

Master 421

Chapter 421 - 421. First Floor Crafting

"My father is a guard in my kingdom and to be honest he has never told me much about what our prisons are like. I think we could use a similar system as yours if the queen allows it." Walker could only see this as a benefit for their kingdom. He also thought it would be wise to promote more human prisons in the world. It was his duty as a hero as well.

"I know that there are trials in front of those who were appointed by the king to learn and debate the laws. The judges are required to live in the lower tier but hold noble rank. It was done that way so they can fairly judge every crime from the view of a normal man." Su knew this well since her father had been friends with a judge.

"I knew that part, but I never think about what happens after a trial. I guess not many people do in our kingdom." Walker was a little dejected but not completely appalled by this, it was something that could change.

"You wouldn't believe how many elves try to avoid talking about prisons and laws here. It is like a taboo sometimes. I think all the worlds' races are like that." Bree saw that this wasn't a negative conversation and chimed in.

Even the spirits seemed to want a part in it and were sending out their little waves of mana. "I'm sorry, I can't understand any of you. But I will choose to believe that you want the best for people too." The spirits looked at him and moved about with joy. They wanted his attention most of all.

"They feel a connection with you since you have that skill to control all the elements. To them, it feels like your soul is closer to that of a spirits." Walker was very interested to hear this from Bree.

"Does that mean he can form bonds with spirits too?" Su was worried that Walker was going to end up having to form binds with spirits and use the skill that Bree had used when they first met. If Walker looked transparent like Bree had for any amount of time it was sure to cause everyone in the party to worry.

"From what I have heard from the rumors and my little spirits he can learn just about anything. I wouldn't be surprised. But it is not as easy as you may think. Even a spirit and spirit mage that want to

bond could not be able to if it is not the right time. It is related to the will of nature itself. Sometimes there needs to be a time and place."

"So if leader and the full water spirit end up wanting to form a bond and he has the skills it could still not happen. You must have been very lucky to form all of the bonds you have." Su thought this last part out loud making the spirits start to send out more and more little mana pulses.

"Yes yes, I know. Each bond was a lucky and special occasion. We should celebrate again sometime soon." Bree was being bombarded by the spirits to relax and play at some points.

"Wow." Walker had just reached a large floor full of hustling elves.

"Welcome to the main floor for the crystal craftsman of the forest elf city. My supplier is stationed here and even has a small residence. Many of the crystal craftsmen will come up to the surface once or twice a month. Part of their system makes them feel more at home when they are closer to there the crystals grow." Bree was letting Walker and Su take in the sights.

The floor was well lit and much bigger than either of them had expected. There were many doors carved in to the wall. Some had signs saying they were shops while others had residential markers. The high elemental light crystals in the ceiling let off a vibrant glow almost replicating the sun.

"Are those high elemental light crystals crafted so that they look like that instead of white light?" Walker thought he already knew the answer but assumed he could glean more information.

"Yes, they are specially made for every floor. They are set up with a special rune formation that allows them to have higher and lower mana influx. They will set at night and rise in the day so to speak." Bree was enjoying showing off to someone. She rarely had the chance.

"That is very amazing, I could never imagine someone crafting an artificial sun like that." Su was in awe. "Oh, and it looks like there are work areas over there as well."

"These are the general work areas. Many of the younger craftsmen use them before they are established. Once they find a master they will work at a specific shop or they will open their own. This is where they show off their talents." Bree walked them over and pointed out the array of tools available.

"So, you offer all these tools and resources for someone to grow and learn for free?" Walker had a hard time understanding this since it was most likely a huge draw on the elves' financial state.

"Of course we do/. If the crystals are broken or ruined they can be made in to other things. We would never waste a single thing. It is rude to throw away something that nature had provided us." Bree reprimanded him a little, but it was just a small lesson and meant no cruelty.

"Look, leader. That one is making a sword like the spell swords have." Su pointed out a younger elf that was struggling to carve runes on to a sword that had a fine crystal blade grafted ion to a solid metal body.

Chapter 422 - 422. Project

Walker and Su moved closer to see what he was doing. Next to the elf was a pile of broken crystals that looked like they had been the blades grafted on to the metal body of the sword. Walker was very interested to see the runes being carved.

The needle that was being used to carve incredibly small runes on the metal of the sword was glowing with the elf's mana. The patterns being carved on it were a mix of earth and fire runes that Walker was familiar with after seeing the fabrics and the training area.

Walker was sensing the mana starting to head toward the sword and become absorbed by the crystal grafted on to the metal body. The elf was getting more energized feeling this but Walker could see a problem forming. "You are letting it absorb the elemental mana too fast. That's why it keeps cracking like those."

The elf boy was shocked by the sudden guidance but changed the design of the rune he was carving slightly. The mana absorption slowed and the metal body began to fuse with the crystal blade better. There was a slight glow of mana before the crystal part of the blade became the same red and orange color of fire.

"Ha! It worked this time. I can't believe all I needed to do was change the absorption rate. I have failed four times. I can finally offer this to a master to be an apprentice." The elf turned to look at Walker. "Master please accept me as an apprentice."

Walker was stunned to see the elf boy offering him the sword. Bree was behind him stifling a laugh while Su hid a small smile. "I am very honored but I am not a master. I just have a very good ability to manipulate and sense the elemental mana. I may be able to craft with crystals but I just learned the skill two days ago, I am more of a novice than you."

