

## **Master 741**

### Chapter 741 - 741. Gold Mentor

Walker was scanning the area where the king and the nobles were standing and conversing while giving orders to their guards or other attendants. His eyes narrowed in on the person he wanted to find. "I have the best person for you to meet. As you heard, Genesis city is being built. It is going to have many guilds old and new. Not to mention citizens and merchants coming to tour it and set up shop. It is a valuable new chance for those to come together and build themselves a reputation. We will need people who like money."

Walker knew that liking money was not really the goal of the situation. It was to give the two who like money an outlet for that greed that fills them. Just because they had this greed did not mean they were in the wrong. It made them perfect for a certain position that every single city, kingdom, organization, or guild needed.

With the three demons behind him, Walker approached the nobles. The king glanced at him to keep an eye on what Walker might be doing. He was curious why Walker was coming up to them and with three demons behind him.

"Sir Walker, I thought you would have gone to rest by now?" Markus Raven found Walker standing in front of him.

"I will go and rest soon. But shouldn't I be asking you why you are not resting?" Walker added a little smile and practiced his communication skills here in front of the other nobles.

"Ah, you know what they say. There's no rest for the weary. I did manage to have some potions though and a nice tea to bring me back to focus. Thank you for the concern." Markus was only being polite mostly. He was very tired from the sudden assault of the demons and rushing about on the kings' orders.

"I know you are very important to the kingdom and its finances, so I will not trouble you too long. However, the Genesis city will need well trained accountants and treasurers. Knowing this, I thought that finding a mentor for these two demons would be ideal. They dream of gold you see." Walker was smiling while the two demons started to bow but were stopped by Walker. "Remember to keep your head up. You do not need to bow here."

"They dream of gold? And you want to help them find a mentor who knows of these things? Well, I was torn on who I would train to send to the new city. I could never leave my home here. Especially with my hard earned collection resting in my little museum." Markus knew exactly what Walker was proposing and decided to draw it out a little.

"I thought that there was only one man that could fit the bill as the ideal mentor for them. They could have a new start and a promising future. I know you must think the same?" Walker left out on Markus to decide.

"Hmm, I have not taken two apprentices at once. But that is nothing to fear. You two may remain here. I will start small and we will work your way up. Welcome to the kingdom, do your best and you will find yourself at the top in no time flat." Markus watched as the demons were slowly processing this. They had not believed that they would stand before a noble that could teach them these skills.

"Just to tell you both flatly, this is the man in charge of this kingdoms' finances. He is also in charge of the treasury. He has a lot he can teach you." The two demons were done trying to hold their poker faces. The openly grew full of smiles and awe.

Markus motioned for one of his attendants to show them the way to his mansion. "You two can feel free to go and rest. We will start early in the morning and I will expect hard work." The two demons replied instantly and followed the attendant as if they were being chased by a beast. They refused to let this opportunity get away. "I have to say, you always seem to find interesting things. Especially that set of silverware. I actually found that there are plates made by the same blacksmith. I'm missing a few of the set if you happen to see them."

"If I do, I will purchase them and make sure they come to you. I can't think of how sad it would be for the set to remain incomplete." Markus and Walker were able to chat idly while the king removed his gaze. The king had still been giving orders and focusing on his task, but over the years he had grown a talent to listen to others around him. He was very pleased that Walker was able to think ahead and find valuable people for Genesis city.

Seeing an opening, Walker decided to mention one last thing to the king before he took his own leave. He knew that the king would be leaving soon anyways and that the guards were in control of what was happening. Now he needed to be sure he saw his family.

"I am about to head home, but I wanted to let you know that the alchemy guild building is being built by some of the dwarves soon. Remey managed to recruit them and they said they would build it better

than any other. I hope that it will have your support." Walker thought it best to keep the king in the loop since the rulers would be the best backers to make sure the guild took control over the prices and trades of herbs in the beginning.

"I see, that is very good news. I am very excited to see the brilliant new potions and methods that come from the alchemist guild in the future. I take it that the masters have been found?" Walker replied and went on to some details about who Remey had found and how well it had come together. The other nobles were eager to listen to it all since this was valuable new information for them as well.

#### Chapter 742 - 742. Baiting Nobles

The king knew all too well that Walker was keeping him in the loop about the alchemy guild so that his party members would have a better and easier time when it was fully established. He also knew that his power would be needed along with other nobles to make it spread and grow properly.

