

Master 401

Chapter 401 - 401. Second Experiment

Walker thought about this for a second before agreeing. He had no idea how the skill would manifest when he changed the shape of the mouldable crystal ball. The only shape he had tried was the spear because it was the base shape for the pure dark spear. If he managed to show off a sword then what else could he make it into? An ax? The weapon possibilities flooded through his mind.

"Let's give a sword a try first then move on. Where is the crystal mage? I think he would be interested." Walker didn't see any earth mages at all here yet.

"The earth mages went to celebrate the breakthrough that their young crystal mage helped with. It was his first time working on a fusion attack and they were all very proud of him. They must have been up late and need more rest." The light mage knew that this would happen, but it was only natural for mages to do this after a great day.

"I see, that must have been a lot for one day too. From watching to helping in the blink of an eye." Walker laughed a little making him sound like an old man. The other mages also laughed a bit but were also focused on something else.

"That dragon and snake that came with you are your other party members right? Can we meet them?" The fire mage had stepped forward and hesitantly asked. He had yet to meet a dragon and found it very intriguing.

"Sure thing. That over there is my youngest brother Onyx, he is an abyssal serpent. He feeds on the light elemental mana. And this here is Midnight, she is a young dragon who I wanted to bring here to gain some of the elemental mana around. She is having a growth spurt and needs all the nutrition she can get." Walker was always proud to introduce his party since he saw them as family.

Walker noticed Onyx raise his head and look at the mages. He would usually greet them but for some reason was very reserved today. Walker worried a little but didn't press that matter, if Onyx wasn't feeling well he believed that he would speak up.

Midnight however never missed a chance to show off. She stood up tall and extended her wings to show off her full might. Walker saw that her wings had gained even more muscles and had a few more inches to their span. He knew she was growing fast but this was a crazy speed. He knew this must have

something to do with the new bloodline and the new system, but her couldn't ask her a million questions here.

The mages were impressed seeing her actions and wanted to examine her more closely. "Can I ask what kind of fire breath she has? I know most dragons have a form of breath attack which is very powerful as they grow."

The mages grew more excited at this and Midnight was about to immediately use her decaying breath skill before Walker cut in, "She has the decaying breath skill and she isn't going to use it here unless there is a target we can deal with before it spreads. Right Midnight?"

Midnight stopped building up her attack and bobbed her head in accordance. She wanted to show off but was easily stopped since she knew it could cost her the meat that Walker had promised her. If she angered him and he didn't forgive her right away she could miss out on the feast she wanted. She had yet to realize that Walker would still reprimand her and give her what she wanted though, it was just better for her not to realize it.

"I knew that it was darkness element. I could see it from the stage when the queen gave her speech." The dark mage was acting very high and mighty since the other mages had told him that he might be wrong.

"And what of the white in her scales? That has to be light elements." The light mage anted to argue it back and forth but the dark mage was having the last word and continued on the battle.

Walker wanted to tell them that the white was bone but he realized it was better for them to think it was the light element since Midnight could not eat every elemental crystal instead of just the darkness elemental crystals like she could before the system upgrade.

"Sorry I am late sir hero. It doesn't look like I have missed too much though." The crystal mage had returned to the training area and immediately greeted Walker.

"Ah, welcome back. I heard you were celebrating. I hadn't realized it was such a big occasion. Congratulations." Walker said his piece which made the crystal mage act a little more sheepish, but soon enough he too was awestruck looking at Midnight.

While the mages were again focused on her, Onyx was also making fast friends with the light mages. He was actively talking with them but Walker could still tell he was less active. He started in a tight coil and wasn't moving much.

After a short time, the spell swords returned with the light and water elemental spell sword. She confidently approached Walker and the crystal mage while her fellow spell swords carried in some of the crystal training dummies. "I brought a few of the older crystal training dummies for today's experiments. I thought it was the least I could do since you appeared interested in taking the remaining pieces for your own experiments."

Walker was a little touched that they had thought to bring so many, even if they were the older ones. "Thank you, I am not sure how many of the crystal swords we will make, and even if I can't assist the entire time my friend from the earth side of will be open for orders." The crystal mage was shocked to hear this but couldn't argue with the hero.

Chapter 402 - 402. Chip Away

"While they are still focused on meeting my sister Midnight and little b Onyx why don't we talk details? What design are you looking for and what elements?" Walker already had a good idea, but he wanted to see the current spell sword design to try and replicate.

"This is the sword I use mainly. It is a water elemental sword but if possible I would like the crystal weapon to be dual elements like my affinities. I use the light element as a distraction but can also do damage with it. But the water element attacks are faster. I have an attack that uses both, but it is hard to use with two blades. Please keep the design the same."

The dual elemental spell sword unsheathed her sword and offered it to Walker. The design was simple and he felt that it was much lighter than he expected. The balance was a little heavier toward the hilt but due to the length it was perfect. The shape of the blade was thinner than a traditional sword almost as if it was a saber.

"We will need longer pieces of crystal for this. Let me show you how I do it first. It has been some time since I made a sword like this. But I remember that the biggest challenge is the straight edges. Getting it right requires a very soft touch." Walker saw the seriousness overtake the crystal mage which was perfect.