The elf looked at him like Walker had just made him swallow a sour grape. "But how did you know that...you can sense the mana?" The elf was trying to grasp this concept when a free other elves came over. They had heard the elf get excited about success.

"You finally made the metal and crystal hybrid blade? What elements worked? Let me try it out." One of the other elves wanted to try it but The elf that had just mistaken Walker for a master held it tighter.

"I am using this to ask a master for guidance, please ask when I have made the second." the other elves heard this and gave up. They wouldn't be able to study and gain a breakthrough if they couldn't take and use the sword for inspiration.

The other elves went back to their own work areas and the elf that had finished his sword successfully turned to Walker, "Thank you for your help. I'm sorry if I assumed wrong. I just didn't expect a normal mage to be able to have such a great sense...wait, are you the hero that is visiting?"

"They have even heard about you down here. It is rare for them to have the same news since they are so focused on their crafting." Bree was openly laughing now. She found it hysterical that the elf had been assuming so much.

"S-sir hero, forgive-"

"Walker, my name is Walker and this is my party member Su. Please no more sir or miss. It is a little draining." Walker enjoyed being called sir at first, but now he thought it was stiff.

"Yes, I am Liam. With your help, I finally proved my hybrid sword ratio works. I can finally offer it to a master as proof of my skills and hopefully earn an apprenticeship." The elf was all smiles. He was almost brighter than the crystal on the ceiling.

"In that case, you should come with us. I know a stubborn old elf that had been without an apprentice for the last ninety years." Liam's eyes bulged after hearing Bree's words.

"You really know one that has gone so long? Is he a hidden master?" Liam wanted to know all the detail at that second. His adrenaline was taking over.

"He is my personal crystal craftsman and supplier. I give him a decent amount of work but he never wants to train another apprentice because he is lazy. Don't worry I will vouch for you. He had similar ideas as you when he was your age." Bree pointed at the hybrid sword in Liam's hands.

The young elf Liam smiled and gladly put his things away and readied himself to follow. "So what were you trying to gain by fusing the crystal and the metal?" Su was curious and had barely beat Walker to asking this question.

"Well, crystals are weak. They can be shattered by physical attacks and made useless in a battle. The metal swords are strong and can carry runes. So what if we had the strength of a crystal and the physical strength of a metal sword?" Liam was looking more and more serious as he spoke.

"I took the design for the usual spell sword weapon and made it so that I could fit a crystal in as the points of the blade. This way the rune will pour mana in to the crystal giving the sword the chance to use more powerful skills. Like the fire mana will be channeled in to make the flame blade skill more powerful." Liam was about to start ranting when Bree pointed to a door.

This is where we have been headed. My craftsman Bart is in there. Let's see if he is awake." Bree was about to knock on the door when she paused. She looked at Walker and Su with a mischievous smile and lifted her foot.

Chapter 423 - 423. Kicking The Door

Bree kicked out and slammed the door open letting the spirits rush in and explore.

"GoooooodMorning!!!" There was a huge amount of shuffling and a few tools fell.

"You damn spirits rushing around. I swear if you don't put leashes on them I will craft a crystal that seals them away!" The loud voice of an older man crashed in to their ears.

"I knew you were sleeping. I should have brought some cold water to help you wake up faster." Bree was going in hard on the crystal craftsman. She looked as if she would have kept going after him if Walker, Su, and Liam weren't there.

"This is my older brother Bart. He might be an old man now, but he is a pretty OK crystal craftsman." Bree elbowed him in the side to get him to look at the guests she had brought.

"I am not just an OK crystal craftsman. I am an elemental crystal craftsman. I craft specifically with elemental crystals to make weapons and enhance crystals themselves." Bart held himself tall. He was drastically different than Bree who was still youthful in appearance. He was older and had a flurry of unkempt hair.

"Sir, please accept this sword I have crafted as payment to become your apprentice." Liam didn't waste any time and offered the sword in front of him.

"Did you really come down here to throw another kid at me? I told you I don't want another apprentice. Just let me work and I will get what you need done." Bart was staunchly against having an apprentice.

"This is why you let the elders go first little one." Bree gave Liam a small bop on the head before she turned back to Bart. "What did you do to your hand this time? I noticed that the crystals aren't as good. You can't hide things from me."

Bart was frozen with his hands behind his back. Bree had called him out and he was unable to escape. "I didn't hit it with a hammer if that's what you think. It was those stupid glowing moles. They cause a small collapse in the crystal bed I was farming. And this happened." Bart showed cuts all along his fingers and bruises in his arm.

"You should have headed up to the top for a healer. I told you this over and over last time." Bre looked apologetically at Walker, "It looks like we are going right back up."

"No, we can stay here." Walker held out his hand and used his mid healing skill. The wounds started to straighten and heal in front of their eyes.

"So you can heal too, a man of many talents. I bet you have many people after your attention." Bree teased Walker while Bart gave him questioning looks.

"I'm sorry if this old crow dragged you down here. A human healer being pulled all the way here for me." Bart clicked his tongue a few times not knowing what to do.

"I didn't bring a healer all the way here. But that is a good idea since you never come up to the surface. I swear you are worse than those hermits who hide away. Now look at that sword and tell me what you think." Walker and Su were enjoying the interactions with the siblings. They had been worried about the injuries Bart had, but now it looked like they two were just catching up.