One noble with more courage than the others stepped forward, "I'm curious on what the price to join the alchemy guild would be?" The noble had risen from the military to be one of the assistant strategists. He had a daughter that gained an alchemy based system and he had paid a large sum of gold for her to be allowed to study with the alchemy building and a low tier master. It was a big hit to his family but he had to take it to further his daughter's education and future.

"Price? I'm sure there will be a small price to test whether they can join and perform the proper skills. But I do not believe there will be a price on the knowledge itself. Remey, my party member, has already spoken a few times about classes held by masters. The prices and such of herbs and potions may change and become more regulated but the access will increase. Throwing aside someones' future for lack of gold would be a loss for every race in need of potions." Walker stood firm on this last statement. He was not one to let alchemists just run about and abuse their power. He had been fortunate not to meet such alchemists as of yet.

"How impressive..." The man mumbled in a daze. The other nobles also followed suit. They were used to sending any family members they had to the alchemy building at a price with the hopes that valuable gold would funnel in to their family years later after the family member learned alchemy. It was just the way it had worked so far.

"I think that would be ideal, it sounds as if it will be much more supportive and reliant on the alchemist's desire to learn than on gold. Is that fair to say?" The man wanted to hear it plainly so he could begin to back it. The king watched with a smile. This was what Walker had wanted and what the king had in mind as well. Getting the support of other nobles that had clawed their way to the higher ranks in the kingdom would only bolster the positive reputation of the alchemy guild.

"Yes. knowledge should not be hidden behind a wall of gold and power. It should be free to allow those who desire it to take it and use it to grow." Walker also had many other plans but didn't want to push things further. "I also believe that a good project to come together with the other kingdoms would be a grand library. I'm sure it would be a project the scholars from every kingdom could contribute to. But that is something I will leave to those with more years behind them. I don't have enough to contribute yet."

The nobles looked surprised and excited by this prospect. They all stored up books and records but the only real library of records was the castles. The king knew that the elves held many records and would fully support a grand library. The dwarves had many forging experiments they had recorded that could be added. The demi-humans held a massive amount of battle knowledge. And the demons had some rare ruins throughout their lands.

"I will take that in to account. I feel it is a very good idea. If you could excuse me, I have a few meetings to attend today still." The king had heard everything he needed and was ready to start to make some progress.

"I hope to see you soon. Thank you for coming to help today." Walker said his farewell and looked for Midnight and Onyx. It wasn't hard to find the two. Onyx had become a center for attention but now reverted to his smaller size and was curled up on Midnight's back. The children they had been entertaining had been whisked away by parents when the guards guided the farmers to their temporary homes.

"Are you two ready to head home and see everyone? It looks like Elise has already moved there with her new friend too. I'm sure we will have more to do when the supplies get here from the demi-human kingdom." Walker thought it best to rest and eat now while they had the time.

Before he left he wanted to tell Su and the high priest but couldn't see them anywhere. Walker assumed that Su had already left and that the high priest had taken his rest along with Alice since the two had already spent a great deal of mana. Walker couldn't even find Ibis who he knew would be resting somewhere private. He had spent a great deal of mana and would not recover it for a year due to the cost of feeding the pure light griffin which would guard the city.

Onyx took up residence on Walker's shoulder and Midnight slowly walked alongside him. "I think you and I can do some training soon. I know you have been patient about it. Having the other elemental fire breathing skills could be pretty amazing." Walker knew that he could chat with Midnight about this.

In reaction, Midnight huffed a few times and a slight ember came from her mouth. The golden coloration was her golden flame heart skill showing itself and making Walker even more excited himself. He couldn't imagine how strong certain elemental would be when fused with a dragon's fire. Midnight would become one of the greatest dragons and little sisters there ever was. However, he knew that she would need to escape Lisa when they got him. She was sure to try and crush Midnight with a hug.

#### Chapter 743 - [Bonus ]743. Gifts For Lisa

The three returned to the mansion seeing that the garden had radically changed. The strawberries were showing bright red fruit along every row. The oozing vines had taken their growth in stride and were covering most of the walls. However, the surprise was that they all had vibrant purple flowers here and there. They were not large but they brightened up everywhere the vines grew.