The other mages took note that the spell swords had arrived and made a large open space so that they could witness the creation of the crystal weapons. Midnight saw that she was not able to show off

anymore and curled back up in the center of the room to rest. She accepted that she would benefit from resting here and decided to just nap while Walker worked.

"Thank you for bringing me brother. I feel like I will be able to relax here." Walker was surprised by Onyx's sudden mention of being relaxed and he glanced at the coiled serpent. He smiled seeing that Onyx was already drifting off in to a nap of his own. The light mages had left him alone to focus on Walker.

The water elemental mages and the light mages were the most interested since the weapon would end up with their specific elements. "Light and water elements aren't like the darkness and light elements. They are normally together in some forms and won't need a strong earth element to help them bond. You also won't be able to sue the earth element at all so you will need to depend on the natural strength of the crystal."

The dual elemental spell sword understood what Walker was saying and didn't argue at all. "I hope to use this for a mid ranged attack. For example I can do this." The spell sword pulled her light elemental sword from her hip and slashed downwards. There was a thin beam of light that shot out and hit the crystal training dummy nearest to them. It gained a slight crack and the mana inside slowly bled out.

"This is a thrown blade skill. It manifests as the element we have an affinity for, but it is too weak in battle. My hope is that using a crystal sword with the mana on the inside we can release a stronger thrown blade. We can use the elements to gather around our blades and cause other effects, but throwing our blades mana has always been like a distraction." The dual elemental spell sword frowned at this long lasting problem.

"So basically, if this can become a viable option you can use it for a mid range attack which could take down an enemy you can't get near. In the worst case, you can have the crystal sword break and battle as normal. It would sublime t a weakness the spell sword system has in battle?" Walker saw these things clearly and was met with many hopeful looks from the spell swords.

"Then we are wasting time. Let's start breaking the crystals." The crystal mage took out a hammer and chisel from his toolbag and started to break away larger pieces of crystal. The longer ones were put in to a pile which he approved of while the shorter put aside for any other uses.

Walker grabbed one of the crystal pieces and sat down in front of the crystal mage. The two worked in unison so Walker could learn as he went. They were breaking off very thin pieces of the crystal and even extracting some of the leftover earth elemental mana. The goal was to remove as much as possible that

wasn't fully bonded with the crystal so that it wouldn't interfere with the water and light elemental mana that the light and water mages would add.

Over an hour the two had made the rough shape of a sword. They had been following the shaping of the sword that the spell sword already used. The handle and the hilt were the easier parts to replicate. They were larger and didn't need any fine detailing, just shaping for a hand to hold. The challenge was in the blade.

"The thing with the blade is that it needs to be perfect on either side and straight. If it is chipped, curved, or unbalanced then it could shatter or unevenly distribute mana. This could cause a rebound to the user." The crystal mage stressed these things because he had failed many times in this before succeeding in a small dagger.

"Then how do you go about it?" Walker had a few ideas but had a feeling that the crystal mage had found the best strategy while practicing the crystal crafting skill.

"This might be a little scary but..." The crystal mage held the tip of the blade to his face and looked directly down the blade. He could see every tiny scratch and groove along with an area that needed slivers to be chipped away.

Chapter 403 - 403. Crystal Sword

"Look down the blade and make sure it is completely straight. Even the slightest angle can ruin the entire thing." The crystal mage softly trailed a finger along the edge of the blade making sure that the thickness was proper. Once he felt the differences he pulled out a very small chisel and started to tap away at the uneven places.

Walker copied his actions and found that the blade portion of the crystal sword shape was much rougher than he had expected. The entire left side was ridged and had a very uneven feeling while the right side was smoother with only a few spots that needed work. The way the crystal had broken at first had helped out one side while making the other worse.

Walker took another chisel similar to the one the crystal mage was using and started to copy the small tapping that shaved off slivers. The slivers of crystal piled up little by little as the two worked. One of the other earth mages used his own earth shaping skills to fuse them so that there were no accidental slivers.

"See how the blade had a point but isn't sharp at all? This is the best time to use some earth shaping skills. The point can be reinforced and sharpened without damaging the structure." The crystal mage ran a thumb and finger along the blade while using his crystal shaping skill and made the blade sharper. Walker could see the visible change.

"I will give it a try too." Walker found that his high earth sculpting skill worked very well with this action and he made the blade sharper with ease. He kept checking the balance and tried his best to make it smooth. "Can you take a look at this too? I need fresh eyes." He handed his sword to the crystal mage.

"Things look very good for your first try making a sword. Let me just smooth this out and this." The crystal mage made a few taps here and there to fix some minor points. If Walker hadn't asked he could have missed them and caused a failed attempt. "Let's focus on the grip and hilt. They need to be made more dense so that they can hold the majority of the water and light elemental mana from some elemental mana crystals."

Walker could see why the handle and hilt would be the best place for the elements to rest. It was the safest because they would not have the chance to be attacked directly often. There was also the close relation to the one holding it so that the elements could be guided with ease.

The crystal mage made the hilt denser with his crystal shaping skills along with the handle. However, he also used his rounded chisel to make its grip better. The blade had become much more refined in the last hour while they straightened and sharpened it. The overall shaping was even better as well because the hilt and handle parts were matching the quality of the blade.

