The problem was that every piece they found seemed to only be a tiny scrap. They were always behind in the information gathering game.

"There's no point in stressing out I guess, we should just wait for the king to get here and proceed. Then we can move toward the dwarven kingdom and see how their city is doing. I can't say I'm excited to have to go underground though." Walker could only see the huge risks of going underground since there was less safety and the chance of cave collapse.

"You should relax about that at least. The dwarves are known for their immense strength in creating tunnels and caves. They wouldn't allow even a single tunnel to collapse let alone a city." Su only had a basic knowledge of these things but it was enough for her to try and ease Walker's major worries.

"I know, but I know even less about the dwarves than the elves and even less about dragons than the dwarves. I just feel less and less prepared. I need to train more." Walker had started to contemplate the different ways he could continue to enhance his strength. He immediately thought of the fact that he had just created a hugely powerful fusion skills that he only had one other skill that worked with.

"I think I am going to try and get Remey's combo skill and learn more blade and spear based skills. Then I can try to make attack patterns that could put me on the front line too." Walker could only think of this as a way for him to make sure that whatever would happen he could be right by Midnight's side with his own power.

"That sounds like a good plan. But first, you are going to sleep and get some proper rest." Su said this in a factual manner.

"I'm fine to keep going..." He only made it through half of his sentence before Su's smiling face told him that there was no arguing with her. He had been defeated before he had even started the battle and was now being pushed towards the tree house they were staying in.

To Walker's surprise, Midnight and Onyx were already there asleep as well. It was clear that playing with the unicorns had tired them out completely. Feeling a little better that he wasn't the only one needing rest Walker decided to go in and sleep. Before he knew what had happened he was waking up to the sun rising the next day.

"Gil, you're back. I thought you would be out hunting for the materials you needed for your quiver?" Walker saw that Gil was gearing up to head out again, but had not expected him to even be there at all.

"I'm trying not to follow your example and miss all my sleep. But I already got my materials so I guess I didn't need to worry. The other elf archers were a lot of help." Gil had found that the elf archers knew the ins and outs of the forest even more than he had imagined them to.

"Hey! I still slept." Walker was about to argue that he was resting but Gil just shook his head.

"Come on, I know Su made you. We could lose you to exhaustion any day if we don't drag you from an experiment to rest. You have even meditated all night outside." Gil wasn't letting it go, but Walker saw that he had a few scratches on his arms and legs and was able to rebuttal now.

"And you may have rested but you haven't taken a healing potion or had healing for those scrapes? What did you fall out of a tree while trying to follow the archers?" Surprisingly Gil got flustered and Walker found that he was correct. Gil had fallen out of a tree.

Walker used his mid heal skill on Gil and saw the scratches fade away almost instantly. "Of all the things to do you are trying to rush through the trees like an elf."

"Whatever. You're still no better. But at least I will have an awesome new quiver to carry my own arrows without having to ask you all the time. It will make me much more independent. Su told me that you have some new skills too and that Remey is off learning a crazy amount of herbs to make a skill? What's that about?"

Walker talked with Gil and filled him in on the things he had missed while he was out hunting. Walker was sure not to forget to tell him about the mana transferring skills that Alma had used. Gil of course became a lot more fidgety to Walker's amusement. "Anyways I will head out and start to make my quiver. I will be gone the whole day, but Su said she was going to stop and pick up the things you guys ordered while you went to help out the mages again. See you later."

Walker realized that bringing up Alma had made Gil rush away which was even more hysterical. Walker may not have admitted much about his feelings, but Gil was even more touchy. "Hey Onyx, Midnight. Do you two want to come with me to the mages' training area? They have some special runes and that

gather the elements. I figure you can take advantage and work on that growth spurt of yours while Midnight naps in the center. The center has all the elements equally so you can grow pretty well."

Midnight and Onyx had both been pretending to still be asleep but Walker had easily seen through them with his connection to them. If they wanted to fool him they would need to try even harder.