Walker was amazed by how large the willow tree grown along with many of the other once small plants. There was also a sizable dragon fruit sapling that was almost taller than he was now. Besides this, there was a feeling of relaxation that came from the garden as a whole. It was as if there was something stopping the worlds' time and slowing it down.

Walker spotted Stella flying about the mansion property and decided that he wouldn't disturb her. She appeared to be happy to check everything out that had changed since the last time she was there. In the distance he could also hear that Elise was rambling and talking, this most likely meant that she was trying to teach the demon woman about taming.

Midnight and Walker moved to the door and as soon as they opened it heard a flurry of foot steps coming from the stairs in front of them. "Finally! I have been waiting for you to get back!" Lisa was jumping in to a hug with Walker before he could even speak. Onyx was nearly knocked from his shoulders but wasn't angry in the least. He and Midnight knew just how glad Lisa was to see them back safely.

Lisa moved to hug Midnight and Onyx too. Onyx felt he needed to let himself grow to a larger size so she wouldn't crush him which surprised Lisa greatly. "How will I make you a sweater to wear in the winter if you keep getting bigger?" She sounded aggrieved but was showing a concerned and warm smile. She was more or less teasing while working out the problem.

"Sister, I will keep growing. It is only natural..." Onyx wasn't catching on to the teasing from Lisa and everyone ended up laughing slightly.

"Are mother and father home? I have a bunch of stuff to give them. But first," Walker pulled out one of the charms that they had found in the forest elf city and handed one to Lisa.

"It's shaped like a rabbit! I love it. It's so cute!" Lisa was gushing over the small gift and fixed it on to a bracelet she wore immediately. "Father is out helping with the incident. They asked him to head to the outer walls since he has experience managing one of the entrances to the city. Mother is working on bread for a large order. She said she would make as much as she could for those who lost their food to the attack and that dinner would be up to whoever cooked for themselves."

"I thought it would be like that. They will be really busy for the next few days. But I will still head to the kitchen to drop off some of the frog and rabbit meat I managed to get. I don't think they will want to cook with the orc meat. That's pretty...gross." Walker knew that no one would want the orc meat and that it would have to be given to the dissection center at the guild.

"Did you bring any fabrics or tools for me?" Lisa was too curious to hold back any longer. She wanted to know just how many interesting and unique things Walker may have found while at the elf city. If he had things she could use it would be great for her to try and make some new pieces of clothing for everyone.

"Did I? Ohhh, you know. Just some fabrics that have elemental runes stitched in to them. I thought that someone like you might be afraid to teach yourself how to stitch them but even if you don't learn they can be displayed on the walls or something." Walker pretended to think Lisa wasn't up to the challenge to bait her a little.

"Challenge? That's nothing. I can learn one of them in a single week. Just show them to me!" Lisa watched as Walker took the fabrics from his inventory and Lisa grabbed them one by one. She had never seen runes stitched in to fabric and was amazed by the quality.

"The materials all work with the affinity and element of the runes. They are way more complicated than they look. Each stitch had mana to bind the rune to the material the fabric is made of." Lisa was losing herself in the green fabric with a wind elemental rune on it.

"I was told that they don't do too much to replenish mana and such but that they are great for those who garden or do daily activities. They will pull the elemental manas to them and can do a lot to assist the person wearing them. They are very common in the forest elf city. I can see them being very popular here if you can request the proper materials." Walker saw his sisters' eyes light up at this.

"I can put a request in at the guild or I can buy them from merchants. I can make all of you headbands or even arm bands with runes in them. I bet a scarf or a handkerchief would sell well to gardeners or maids. I need to start drawing designs. You can make me dinner as an advanced payment!" Lisa shouted to Walker as she rushed back to her sewing room. Walker didn't know yet, but Lia had recently expanded her sewing room to take up another of the bedrooms as a storage room. She had greatly improved over the last month.

Walker headed toward the kitchen and Midnight rushed ahead of him. She wanted to see what His mother was cooking and see if she could steal away a snack.

Chapter 744 - 744. No Snacks...

"Oh! Look who made it back. You look like you grew a little. And your scales are shiny as ever. I'm sorry I don't have much good for you to snack on right now but there are some leftover beef bones over there. I was going to make soup but there's no time now." Walker could hear his mothers' excitement to see Midnight. He knew that she would have spoiled her rotten if she was able to.