"Now for the hardest part of the entire production. We can easily add a space for the elemental mana in a round shape, but for the sword, we need to make it run from the hilt all the way through the blade. Imagine a much smaller blade on the inside." Walker chose to watch the crystal mage first.

The crystal mage slowly channeled his crystal shaping skill and started to open up the space inside the crystal sword. Walker saw that there were not thin little passageways but instead a hollow space inside. This was the reason the crystal blades wouldn't ever reach the same strength as solid forged items. But it would allow for an attack.

"I can't let this collapse and shatter, I need the water and light mages to start adding some of their elements. Please use the crystals provided." The crystal mage called for the light and water mage who had a handful of the elemental crystals in their hands.

The elemental mana was channeled from the crystals and through the mages bodies. This helped them control the flow and slowly add the balanced light and water elemental mana to the crystal sword.

The crystal mage was making sure that there were no weak points in the crystal while also sensing the changes that occurred within. He felt few points where the crystal was too thin and adjusted the strength in those areas. The space in the center was easily filled and would need t to be topped off with mana in the future because the word wouldn't be able to absorb mana like a regular sword with runes carved on it.

"Stop!" The crystal mage had the two mages stop adding elemental mana and suddenly started to condense the crystal sword a little more. The two elements were not fighting each other but actually mixing in the sword. The hilt and the handle gained a soft sky blue color and the blade looked to be made of a clearer crystal than before.

Wiping the sweat from his forehead the crystal mage looked at the crystal sword in his hands. "This came out a lot better than I thought it would. The elements are compatible so they aren't causing any disturbances, the crystal was of good quality even though it was older, and the process was smooth. All that is left is for you to test it and show us if it can handle the strength you want t to have." The crystal mage presented the sword to the dual elemental spell sword who took it gingerly.

"I've got to say it is very beautiful. I feel like I am holding a glass that could break at any second. but I can feel the elemental mana inside and it is almost like an extension of my own arm." The spell sword was very pleased with the feeling so far and was looking forward to the next step.

Chapter 404 - 404. Error ...Found?

The dual elemental spell sword made some practice swings with the new crystal sword to get a feel. She was planning on using her skills with it and wanted to give it the best tests possible. If she did not she could end up bringing a failed weapon on the battle field.

Walker took this chance to use the all around appraisal skill to see what the crystal blade was all about.

'Crystal sword (water and Light)

+1 atk, +5 Matk

This crystal sword is made to accommodate the water and light elements equally. It must be filled occasionally with concentrated water and light elemental mana. This crystal sword can enhance the power of light and water elemental attacks but is weak to physical damage and has the high chance to break.'

Walker spoke the appraisal out loud so that the others could hear it. "I tried to condense the crystal as much as possible but It makes sense that it would still end up weak to physical attacks." The crystal mage expected this but was still a little bummed out over it.

"You both warned me of this outcome. I am impressed by the bonus to my al attack. I am not worried about refilling the elemental mana either. I need to carry some elemental crystals anyway when I go to battle or training. I will give it a test and see how much the enhanced skills do."

The dual elemental spell sword held the blad in front of her and focused on one of the intact crystal training dummies. It had some mana inside and was able to demonstrate the damage done by the light elemental attacks. She was very focused and took on a matching facial expression.

The mana on the inside of the sword started to travel up the blade and cause the sky blue color to radiate around the entire sword. The light and water elemental mana s were fully in control of the spell sword. The mana reached a breaking point and was focused on the edge of the blade. With a quick series of slashes, Walker saw the skill activate.

The blade sent the water elemental mana aching out and gathered the moisture in the air. By the time the attack hit the crystal dummy a blade of ice had been thrown and condense in to it. The blade shattered on contact with the crystal dummy but managed to sheer off a small portion of the crystal.

The next thrown blade condensed the light elemental mana in the air and hit the dummy in the same way. Another piece of the crystal dummy was cut away again and the mana stored inside the dummy was forcefully pushed out more than before. The third strike was a fused elemental slash.

The sky blue elemental color of the attack was the same as the crystal sword had. It attracted both the water and the light in the area as it was thrown towards the dummy. The strength of the attack was much higher than the previous two slashes that were thrown. The ice that gathered and condensed from the water elemental mana was shining brightly from the addition of the light elemental mana.

The thrown blade with mixed elemental manas was about to hit the dummy when a bright flash caused them all to cover their eyes. Walker used his other senses to feel the mana in the air and was amazed by the mental image he created from the way things felt. The crystal dummy had lost all the stored mana and had been cut clean through. The ice that had formed from the thrown blade had become sharper and finished off the crystal dummy.

"That was a great attack against multiple opponents. You can blind those that see it and finish off one opponent making the overall battle easier." Walker said this mostly to himself but the dual elemental spell sword already heard him.

"That is the decided goal of the attack, but normally I would need to wield both swords at the same time to make it efficient. Now I can use one then unsheath my other water elemental sword and finish off my opponents. This is very much stronger than the previous strategy." The dual elemental spell sword let a smile slip on to her face before she covered it up and placed the newly created crystal sword.