"Fine, give it here." Bart took the sword and held it to the light, He examined it for a few minutes. Tapping here and there and listening to the sound of the metal and carefully inspecting the runes.

"You changed the rune formation last minute resulting in slightly slower absorption. That keeps the crystal aspect from breaking but making it take longer to enhance a skill. The work isn't bad but next time use a higher quality crystal with less crystal shaping and more old fashioned chipping away." Bart was letting advice go without even a thought. He was no longer worried about the people in his home but instead the quality of the item he held.

"And brother dear, what would you say the item is ranked?" Bree was feeling very confident now that she had snagged Bart's attention. She knew exactly what he was like when he got hold of something he likes.

"A little lower than mid tier. I would say this is worth selling or having for any up and coming spell sword." Bart looked at Bree and realized that she had tricked him again. "Every time you come here those spirits cause problems, you pester me about going back up top, and this time you brought an apprentice." Bart shook his head.

"What's your name kid?" Bart looked like he was about to use the sword on Liam.

"Sir, thank you for your appraisal of my sword."

"You start here tomorrow. Go and let your family know or celebrate or whatever. And take this.: Bart handed him a cloth with a rune pattern. "That's my crafting rune formation. I am the only one that has it and it will identify you as my apprentice. Wear it on your arm."

"Thank you. I will look forward to working under you as your apprentice master." Liam took the cloth and tied it around his arm. "Thank you miss Bree and Walker, and Su. I hope to see you again before you leave for more heroic duties." Liam rushed off to tell his parents.

"Ohh, don't you look so smug? If he wasn't good enough I would have broken the sword in front of him and told him to start over." Bart was brutal but this was the very reason he did not have an apprentice at the moment.

"Yeah yeah, so meet my new friends. They might be able to stop here and help you with those glowing moles." Bree pointed at Walker and Su, they just looked at her with confused faces.

Chapter 424 - 424. Fortune Teller?

Walker and Su were thrown for yet another loop. Bree was volunteering them for cave-in danger to go after some moles without even asking for their consent. "These two will be able to defeat a glowing mole? The ones that eat crystals and metal ore? The one that is able to cause a cave in with a single swipe of its claws?" Bart was not believing it.

"Of course they can. They are both heroes, it's what they do. Plus I want you to get back to work and send up good quality crystals. They have a full water spirit that might need some high water crystals for when it awakens from its slumber."

Walker wondered what the full water spirit would need the high elemental water crystals for. "Isn't you confused face so cute. But you should already know why the water spirit will need it, how else do you think it will start to build a proper body and gain strength?"

"The water spirit can't gain experience like us?" Su started to grasp what Bree was saying.

"Exactly, they are different than us, they are not really a monster or a sentient race. They are beings of nature. They get stronger the more they age and absorb their specific elemental mana. If a spirit is forced they can rise very fast but that is a whole other story." Bree brushed off the rushing part not wanting to talk about it.

"So, I need the high elemental water crystals so that the water spirit won't become sick so to say when it wakes up?" Walker wanted to be sure.

"Yes, and the quality of crystals we need is in the little crystal farm Bart manages. If there is a glowing mole there eating them all then we will lose it. We will also have a much more dangerous mole on the hunt for a new place to eat if it leaves there."

"I refuse to believe that these kids could show up and beat something that we all struggle with. You show up talking nonsense whenever you are bored." Brutus was still acting stubborn over the matter. It was part of his pride, he couldn't stop the monster and it had even injured him, how could he admit that a child could do something he could not?

"Can you two tell us what a glowing mole is and can do first? I want to actually see what chance we stand." Walker became a little annoyed at hearing that he was doubted again.

"A glowing mole is just that. A mole that glows due to the mana crystals it eats. The hair on its' body lets off the excess mana in to the air. It is about the size of a normal bear and uses super tough claws to dig around looking for food. It is very territorial when it finds crystals to eat or metal ores to eat. Naturally it also can influence the earth with the mana it consumes and cause small earthquakes if it is so inclined."

Walker and Su weren't sure this was something they should deal with or not. On one hand it was a monster causing trouble. On the other hand it could cause an earthquake and cave in a tunnel on them. That would be the worst case.

'Heroic quest- liberate the high crystal mine

The high crystal mine unkempt by Bart is under siege by a large glowing mole.

Requirement:

Defeat the large glowing mole

Reward:

2 heroic quest points

8 high water elemental crystals'

"I will even promise you the first eight water elemental crystals I get, wait, the first eight high water elemental crystals." Bree wanted her supply back very badly and was willing to pay the price she deemed worth it. Walker and Su however, had already seen this since the system had issued the quest as soon and Bree had thought of it.

"I guess we have no choice." Su and Walker looked at each other with a slightly exasperated look. "We will help you get rid of the glowing mole tomorrow after we recover from the full moon tonight." Bart appeared to be a little skeptical still but wasn't going to argue.

"Perfect, then we have finished our main goal coming down here. Bart will resume work with his new apprentice and we will come down tomorrow." Bree was happy as all else.

The water elemental spirit had been focusing on Walker for a while now, especially at the mention of the water elemental mana crystals. It wanted to keep whispering to the dormant full water spirit as well, but it was afraid Bart might chase it away. Now that Bree had motioned for them all to leave it quickly rushed toward Walker and started up its' games again.