"Already giving her snacks and she hasn't even been in the room for five minutes?" Walker saw his mother and was greeted with a flour covered hug.

"You took your sweet time getting back. I wasn't sure if you would even be able to ake it in to the city with that demon coming to cause trouble. But we have very good protectors. I knew everything would be fine." There was not a single shake in her voice. She believed that they would have been safe no matter what.

"I would have come back sooner but I had to stop at the cathedral. Elise and Stella are here to visit since they marked a path for the demi-humans to send supplies. There are some demons who will stay with us to learn a few things. And then I also had to speak with some nobles and the king. Not to mention even before all this I was at the dwarven kingdom too. I'm glad to be back and smell your cooking, even if it's not for me." Walker spoke in a flurry of words. He was more excited to be home than he had realized he was.

"All the way to the dwarves? That is almost to the mountains! How could you have gone all the way there?" Hilda was stunned. She hadn't imagined they had traveled to more than one place. The king had already announced the forming of a new alliance and the new city but not that her son had left to meet with dwarves.

"It wasn't really planned. It was another demon causing trouble. I just hope that we solved the problem. Although, I am not too sure it will be solved very well at the moment. It will only be known with time."

Walker shrugged a little knowing that he could only hedge some guesses for now. "Anyway, I brought you some ingredients. The forest elf city had some vegetables and there were frog type monsters around that taste really good. We managed to find some more horned rabbits. I will omit the orcs because they are gross. But other than that, I will just get them in the storeroom for you."

There were countless dough balls rising on the counters and even another batch mixed and waiting for Hilda to start to divide it. Walker knew that there was no time for him to distract her since all of the tasks were time sensitive. "Thank you for bringing me new things to try cooking with. I will remember them when I go to experiment later. But for now, get your butt out of the kitchen and let me do what I do best. Oh, and take Midnight with you, I don't have anything good for her right now." Hilda looked sad since she couldn't feed Midnight. However, this was to help feed the farmers that had lost everything, it was acceptable.

Walker was shooed out of the kitchen to find that the mansion was surprisingly silent. He wanted to get everyone together but he knew that they would most likely be resting. In any case, he chose to head toward their dining hall. Midnight and Onyx would be able to nap in front of the fireplace which was their favorite spot. Walker could also have easy access to the training field and throw together a quick fire to roast some meat and leave it for everyone who came by the dining hall along with some of the leftover bread and cheese from their travels.

Upon entering the dining hall, Walker and Midnight found the old master alchemists sprawled out on a chair asleep. "Brother, it appears the alchemist was exhausted." Onyx could pick out the signs of exhaustion after working with Su. He had been learning a lot about healing and injuries which made home much more knowledgeable than most.

"We won't bother him then. I bet he sent off all of his potions to help heal people and now he is facing the fact that he was studying something and suddenly needed to rush potions away." Walker was glad to have such good company and bonds with people. He could only imagine that Remey most likely found him this way too and was the one to leave the blanket on him.

Walker headed outside to find that Elise and Stella were both using a book on basic monsters and how taming was performed to teach the demon woman the ins and outs. Walker planned to ask Elise to show him too since he was also a little lost on the basics. He had just happened in to becoming somewhat of a tamer and never truly studied the basics. This also reminded him of just how many books he had still yet to read in the library.

In the distance, he could hear the hammering of the forge and knew that the wandering blacksmith must have found something interesting to make. Walker knew he needed to speak with him about the



trip to the mountains. It would be an interesting journey because Walker had not been to the mountains before.

There was also the fact that the wandering blacksmith wanted to go there so that he could learn and experiment with different forging methods in the cold of the snowy mountains. Not to mention the many different and unique materials that they held hidden whether it was a monster or naturally occurring materials. It was sure to be something exciting.

At the moment though, Walker started a fire and made his meal before heading off to rest and recover from his journey.

#### Chapter 745 - 745. Elven Item Wonders

Walker found that he had managed to fall asleep sitting at the dining table. Midnight and Onyx were still asleep by the fire but there had been a change. The old master alchemist had moved to the dining table and was sifting through a small pouch of herbs. "You made it back and awake just in time for some tea. I made a new brew with some lemon grass and poppy seed." The old master alchemist had already gotten the hot water and was filling the tea bags.