"I don't think I can accept a future making the mana storing crystals underground now. I think I have to make more swords. I may not be a crystal craftsman system user but this is the next best thing." The crystal mage had been inspired and so had many others. The mages were already rushing to the other spell swords' to speak on the next weapons they could make.

The bonds had been greatly strengthened between the mages and the spell swords just in this one instance. "I am very impressed. This is a much better result than we all expected. As the future queen of the forest elves, I deem this a day for the history books." Alma smiled widely as she announced this. Behind her, one of the mages started to record a huge amount of information about everything that had occurred.

"I feel like this isn't over yet," Walker spoke while looking at his crystal sword that had not been completed yet. He had the strong feeling that the next test would be even more ground breaking than the last.

"I would like to try out my elements in a crystal sword. I have dual elements as well but less experience in wielding them. Please let me have an earth and fire elemental crystal sword." The spell sword that stepped forward only had one blade on them and looked a lot less trained. They were thinner and had less build than the other spell swords around.

Chapter 405 - 405. Magma

"Earth and fire elemental mana in a crystal sword sounds interesting." Walker looked at the spell sword. He was much younger looking than the others and the spell sword could tell Walker knew.

"I know I normally would need to get further in my training to get a second sword. But I want to be able to add this new strategy in to my style already and learn about it properly. If I can practice at this early stage of my training I think I can become much more adept with it than the other elves." This was the thinking of many of the younger spell swords, but this one had been the first to take the initiative.

"You are already asking without my permission?" The dual elemental spell sword that had just tested her new sword and approved of it stood in front of the earth and fire affinity spell sword.

"Yes, I saw the opportunity to improve and I wish to take it." He stood his ground but was visibly worried.

"Good, then you will take this opportunity and I expect you to live up to your goal. Now stand here and watch the friend of your people work his ." The dual elemental spell sword gave the younger earth and fire spell sword a nudge. With her approval, he relaxed but also felt the pressure of what he had just said.

"Earth element will work great with the crystal sword. It already has a natural earth element in the crystal that we can't fully remove without destroying it. And the fire element bodes well with the earth. Are you by chance the little magma spell sword that recently gained their system?" The crystal mage was young himself but still about ten years older than the spell sword that stood in front of him and Walker.

"Yes, I only unlocked my system two years ago and have been blessed to earn my first sword younger than usual. I want to push to be on equal grounds with my older sister and refuse to let up." The magma spell sword was adamant in this pursuit.

The fire mage came over and stood with them, "I have wondered what the elemental spell swords' younger brother would be like. You seem to be very courageous to be the first to take this chance. I hope you can make the most of it." The fire mage smiled warmly and looked at Walker for the next step.

"Well, we have a fire mage and an earth mage to add the elements and your sword to mirror after so let's get going." Walker signaled his start and began to fine tune the design to what the magma spell sword was using.

Walker slowly started to create an empty cavity within the sword that he would be adding the elemental manas to. His vision of a smaller sword within the crystal sword was perfect just like the crystal mages'. The idea to think of it this way must be the key to producing the proper effect.

Once he had the inside prepared he called for the mages, "Add your manas please." Walker felt the fire mage and the crystal mage start to add their elements to the sword. He immediately felt the push of the elements as they filled the crystal sword.

The crystal sword was being tested and beat by the pressure from the elements inside. Walker was quick to strengthen the parts he needed and also guide the mana to the proper points. This was a much harder test than he had expected but thankfully the earth mana that was flowing in to the crystal sword was making it easier for him.

The fire elements mana was heating the sword more and more making it tough to hold but Walker was able to use his grand elemental manipulation to deal with this. Before long the two elements had begun to mix and calm down. The red, brown, and black colors rotated within the handle and hilt. It was like real lava was trapped inside.

"Stop the mana please." Walker felt the influx of the earth and fire elemental mana stop flowing. He made sure to go through the entire sword once more and repaired a few weak points and even made the manas bind with each other stronger.

"That should be it. Please give it a try." Walker felt that he had become a sweaty mess but still handed the sword over to the magma spell sword. It had taken some time, but the crystal sword had been completed. The look of joy on the spell sword's face was untouchable.

"It feels like I am holding a dual elemental man crystal. This is amazing, It is a little heavy thug." The magma spell sword could feel the weight was more than he expected.

"You are still learning to hold the swords properly. In time you will be able to wield it like nothing." The light and water elemental spell sword was quick to make this point causing Walker to breathe easy.

"Understood. I do not have my duel elemental attack yet, but I can demonstrate my fire attack. Do you want to appraise it first like the other sword?" The magma spell sword was very polite and waited for Walker to be done with what he might want to do.

Walker did not hesitate and used his all around appraisal skill.

' Crystal sword (earth and fire.)

+3 atk, +5 Matk

This crystal sword is made to accommodate the earth and fire elements equally. It must be filled occasionally with concentrated earth and fire elemental mana. This crystal sword can enhance the power of earth and fire elemental attacks but is weak to physical damage and has the chance to break.'

Walker again read it out loud bringing surprise to many of the spell swords, and mages' faces. He was also surprised.

Chapter 406 - 406. Tougher Crystal

"Yes! I knew the earth elemental mana would work well. The sword is stronger than the other." The crystal mage jumped up from his sitting position in joy.