Bree paid no mind to what the spirits or Walker and Su were doing. She left out the front door humming in joy. Her problem was going to be fixed and she could resume her business the way she liked it. "Do you have the feeling that she planned all of this?" Walker looked at Su who shared the same thoughts.

"I think she is actually a seer and just lied to use about the spirit mage part." Su had the wild idea that Bree was some form of a fortune teller.

"Or I am much older than you kids and know how to get people to do what I want. Don't worry though, I didn't set you up for failure. The glowing moles are much easier to deal with than you believe. They have some dangerous skills, but a massive weakness. They are blind as a bat and can only navigate by smell, so all you need to do is attack their nose and you have an easy target." Bree shared this with them making the two think that they did indeed have an easier time ahead of them.

Chapter 425 - 425. Spirit Chatter

The entire trip back to the crystal shop Bree would randomly interject with a fact or story about Bart and her working on crystals together. "The last time I needed to come down here I found out that he had slammed his hand with his hammer. He was too embarrassed to go to the surface for a healer so he just closed the shop door and pretended he was taking a vacation."

"Hey Bree? Can I ask why you wanted us to help with the mole?" Su thought that she better ask sooner than later since they were fairly alone while climbing the steps back to the top.

"Well, you two are guests and heroes. I would much rather ask you two than put another request for the enforcers who are already spread thin. I also know that the spirits like you, and to me, that means more than you know." Su was able to easily accept this response. It made sense and there was no reason to doubt it.

Bree may have gone about getting their help in a strange way but it was just another lesson for Walker and Su at the end of the day. "Speaking of spirits, this water spirit has been trying to talk to the full water spirit and me for a long time now. Can you translate?" Walker's curiosity had finally reached its peak. He couldn't wait anymore and needed to know what the little pulses of mana were saying.

"Didn't I hear that you could learn any skills? You should just learn to speak to spirits too." Bree said it like it was an easy thing to do. Walker knew that he could learn skills through attempts, but where would he start with translating mana pulses in to words?

"Can you give me a place to start? I don't know what the mana the water spirit gives off means. If I could have a good point to focus on I might be able to slowly make progress." Walker was almost ready to just tell her that it didn't work that way, but to be honest he didn't understand the rhyme or reason behind the system either. He had gained skills from small things without trying but also gained skills through hard work and guidance.

"You've already sensed mana in front of me. Do the same thing and ask some questions. Just keep practicing as we walk. You will start catching on, it's how I had to learn." Bree was brutal. Walker was hoping for tricks or some secret ways to understand, but instead got told just to figure it out himself.

Su gave him a knowing look and focused her attention on the dark elemental spirit that was moving around her. It looked to be playing a little tag game by touching her armor then rushing to get to

another side of her body before she poked it. Every time Su managed to poke it before it got across her armor a few little mana pulses bounced out. Walker was sure this was laughter.

Seeing that Su was doing just fine without even having a skill Walker had a better feeling. With his confidence rising he looked at the elemental water spirit that had been following Bree's words. It was giving Walker some curious looks while the water that made up its little body flowed around.

"Hello there. Are you enjoying the adventure so far?" Walker wasn't sure what to ask but was greeted with a few small pulses of mana. The spirit appeared to be happy to finally be getting more attention.

While the water elemental spirit twirled through the air it had started to draw the attention of the other spirits who have been chasing each other or looking at parts of the wall. The light elemental spirit had been looking at every single crystal on the wall that was lighting the stairs. Walker could only guess it was inspecting the elemental mana within.

The fire and the wind elemental wind spirit used their own pulses of mana to speak to the water elemental spirit. The three were soon sending mana pulses after mana pulse at Walker. He was feeling a little overwhelmed by the sudden bombardment since he was doing his best to also understand and sense the mana they were giving off,

The only strange thing to him after some minutes of this was that the earth elemental spirit was nowhere to be seen. "Bree, don't you have an earth elemental spirit too?" Walker was curious since he wanted to try and speak to all of them if possible.

"Yes, it is wandering around the walls right now. I'm surprised it hasn't played any tricks on us yet. It's mischievous and likes to turn little spots of the steps in to sand." Bree thought this to be a hysterical quirk of the earth elemental spirit. She even encouraged it often.

Su and Walker both looked at the steps carefully and made sure that they wouldn't fall prey to the earth elemental spirits tricks. Luckily Walker realized that he could sense its' presence and that it was staying on the ceiling and sending little bits of dust down to fall on Bree's shoulders for fun. Bree was ignoring it since she knew that was the only way it wouldn't try anything else.

Walker suddenly felt a little cold on his neck and turned to find the water spirit rushing away. When he touched his neck he found his hair had a little frost on it. "So I should have been wary of you and not the

earth spirit. You are a sneaky little thing." Walker used a little bit of his grand elemental manipulation to send a small breeze of frost at the spirit.

The wind and the water spirit touched their elemental bodies together and send an equal breeze of frosty wind. They both looked to be giggling as they sent out to a chorus of mana pulses.

Chapter 426 - 426. Bombarded

"You two think you can team up huh?" Walker wanted to use a little more of his elemental manipulation but quickly caught himself. "When we get off the stairs I will really get you two with a good swat." His teasing made the elemental spirits more active. The earth elemental and light elemental spirits even came over to chatter now too.