Chapter 400 - 400. Tag Along With Me

With the two pretending to be overly tired he knew he would need to give them a little more incentive. Lucky for him he knew that flashing some of the regular elemental crystals would do the job. The real question was what would be more beneficial. If Onyx was at the mage training area then he would be able to absorb a constant supply of the Light elemental mana. Same with Midnight.

This was a small worry that the crystals would be useless to them for a few days, but at the end of the day, they would need them when they were out traveling even more so if they were without other food options.

"Sister says she would like roasted meat for dinner and she will go." Walker couldn't help but laugh a little at this, she had been eating very well from what he understood. However, she was going through a growth spurt as well and would be wanting to eat more and more.

"Then count it done. I still have some of those frogs and horned rabbit. How about we make sure to finish up early and cook some. I am sure Wade and Alma would like to have some as well. I haven't seen Calen around lately so I would bet she will show up as soon as there is good food." Walker just had a strong feeling that the speedy elf was a very food motivated individual, but what else would happen when there was a person completely built on speed.

Onyx stayed on Midnight's back instead of slithering to Walker's shoulders, Walker had the feeling that this was because he was trying to get used to the fact that he would soon be too large to sit in his shoulders, but Midnight would almost always be large enough to rest on.

The three headed out. Walker didn't expect Remy to be around much since she was fine with locking herself away to study, especially with another master alchemist willing to teach her. He did worry that she was pushing herself too far, however, he was excited to see the results of her training.

As they headed toward the training area Walker noticed a few elf enforcers following them. He was a little sad not to see Sierra but knew that she must be in charge of the entire party and not just him, he liked her surprisingly open and positive personality.

The elf enforcers aside Walker was pleasantly surprised to get many waves and greetings from the elves that were out and about in the morning. He had not expected them to take so well to the new people in their city, but this only spoke to the fact that there were more who wanted to open things up than he had known.

When the three reached the training area Alma was already there leaning against the vine door casually whispering to her blue ivy which grew slightly at every word. She seemed to be making it bloom to stock up on seeds for future use. "Good morning, you look like you are having fun so early."

"Oh, well I already did a few rounds about the city and had some free time. My blue ivy has been growing much better lately and I think it is because I gained a level after we beat those slimes. I'm glad you brought Midnight and Onyx today. I am sure they will love the training area."

The vine door opened up and they were easily able to enter. Onyx now understood why Walker had wanted to bring them here, "Brother, this is very amazing. The light mana over there is so concentrated." He was already slithering toward the light mages who were sitting in a circle and exchanging ideas while holding some light crystals.

Midnight did exactly what Walker had expected of her and curled up in the middle of the room. He knew that she would benefit from the elemental mana there and he couldn't wait to see the benefits. "Oh, you're back already. We grabbed up plenty of light, darkness, and dual elemental crystals to experiment. The spell swords should be along any time now. They have morning training and usually finish up after the sun had broken the lowest tree's branches."

The darkness elemental mage was the first to greet him and waved a hand toward the pile of dual elemental crystals. About those dual elemental crystals. I actually went looking for some and found them sold out, is there any way for me to purchase a few from everyone here?" Walker felt bad asking right away, but he had the fear that somehow they would exhaust them all in their experiments.

"Oh, no. Take as many as you want. Truth be told we might not even need half of them. We got very excited and couldn't help ourselves. We rarely use our joint funds and just splurged.." The light elemental mage came over and had heard what they were talking about. With both mages now voicing approval, Walker stored four of the crystals away for his future staff.

"What do you guys want to try out today? I know we will need to make some swords so the crystal crafting will be the main focus and then adding the proper elemental manas. Yet, I don't see a spell sword s we can fool around a little before they come." Walker sounded a little mischievous but really he just wanted to take sure he was properly thanking the mages for letting him take the crystals he wanted.

"I want to see if your skill is able to take form in to the shape of a sword, I know that the spell swords will want something similar. But if you make one and one side of the blade is light and the other is darkness I think it could lead to an interesting attack strategy to record."