"So anyone that gets an earth element in the sword will have a stronger one. It still says it's weak to physical attacks but because it is bonded with the earth elemental mana naturally in the crystal it became tougher." Walker summed this up making note of the material and the added mana working together.

The magma spell sword was looking at the crystal sword like it was an untouchable treasure. "Well, are you going to take it and use your thrown blade skill to throw a fire slash at the dummy or what?" The fire mage nudged the magma spell sword while laughing slightly.

The other spell swords also laughed a little at the amazed look on the younger magma spell swords' face. The teasing was enough to push him to reach out his hand and take the crystal sword. The mana inside reacted to his influence and it traveled up the blade.

"I might not have a fusion skill or an earth elemental thrown blade, but my fire elemental thrown blade should be powerful." The magma spell sword raised the crystal sword and the blade grew red.

Those watching could feel the heat build as the mana circulated. Many stepped back for safety when they felt this. Most had seen the damage fire could do if it went out of control and instinctually retreated. When the blade gained heat to its peak the magma spell sword slashed downwards.

The thrown blade of fire elemental mana caused a red flame to burst out in a slight crescent shape. This was not as powerful as the water and light elemental spell swords' attack but when it hit the crystal dummy it was still able to cause some of the crystal to sheer off. The residual fire caused a small burst effect making the dummy take additional fire damage.

"That should be a lot like the light elemental attack. It can harm or affect the other targets around the one hit with the skill." Walker thought this was also good to know since it could be used to distract other opponents while going in for a finishing blow.

"It feels like I have used this sword my whole life. I can't believe how natural it feels in my hands." The magma spell sword was practicing his stance and slashed a few more times. The other spell swords looked on in envy.

"I would say it is a success. The real question I have is what would happen if we added more elements?" Walker was already thinking of the next challenge.

"You want to add three elements?" The crystal mage was afraid that this would come up. "That would be very dangerous to make. We would need three mages to keep things balanced as we lock things in place. The most likely result is an explosion and injury."

"I was actually wondering if we could make one with all the elements in balance." Alma who had been standing idly and watching finally came forward to speak once she heard Walker starting to theorize.

"I would very much like to see that. We do have our elemental spell sword in the city resting after a minor injury. I believe she would be honored to test such a sword." Alma was looking at all the mages who appeared worried about this idea.

"You mean my sister could get one with every element in it so she wouldn't need to constantly switch swords in battle?" The magma spell sword was beside himself with the idea.

The crystal mage held his head in his hands realizing that he had no control over where this conversation was going. "If we even want to try this I need the higher quality crystals we make the beast chains from. If I don't have those there won't be any point."

"Beast chains?" Walker had never heard of such an item and was very curious.

"They are an item made by crystal mages and crystal craftsman. They have the ability to absorb the mana produced by powerful monsters we wish to capture and tame. They are similar to the chain that the prisoners wear. But are made from a crystal we mine at the roots of our great tree." Alma looked to the ground thinking of the depth of her city.

"So they can directly absorb strong mana. So in theory they would be tough enough to withstand the pressure of every elemental mana being forced to balance inside of it. Will we be able to shape it?" Walker worried that it would be too string to shape properly.

"Shaping isn't the problem. Getting permission to use it for an experiment is. We are only able to harvest a certain amount every year. T grows at a very slow rate and we need to wait for it to reach a certain size before we take it from the earth around the tree roots." With the crystal mage confirming that it could be used to craft all Walker was left with was the ability to get some from their experiments.

"Alma, do you think you can work your to get us some?" Walker tried to smile as sweetly as possible to get her to agree. The only problem was that Alma was wearing a perfect poker face.

"If I do this I would like you to make me something too. I want some crystal arrows with hollow insides." Walker almost asked what for but he had a sneaking suspicion that Alma wasn't thinking of using them herself.

"Then it's a deal. I will work on some hollow crystal arrows while you get us the proper crystals." Walker immediately got to work while Alma beckoned for one of the nearby enforcers.

Chapter 407 - 407. Bonding Over Lunch

The enforcer left in a hurry while Walker pulled out some of the longer chunks of crystal from the day before. He looked at them and motioned for the crystal mage to help. "Are you sure you want my help?" He was unsure about the process of making arrows. He had not made them before since the crystal craftsmen would usually make arrows.

"Sure, you have the crystal crafting skill. Even if you aren't used to it just think about it as training. You are a crystal mage and can shape crystals, the crystal crafting skill is just a refining method." Walker tried to support him the best he could while also taking out one of the empty wither spike arrows.

"We are going to copy that?" The crystal mage saw how thing the arrow shaft was and worried that it would break the second mana was added.

"Yes, but only make the inside of the arrow head hollow. The rest needs to be solid and stable. I know once mana is added and the arrow is used that the arrow will break so the best we can do is make sure it's perfect to fly straight and hit its' target." Walker was not going to make an inferior product.

The crystal mage reached out and used his crystal shaping skill. The arrow shaft and the fins slowly pulled out of the crystal and condensed in to a very solid shape. "If we don't need to chip away at the entire thing then it saves us time. The arrow head will be the only part we shouldn't force using shaping."

"Sounds good to me." Walker copied the crystal mages' actions using his high earth sculpting skill. The arrow shaft and fins rose from the chink of crystal and was left at the perfect place to chip away and cut an arrow head out.