"You are getting them so riled up. I hope you can tire them out before you leave. If not I will have to add to the job I'm asking you to do." Bree was only teasing as well, but Walker made sure to nod anyways.

Su was still playing the little tag game with the darkness elemental spirit but had also begun to watch Walker interact with the other elemental spirits. She thought it was interesting that they were all equally interested in him.

The light elemental spirit was the least communicative of the group mostly because it always maintained a higher height. It liked being up above the others and this made it feel out of reach, but Walker was still making a point to look at it and give it attention. This made Su happy to have such a caring friend.

"I feel like all of you are just trying to mess with me now." Walker tried to catch the fire elemental spirit that had just send a small spark to the front of his face. Waker of course wasn't affected at all by this and easily reacted, the only problem was that the fire spirit was too nimble in the air and was already far away from him sending out many little pulses of mana.

These little pulses of mana that were giggling from the spirits made Walker more motivated to get a little revenge. He knew they were just playing and he would be sure to go all out when they reached the top of the steps.

The games and teasing went on and on and eventually, the darkness elemental spirit had started to play with Walker as well. When they reached the surface the light elemental spirit descended slightly and

was pulling at Walker's hair. "Glad to be back out in the sun?" Walker wasn't sure what the spirit wanted but he had a sneaking feeling that the stronger pulses of mana were important.

"Really? You are asking him that?" Bree looked surprised and Walker just became more curious. "You should really start to listen better. They are saying some uncharacteristic things." Bree smiled a little more and Walker got more frustrated that he could only make out when the spirits were giggling.

"Leader, what is it like? Are you feeling a stronger connection when they try to speak to you?" Su was worried Walker was having a harder time with this than he was letting on.

"I can tell when they laugh. But when there is more mana in their speech i am left clueless still. I can feel the mana that they use and it is all the different elements. It is really frustrating since this little light spirit wants me to do something and I can't..."

The light spirit sent some slower and more controlled mana pulses at Walker. Bree stopped in her tracks and nearly dropped her jaw to the floor. "You are singing the alphabet? I haven't heard you sing in years." Bree was looking at the light elemental spirit that paid her no attention at all when she said this.

The other spirits moved to do the same thing and soon Walker was feeling the multiple pulses of elemental mana from each spirit. Walker was sensing every single pulse of mana and felt that he was being overwhelmed. The number of different meanings they could have was more than his mind could keep up with, however, he could feel that his own mana was resonating with them.

Feeling that his mana was being forced to keep up above his means Walker stood completely still and used his entire focus on the sensing of the mana around him. He slowly sat down in the middle of the road they were walking causing Su to become much more worried.

"Just leave him for a few minutes. They decided to help him, I was waiting for them all to take a real interest." Su realized that the reason Bree hadn't been helping Walker wasn't due to any reason other than the fact that she was not the best person for the job. The elemental spirits themselves were the best ones to help him get the skill he wanted.

The elemental spirits came to a stop and didn't release a single pulse of mana. There was only silence in the mana around Walker. The clarity that he felt in this moment flowed through him as he relaxed. He felt enlightened by the constant bombardment of their speech.

Bree was looking at him with a light in her eyes. She knew exactly what Walker was feeling since she had been through very similar occurrences when she bonded with each individual spirit. The process was not as intense but Walker was being spoken to by every elemental spirit she had with her at the same time. She could only imagine that it was many times more complicated.

Su looked at Walker and Bree. The calm expression Walker had told her that he was passed the toughest part in theory. While the excited look Bree had made her wonder if something major was about to happen. The suspense of the silence was more than she could handle. The outside world had faded away from the three of them even though they were on a busy road toward the market and under ground.

"Can he hear us?"

"Tell him to play more"

"I want to meet the archer they have"

"That girl is nice, she knows how to play tag."

"Tag? We can play more tag."

Chapter 427 - 427. Speech

' The user has been influenced by the fire elemental spirit speech. The skill fire elemental spirit speech has been taken from the spirit mage system. The user has automatically learned the skill fire spirit speech.

' The user has been influenced by the light elemental spirit speech. The skill light elemental spirit speech has been taken from the spirit mage system. The user has automatically learned the skill light spirit speech.

' The user has been influenced by the water elemental spirit speech. The skill water elemental spirit speech has been taken from the spirit mage system. The user has automatically learned the skill water spirit speech.

' The user has been influenced by the earth elemental spirit speech. The skill earth elemental spirit speech has been taken from the spirit mage system. The user has automatically learned the skill earth spirit speech.

' The user has been influenced by the dark elemental spirit speech. The skill dark elemental spirit speech has been taken from the spirit mage system. The user has automatically learned the skill dark spirit speech.

' The user has been influenced by the wind elemental spirit speech. The skill wind elemental spirit speech has been taken from the spirit mage system. The user has automatically learned the skill wind spirit speech.

'The user has met the requirements to learn a high class fusion skill. The previous skills will be fused to create the high skill absolute spirit speech. The user has automatically learned the high class skill absolute spirit speech.

Absolute spirit speech- passive

The user has learned the spirit speech of each elemental spirit. This skill is the combination of every form of spirit speech. No matter the elemental affinity of the spirit the user can completely understand their emotions and words. The spirit no matter the elemental affinity can understand the users' emotions and words. This skill is the highest spirit speech skill gained by a spirit mage.'

Waker couldn't keep up with the system notifications. All he saw was the flurry of words and the words spirit speech over and over. When he finally was able to read the final notification his face bloomed in to a smile. "I can finally understand spirits that haven't become great spirits yet."

"You can hear?"

Walker jerked his head to the side looking for where the voice came from and only found the light spirit above him.

"Come play!"

The fire spirit was repeatedly shouting this with its mana.

"Show us frosty winds again!"

The wind spirit was chattering about the grand elemental manipulation Walker had used to make the first infused breeze to get at the spirits earlier.

"Let me sit on your head!"

Water elemental spirit wanted to get up to the tall height that the light spirit was and sit on top of Walker's head. It looked like it was trying to play with the light spirit but acted slightly shy. Walker found this slightly cute since it was many years old and had known the light spirit for many of those years

"Do you want to explore?"

The earth spirit was pushing him to explore the depths of the under ground with it. Walker could only imagine this was because of the caves they had just come from.

"can you use more light ? Can you show me?"

The light spirit chimed in with an even and calm tone. It wanted to see the skills Walker could use since it knew he had light elemental skills. He wouldn't be able to hide any of his affinities from spirits even if he tried. They were too close too the mana they were made of.

Walker was immediately bombarded by the spirits who all wanted the attention. He did notice that the light elemental spirit was the quietest but it was the one that had been the most focused on Walker the last few minutes. The water elemental spirit was the one that wanted to play the most and was insistent on tag.

The spirits were much more child like than Walker had expected them to be. Their voices translated using the skills were small and soft. Now to mention their actions as well. Adding it all to the fairy like appearance and there were just mana based children fluttering about the air and ground.

"That must have been fun." Bree was watching the spirits try and get Walker to play. The only one that wasn't moving around in excitement was the light elemental spirit that was firmly holding a piece of Walkers' hair.

"Sorry for stopping so suddenly. I had a little trouble grasping everything. But thanks to all of you I can use the absolute spirit speech skill."

"You learned the absolute spirit speech skill? You actually learned every single spirit speech skill at once? I needed to understand them all over time until I got to the last element. It took twenty years to fuse all of them in to the one skill." Bree started to question why she put in so much effort.

"His system is just like that, you get used to it. Leader, can you tell me what this little one was saying?" Su motioned toward the dark elemental spirit that she had been playing tag with. She had long gotten used to Walker's absurdity and wasn't even able to take excitement from other peoples' reactions to it.

"The tall lady is fun to play with. I can feel her affinity. She should come more." The dark elemental spirit rushed to Su and poked her arm then tried to get to her other arm before Su poked it. Su just smiled and started playing tag with it again while Walker stood up. Su had gained the slight darkness affinity by being around Midnight so much along with the fact that she had upgraded to the draconic guardian system. The dark spirit could sense this easily.

"To answer your question, I do know light elemental but not too much. Nothing as impressive as I am sure you have seen." Walker wanted to be humble since he felt that was the best way to get along with the light elemental spirit. "I did learn an interesting fusion skill with darkness elemental mana though, would you be interested in that?"

Naturally, the spirits would have been interested to see any skill since they just wanted to play, but Walker had the idea that they would be more interested in the fusion skill since the elves had also been very excited for it. He also knew that this was a way to get the spirits to be more invested together. It kept the others from getting bored waiting for him to show them something with their specific element.

Chapter 428 - 428. Su's Story

The light and dark elemental spirits both moved to float in front of his face. "Yes, show us" They were both visibly excited to see any skill they could.

"Now you're spoiling them. They hound every mage they meet to see their skills." Bree was shaking her head while she started off walking again.

Walker pulled out the moldable crystal ball and started to change its shape in to a spear. The elves around gave him weird looks since he was practicing such skills while walking. But the looks were more out of curiosity than out of annoyance, it was very common for mages to practice and wander the city. The only time it was a problem was when they caused damage.

"I'm sure you two can sense the mana inside this. Now watch what I can do with my skill." Walker smiled as he started to manipulate the mana on the inside of the crystal spear.

The blade of night and day skill activated without trouble and the darkness and light elemental manas formed the black spear with a light elemental spear head. The fusion was perfectly in balance and held a significant amount of pressure.

"Cool!"

"Strong!"

The two spirits exclaimed these things while they poked and prodded the spear. They weren't at all negatively affected as they touched it. They knew the dangers of opposing elements but could tell they were in perfect balance in the spear.

"Earth? You have earth control in there." The earth elemental spirit finally spoke up and looked at the spear as well.

"Yes, the crystal it is made of will always have some earth elemental mana. I also needed it in there so that the two other elements would fuse properly and safely. While they continued their walk toward the shop Walker spoke of the process to create the moldable crystal ball and how they managed to add the light and darkness elemental mana to them.

The spirits were captivated since they wanted to see and experience these things too. The other elemental spirits were less entertained since they didn't see their elements at work and decided to play

with Su. The only outlier was the water elemental spirit that started to whisper to the dormant full spirit that Walker was carrying under his cloak.