The crystal mage pulled out the chisels and started to dig in to the chink of crystal making a triangular cut. He was getting the rough shape of the arrow head so that he would be able to hold the arrow and get the arrow head in the ideal position for shaping.

This was a much faster process than the sword and the two continued to do it until they were left with a chink of crystal too small to make a full arrow out of. They had pulled and carved fifty rough crystal arrows in a matter of two hours. The only problem was that they had depleted their mana and required a few mana potions along with some time to rest.

"Don't worry, I had some food sent here while you two worked. I think everyone taking a break and eating together will be a very pleasant change of pace." The mages had gone their separate ways and started their own experiments with elemental fusion spells. Many needed a rest from the grueling work.

The spell swords had started to training and designing swords with the insight of their respective elemental mages. This had worked to bring the two groups closer than ever and even brought some insights into how they should fight while using the specific element. Walker was glad to see this, he believed that the hard work would always pay off.

"We have some wild fruits and vegetables along with the meat from a giant boa. They come in to the forest to hunt when they don't have luck in the swamps. They aren't ally powerful or have any venom, but their bodies are tough. They can take a lot of hits before they go down, but their skin is ideal for crafting strong water proof tents and tarps." Alma gave Walker the run down of the dishes brought and he couldn't help but start to drool.

Midnight was right there with him eyeing the meat that she had never had before. When Alma saw this she giggled and had an enforcer help her bring over a large plate. "I made sure to have some extra made for you. If you are still hungry there is even more. The giant boa was longer than this room by three or four times. It was a very large adult."

Walker couldn't imagine such a huge snake roaming the forest or the swamps. He thanked the stars that he had not gone to the swamps and risked meeting one. "Brother, I will be bigger than that one day," Onyx spoke up for the first time in a while and was confident he would be much bigger in time.

"Onyx, you and I both know that you might end up growing even bigger than Midnight one day." Midnight huffed in indignation at this. She was going to be bigger and she would make sure of it. Naturally, she started scarfing down the meat in front of her at an escalated pace. This just left the mages in awe.

Walker looked at Onyx who had returned to his coil and silence instead of joining them. "It is very amazing how much light elemental mana your little brother can absorb. I have felt all my spells being weakened since he is absorbing at a very high rate." The light mage mentioned this as a compliment But Walker immediately checked as well.

He could feel the same thing and noticed that almost all the light elemental mana being produces by the runes on the floor was being absorbed by him. Onyx's ravenous appetite was dwarfing Midnight's at the

moment and Walker wasn't sure if it was a good thing or a bad thing. The only thing he knew was that if something was wrong then Onyx would have already said something.

The group started to eat and relax, many of the mages started to share the new findings of their research making it sound like a large family together for a meal. Walker could feel that he was at home, it may not have been the family he was used to but the warm atmosphere was all he needed.

Chapter 408 - 408. Leech Crystal

Midnight had skillfully finished off the entire portion of giant boa meat she was given and even managed to steal a skewer from Walker. She rushed off with her prize and made it disappear before returning to her napping. Walker was left in slight frustration but couldn't help it, he loved her too much to be angry with her.

The mages were eager to take the insights they had gotten from the break and start to apply them to their own experiments. Many of the spell swords had grasped new ideas when it came to crystal swords for them to use which was a huge motivator for them.

The dual elemental spell sword had show off the attacks and new style of fighting that she could use which further encouraged them. The spell swords had set up an array of different dummies that resisted certain elemental manas and were practicing fervently.

Walker looked at the pile of half finished crystal arrows and stretched his arms to get ready to start the shaping. He knew that he would need to make the arrow head sharp and balanced so he planned on using the same technique as he did with the blade. Since the crystal mage was new to this it would be more challenging since he was learning with him.

On the up side, Walker knew that the arrow only needed a smaller empty space in the arrow head instead of a larger complicated shape. It would need some minor reinforcing bit not in the same manner as the weapon and mouldable crystal ball. Mostly because of the fact that Gil would be adding mana using his own skills which would be more gentle to the arrow than bonding and trapping elemental inside.

They two took an arrow in their hands and started to softly chip away at the arrow heads. Walker saw that the crystal mage was using the smaller chisels to make the arrow head perfectly balanced. Walker followed suit and also used the smaller chisels finding that they were easier to manipulate the smaller piece of crystal with.

The small slivers of crystal that fell down were easily made to condense in to a pile by a nearby earth mage that was watching the crystal mage work. It was the same one from the previous day making Walker believe that he was a mentor of some kind.

The arrow heads that took shape were rough at first since they needed more time and care than the entire large blade of the sword. This was a lot of small detail work that paid off in the end. The crystal mage was working faster due to his comfortable experience working with the crystals already.

Walker looked as the crystal mage strengthened the edges of the arrow head making them smooth and viciously sharp. He was impressed by the skill even though it was the crystal mages' first time making an arrow with the crystal crafting skill.

The first arrow that was manipulated to have an open space like the weapons had worked out nearly perfect. The crystal mage only took a few minutes to create it and showed Walker the ease it could be done. Walker and he spoke for a moment before Walker was able to catch up and create the space within the arrow head as well. The two were happy with their success and quickly moved on to the other arrows.

In the course of another two and a half hours, they had become more efficient and completed a total of forty five of the arrows. Unfortunately, they had lost five arrows to imperfections or cracks. This was a very good margin for their first attempts and Walker couldn't help but be proud.

"They look great. I know they don't have mana but I think they will work very well for what I want them to be used as." Alma had just finished speaking with an enforcer and had the crystal that was being held for them brought over. With the help of others, she had the crystal arrows carted off while Walker and the crystal mage looked at the crystal before them.

"This is the crystal that the beast chains are made from. It is commonly known as a leech crystal since it absorbs the mana around it like crazy. This makes it very tough and great for items that need mana imbued within." Alma gave Walker an educational explanation so that he could better understand the value and what they were working with.

"So why doesn't this become some form of elemental mana crystal?" Walker knew that a similar thing would happen with the elemental mana crystals and couldn't see what stopped it from happening with this crystal.

"That is simple, the way the crystal is shaped down to the smallest facets stops it from permanently bonding with any one element. It is technically a defective elemental mana crystal. But it works perfectly for other items so it is an insult to say it is defective." The crystal mage was nearly vibrating with excitement now that the large leech crystal was in front of him.

"So I can already imagine the shape of a sword, but do we have a more specific shape to replicate?" Walker knew this leech crystal was available and rare due to the slow growth of their variation. He didn't want to make a mistake in crafting the sword along with the crystal mage.

"I thought you would ask that. I had one of the elemental spell swords used by the commander of the spell swords brought over. She wasn't happy to part with it, but she can't say no to me." Alma said this with a sing song voice that made Walker flinch. He felt that Alma wasn't afraid in the least to throw around her power as the future queen.

"Then we are all set. We can copy the sword brought to us and make it perfect." The crystal mage watched as the high quality elemental sword was placed down next to them. All the two could feel was the flowing air elemental mana from the air elemental runes carved in to it. The quality that they had to compete with was very high.

Chapter 409 - 409. Sword Carving

The sword that had been brought to them had a strong amount of air elemental mana around it, but that wasn't the important part. The important part was that the blade was slightly thinner than the other spell swords weapons thus far. This would mean they needed to be more delicate in their chiseling and especially when they made the hollow spot inside.

"Here is my plan." Walker got the attention of the slightly panicked crystal mage, "We both work on the shaping from the crystal here. Once we get to the fine details I will trust you to smooth it out and improve it. I will prepare the elemental mana and when we are both ready to make the hollow inside we will proceed together."

The crystal mage nodded his head while he listened intently, "We will get the mages around to provide the condensed elemental mana but I will fully focus on balancing it with my grand elemental manipulation skill. I can't see any other way to make it work exactly the way we want it to."

The elemental mages around heard Walker's plan and were eager to assist. If all they needed to do was focus on adding the mana they could make sure they sent even purer elemental mana to make a better quality crystal sword.

The spell swords had been completely distracted and came to watch the two work yet again. There was a lot of pressure on this one since it was infinitely harder to make but also for someone expecting a high quality. Mentioning the standing of the elf inquisition would just push them over the edge. Instead of focusing on the pressure the two started to chip away at the crystal.

Walker felt that the leech crystal was pulling some of his mana while he was in contact making him slow down. This simple fact would make both of them work slower and more precisely but also need breaks to drink mana potions.

Luckily, Alma saw this and was standing by to use her skill when necessary. However, she wanted to use the skill when they were adding mana to the crystal sword so that the process had a high chance of success.

"Watch out for that dent there." Walker was working when the crystal mage warned him of a slight blemish. If Walker hadn't seen it and chipped in to it the entire crystal could have cracked. The crystal mage expertly saw this and moved to smooth out the issue. Walker couldn't help but be impressed all over again.

The shape of the sword gradually appeared while the pile of leech crystal slivers grew. The shape of the sword came out more rough than before but Walker attributed this to the tougher crystal overall. They two had drained a significant amount of mana at this points and Walker was happy to have a moment to refresh before the crystal mage would finish off the finer details.

While he drank a mana potion he gathered the elements mages who all had their own elemental mana crystals to use when they channeled the elemental man in to the sword. "Remember that there is already existing mana within the leech crystal. It could disrupt your goals." The earth elemental mage wasn't just thinking about the earth elemental mana that would naturally be in the crystal but also the personal mana absorbed from them as they worked.

Walker was glad to be told this and made sure it was at the front of his mind while he explained his part in the plan. He wanted to make sure that the manas were not being pushed in to the crystal sword at improper rates. He knew that the opposing elements might try and force the others out and cause an explosion of crystal shards and elemental mana.

His goal was to get the elements in a rotation like the mouldable crystal ball and stay in balance. If he managed this then the elements wouldn't be at risk of breaking the hard crafted sword. There was also the benefit that the elemental s[pell sword should have a better ability to refill the mana as they used their attacks.

"That should be the last detail. Let me get my mana up before we make the hollow portion." The crystal mage was efficient as ever and had made the blade straight and sharp. The hilt and handle were nearly exact replicas of the wind elemental sword that had been brought to them.