He had dispersed the skill and reverted the moldable crystal ball again. The dark and light elemental spirits were still studying the moldable crystal ball he decided to use his grand elemental manipulation to send another breeze at the wind elemental spirit.

"Hey!"

The wind spirit felt the breeze and rushed over to Walker trying to get him back. Su was giggling as they came up to the crystal shop at the elemental spirit. She found it hysterical that it was spinning about Walker trying to get him back.

Bree walked in to the shop and found that Midnight and Onyx asleep in the middle of the floor. "How has the shop been Arial?" Bree found her granddaughter gazing at the pair of sleeping monsters while fooling around with some crystal shards.

"The usual customers. We played for a while but they were tired and fell asleep. Midnight said that she had to digest the snack and Onyx told me I can have the crystal shards to play with." Arial held up one of the shards and showed that she had started to fill it with the water elemental mana.

"Honey, you know crystal shards won't hold on to the mana you add to them. But it is good practice for you and the bonded spirit." Arial let Bree pat her on the head then rushed off back to the counter.

Midnight and Onyx stirred having sensed Walker's return. "Are you two ready to head back and get some real rest before we head off to meet for the full moon?" Walker knew that the potion the master alchemist Trish had made needed the light of the full moon, but he wasn't sure if Remey would still be too caught up in making her skill.

"Brother, we have been waiting for a long time. We have already rested some." Onyx had other things in mind, but it was mostly pertaining to Midnight. "Sister says she wants to eat some of the frog you have for her."

Walker knew this would come up again. He had mentioned it and he would be a fool to forget the food. "Well, it looks like we need to be headed out. I think we should have a few hours to rest before we should head to the master alchemist's residence to view the moon."

"You will be viewing the moon and witnessing the lunar priestess's right? You should let the dormant water spirit rest in the moonlight as well. I heard that the moonlight can strengthen their consciousness while they rest." Bree was starting to show them out since she knew they would be in a rush.

After saying their farewells the four walked peacefully toward the tree house they had been resting. "I have heard that water and the moon are related. My father once read me a bedtime story about the moon controlling the waves of the ocean." Su recalled the story from her childhood.

"Do you remember the story well?" Walker was curious about how the two could be related.

"I don't remember all of it but I do remember some. There was a little girl who would always see her father off to fish. He would often trade and work with the merfolk but that didn't help him, they were poor and needed money. He decided to go out and fish on a day he knew could be stormy and ended up going missing." Su was remembering the sad look her father had made while telling Su this story. It had made her believe that it was more than just a plain story and maybe a piece of history.

Chapter 429 - 429. Lunar Goddess

Walker was intent on hearing every last word. The beginning of the story had hooked him in and he was hopefully going to be able to hear it to the end while they make their way up the tree branches to the tree house they were staying in. Onyx and Midnight were also invested in the story as they walked.

"The father was caught in the storm and the daughter found herself waiting on the beach every day. She feared her father had been taken by the waves and knew that as the moon rose the tide would change. She prayed every day for weeks for the tide to bring her father ashore." Su was remembering more of the story as she spoke and felt that her memory had most certainly improved compared to before her system upgraded.

"The more the girl prayed for the moon to send her father home the more she felt a connection with the ocean itself. After weeks of praying she unlocked her system. It was called the lunar goddess system. She used her skills to feel the tides and see through the light of the moon." Walker was having a hard time imagining how one would see through the light of the moon, but he knew that seers could see the future in the water of a flame of a candle so he didn't doubt it.

"In just a few hours she had changed the tides themselves and a damaged fishing boat drifted on to the shore. She used her skills to heal her father with moonlight and bring him back to full health. Unfortunately for her, the system she had gained required her to always be bathed in the light of the moon. It is said that after she healed her father the sun's rays breached the nearby mountains and she turned to stone."

Midnight and Onyx were both shocked to hear this part of the story. They wanted the girl and the father to live happily ever after, but there was still more to the story.

"Every night she would return to being the lunar goddess and travel the beaches bringing sailors and those lost at sea back. She would heal them and then as the sun came she would return to stone. The people who found her statue prayed to her thinking she was a totem. The story ended with the fact that she was a goddess who would live until the moon fell."

Waler was sure that there must be more somewhere, but it sounded like the story was happy and sad at the same time. "She gained the power to control tides and heal with moonlight but lost the ability to walk in the sun. I feel a little sad about that..."

"It was a great power, I know there is more to the story but I would need to find the book. That was just the story of her birth. I know there is more about deeds as a goddess. I wonder if it is real though." Su looked up at the treehouse and made the last few steps to open the door.

"If it is real I hope she is happy. Who knows, maybe we will meet her one day." Walker laughed while Onyx and Midnight pestered them to find the story book when they got home. After some time they all managed to settle down and rest before they heard a knock on the door.

"Sierra! What brought you here?" Walker was a little sleepy still from his nap but was very happy to see Sierra coming to visit them again.

"I will be your escort to one of the lunar ritual platforms outside the city. There are a few monsters that come out at night and it is better to be together than alone. Your party members are also being escorted there." Sierra was still surprised that Walker was able to easily tell apart the enforcers even though they were all almost identical.

"Let me get Su and Midnight and we can head out." Walker could already feel Onyx in his tattoo form on his arm so all he needed to do was wake up the girls.

The four were ready in just a few minutes and had shaken the sleep from their eyes. They saw that the sun had begun to set. Sierra moved very quickly but the group was able to keep up without an issue.