The darker color of the crystal was still prevalent, but Walker could already see the clarity in the thinner blade. This made him worry about the strength of the structure but also wonder if the earth elemental mana would help make it tougher or not. It would be faced with its' opposing elemental mana and might not have the same effect.

Alma stationed herself behind Walker while the elemental mages each reached out a hand to the crystal sword. This was by far the most involved the mages had been with each other in an experiment in years. This was another amazing occurrence topping the previous ones. Not a single elf in the area would believe the things that had happened if the hero himself hadn't been involved.

The crystal mage finished off their mana potion and placed their hands on the crystal sword as well. The mana flowed out of him and started to change the inside of the crystal sword. The hollow portion slowly formed and made the blade look fragile like thin ice over a pond. Everyone breathed slowly and carefully as they were afraid it could break at any moment.

"Start adding the elemental mana now." The crystal mage gave the call to begin and all of the mages and Walker began their skills. The focus rose to the extreme leaving no room for distraction.

Chapter 410 - 410. Perfect

The entire training area had gone silent. It was as if sound had been lost from the world while they all worked. Walker was completely immersed in the way the mana inside the crystal sword was flowing. He would not let it rest for even a second while the mana was added. If he did he could lose the hard work and injure the others.

The mana was easy to control and guide at first. But the denser it became the more pressure started to rise. He knew that this was inevitable but pushed on. Alma was soon transferring natural mana to him since she sensed that it was the right time to use the skill to keep Walker making progress.

With the natural mana from Alma flowing in to him Walker added more mana to his grand elemental manipulation. The mana in the crystal sword was beaten in to his control. It started to flow in a vortex within the crystal sword.

The balance between the elements was being maintained as the pressure was rising higher and higher. Walker could feel the tension from the mages around him along with the crystal mage who was struggling to fully lock in the mana.

Seeing that the pressure was building again Walker added more of his mana to force the process to be smoother. The crystal mage started to use his crystal shaping skill and close off the small cracks attempting to form.

"No more mana, stop!" The shout from the crystal mage was instantly followed as a life or death order. The mages stopped adding elemental mana and retreated with worried looks.

Walker, Alma, and the crystal mage still worked on the crystal sword. The elemental mana wasn't yet balanced and the final touches on the core were not condensed.

The elements appeared to be in their solid forms within the crystal sword while they chased each other. The three weren't sure if it was a trick of the eyes or a al occurrence. But as soon as their balance locked in place there was a mystical feeling.

All three immediately put the sword down and fell back gasping for air. Their mana dangerously low and the sword still thrumming with elemental mana. The mages feared that it was too early to approach but the slow calm waves of elemental mana that started to elongate from the crystal sword gave them the courage.

The change in the crystal sword made Walker, Alma, and the crystal mage shoot up from the collapsed position. Even Midnight had been drawn from her nap to stand behind them to look at the finished product.

The colors of the different elemental mana didn't fluctuate in just the center of the hilt and handle, it had spread through the entire blade. It was similar to a rainbow but with the harsh strength of the elemental mana. Brilliant red and soft blues chased each other as the water and fire elemental mana

balanced each other. The other elements moved to bind or balance the two as well before another set would start the same game of tag.

The leech crystal itself had lost its darker color and become a pristine clear crystal. The thin blade no longer gave them the feeling that it was weak and delicate. There were not many intricate details or designs, but that only enhanced the shaping and appearance of the hilt and handle.

There were many eager looks directed at Walker, with a slow realization he noticed what they were waiting for. "Sorry, let me use my all around appraisal skill,"

'Perfect crystal sword (earth, air, water, fire, light, darkness.)

+5 atk, +8 Matk, +4 mana

Due to the intense determination of multiple high and master class mages, along with the user of the hero title a perfect weapon was crafted. The crystal sword has been perfectly balanced with the natural elements. This had given rise to the ability to enhance the wielders' mana and al attack. The perfect balance of the elemental manas has given the crystal a strength that far surpasses the strength of a normal crystal sword. It is rare for it to chip or break. The perfect crystal sword is made of leech crystal and will constantly absorb the natural mana in the world around it to replenish its' reserves.'

Everyone who heard this took in a sharp breath. Hearing that they had all created a perfect item as like saying it rained gold, it was spoken of as if it were a myth. The insane rarity of the sword and the fact that they had all created it together was pulling at their hearts. Not a single one of them could find a word to say.

After some time staring at the sword in front of them the silence was broken by the vines door being made to open. There was a taller athletic elf that strolled in taking everyone's attention. "Elder sister! I thought you were assisting the other hero in her skill creation?" The magma mage immediately identified the woman as his elder sister. This was the elemental spell sword in charge of the spell swords of the kingdom.

"I was, but I received a quest to come here and begin training to master a perfect weapon. The reward is the unlocking of my mastery skill." The room was again pushed in to silence. There were too many shocking things happening for any of them to keep up with.

"Welcome to our research Miranda, please meet the leader and true hero title holder; Walker." Alma didn't miss a beat and introduced Walker who had managed to stand himself up.

"Sorry about my appearance. We just completed this perfect crystal sword and it took a lot of mana. But I've got to say, it is very beautiful." Walker knew the spell sword was already entranced by the sword. Her eyes grew wide as she gazed at the fluctuating mana within.