"Finally you guys get here. I have been waiting forever!" Gil was standing at the edge of the forest with a green and black quiver hanging off his shoulder.

"Is that the quiver you have been making? How does it work?" Walker was immediately excited to see the creation but Gill turned away and hid it from him.

"I need to have a lunar priestess bless it tonight so that the skill can work with it. The natural mana at night is related to the materials I used to make it and will help it bond to me and me alone." Gil was a little over protective but it was understandable since it had been his full focus for the past few days.

"I see, so you will have it all set up for your arrows after the blessing. Then I won't be your arrow boy." Walker laughed at the fact that he would need to watch Gil put away every arrow he had in his inventory.

"I thought Remey would be here already." Su was worried that Su had worked herself in to exhaustion but Gil immediately perked up.

"She is actually ahead of us. The master alchemist said that she needed to start setting up the platform for the lunar priestess. I think Remey will complete her skill tonight since the warriors were all gone but for Wade. You would be amazed how well he is doing after he was healed by their best healer." Gil started to ramble on while Sierra tried to get the party moving again.

Chapter 430 - 430. Platform

Sierra finally got the party moving outside the city. She wanted to make it to the tall platform on top of the spiritual cedar before the nocturnal monsters started to come out to hunt. "We are only a short distance away, stay focused so that we reach our destination safely."

The party didn't take this lightly and fell in to formation easily. Walker followed up the rear while the others were behind Su. The path they traveled looked well worn and Walker assumed it was a common patrol route for the enforcers.

The trees around them started to thin out and become mostly saplings with small fruit bushes around. The soil still teemed with life but every tendril appeared to be guided. "This is the start to the platform we are going to. Our farmers only guide the natural fruits and vegetables to grow here. They keep the tree seeds outside using their skills."

Sierra said a quick introduction to the large garden they had entered. The saplings were also showing signs of fruit growing and Walker could only wonder what they were. The garden was focused around what the party could see was a fairly large tree. This tree itself had large white flowers and a red and pink hue to the leaves and the bark. The area around it was completely devoid of anything but a soft layer of dried flower petals and leaves.

There were vine stairs that curved around the trunk and in to the foliage. "We are going to head up that way and meet master alchemist on top. She is accompanied by Miss Remey and a lunar priestess who will strengthen the moonlight." Sierra motioned for a few enforcers that were spread out nearby to ready themselves. She had an entire squad ready to defend the ceremony and those participating in it.

"I can hear you all from up here, hurry up!" Walker and Su looked up at the top of the tree and were unable to see anything that even looked Remey shaped. But they heard her voice clearly.

"I'm going to get up there first!" Gil was running up the vine steps with Midnight on his heels. Walker and Su both smirked and started to run up the steps too. Onyx just coiled around Walker's shoulders more trying to hold on.

The group seemed to climb forever as they weaved around the branches finding that the steps were becoming less and less. The vines that extended from the tree were soon just branches they hopped on to get to the next level. The only thing that stood out were the slight hand hold like twisted branches.

When Walker finally broke the foliage barrier he found that the platform was one large flat guided vine weaving. "This must have taken years to make." He turned around and soon found that there were clear crystal and obsidian pedestals resting in the center. Many carved runes led toward them slightly emanating natural mana.

"It actually only takes about fifty years to grow the spirit cedar properly. Our farmers have spent many decades perfecting this art." Trish was enjoying the amazed looks that the party had.

"Ha! I thought that an arcane marksman would be faster at climbing some tree than a little dragon." Wade was already trying to tease Gil who was threateningly notching an arrow in his bow. "Yeah yeah, do that and you can say goodbye to our priestess helping you activate the leather from those bats in your new quiver."

Gil protectively held his quiver and glared at Wade before walking over to give him a nudge. "You look pretty well, I thought you would still be resting." Walker was sure to greet Wade as well now that he was finally seeing him again after the injury and meeting the queen.

"We do have the best healers around when it comes to natural mana. I also was requested to help create a new skill so I was pushed a little harder." Wade frowned slightly remembering the speed healing skills used on him.

"You are all giving Wade attention and not me. Don't you want to know how my quest is going?" Remey had been the center of attention the past few days and she was missing her party quite a bit. She wanted their attention as well since she was finally the one shocking people instead of Walker.

"Remey, it has been less exciting without you. Walker has been getting us in to all kinds of trouble. We have to go and defeat a glowing mole in the morning." Walker watched as Su threw him under the cart to Remey.

"Hey now, you would have volunteered us right away if they had asked. Walker's reply was met with no answer at all Remey had already started to tell Su of the herbs she had learned while in the master alchemists' hanging garden.

"You're going under ground?" Trish heard this and came to give her own greetings now that the party had been able to see the platform and start to catch up. She appreciated the energy they brought since these ceremonies were often dull due to the low number of people present.

"Yes, we will be master alchemist." Trish smiled even more since Walker had remembered to call her master alchemist outside of her own dwelling and hanging garden. She truly respected the young that would give the proper honors to elders in public.

"Well in that case I would like you to look for the glowing bell mushrooms I need for my night vision potions. They are very important for the enforcers and I make a large batch of a hundred once every other month. I will need at least ten mushrooms. I would be willing to trade the ten for a few of the potions."