Rubbing the sleep from his eyes and stretching his sore back, Walker nodded his head yes. "I didn't mean to sleep down here but I guess I was more tired than I thought." Walker noticed that the plated he had made some food on was already taken away. He hoped that his mother hadn't been forced to clean up behind him.

"Have you seen Remey yet? She's been pretty excited to see you. Actually, I didn't see that fires of the lab going at all so maybe she just went to rest for a while. Anyways, I have a bunch of herbs you will find interesting. We should head over in a little bit and get things organized. It might make things a little easier." Walker wanted to lessen the blow Remey would drop on the old master alchemist because she had learned so much from the elves. Not to mention the alchemy fire skill and alchemy fire spirit that would be able to help with potion making.

"I thought you would. I'm sure I will have enough to keep me busy until the day I die..." There was a somber tone in the old master alchemist's voice.

"You might be old, but do you think you will die just like that? You have a whole new city and a whole new guild to see before then. And after those are in place Remey may never let you pass on." Walker laughed a little to reinforce the joke.

"Ha! You're right. I'm just letting my age show. I have an entire alchemy building to disband and change to fit the guild. I was thinking of putting one of my better apprentices in place as the head and have them change things as we build the guild in Genesis. I can also take a lot of the promising apprentices with me. Should make a fine first class." The old master alchemist was nodding approvingly as he spoke.

"You've really put some thought in to this huh? I didn't realize you had been planning this out while we were gone."

"I had to. I have the quest to do just that and I found one of my alchemists selling a high tier healing potion for double the price! It was sickening. The woman had been burned in the forge and needed help but this...Monster! Had the nerve to charge her double." Seeing the anger and disappointment written on his face Walker wanted to support the future alchemy guild even more.

"Let's take out tea with is to the alchemy lab. I'm sure Remey will make her way there in no time. I also have a demon who I showed to a room yesterday that wants to grow herbs. I will wake up Midnight and see if she can bring her here. She seems nice so far." Walker saw a little surprise from the old master alchemist.

"A demon that wants to grow, well, anything. That's really against stereotypes. I hope she is ready. I will bombard her with everything I know." There was an interest Walker could see in the old master alchemist. It wasn't the new herbs but the demon that wanted to grow them that caught his attention. This was another new occurrence that he would not have seen in his life that he wanted to see happen himself.

Midnight was not very happy to be woken up but when Walker promised her and Onyx some elemental crystals to snack on, he was able to get them moving. Walker and the old master alchemist headed to the alchemy lab but as soon as he was outside, the two found Gil's mother pulling some small weeds on the garden path.

"Oho, look who it is. The sleepy head at the dinner table. That was a good snack by the way." Walker had just found the person who had cleaned his mess but he was glad she had also gotten a meal out of it.

"Sorry for leaving the mess for you. It's actually perfect that you are here. I have someone that needs some guidance in growing plants and herbs. Midnight is getting her so I can introduce you two." Gil's mother looked pretty happy to hear she would have someone to teach. She had been hoping to take in an assistant for the garden lately.

"Oh, I didn't realize you had the alchemy lab extended." Walker found that the alchemy lab had been tripled in size.

"Well, we kept getting more herbs and such. I thought there would also be new equipment so I had things remodeled. Don't worry, I paid for it. But from what you are saying it looks like we will need a large greenhouse. Maybe we should expand again. I know a very good builder. We could make it out of stone with some fire elemental crystals in it to maintain warmth. Ah, but the soil might dry out..." The old master alchemist already had a problem with the plan.

"I have a solution for that. These are called water spikes. I got them from the forest elf city. They cause the water in the air to condense in the soil and continuously water plants." Walker handed the water spikes over to the amazement of the old master alchemist and Gil's mother.

"You haven't even taken the herbs out and whatever else and we are already impressed." Gils' mother was too amazed at this great solution.

#### Chapter 746 - 746. Two Teachers

"I think they will make a huge splash in the farming and herb growing world. I made sure to drop the hints when I was in the forest elf city so that they can make them for merchants to bring to other kingdoms. I'm pretty sure the demi-humans will buy them up the fastest since they have the most fields for farming." Walker already knew this to be true but just wanted to show off his knowledge on the water spikes future.

"These will help a lot, I want to start putting them in the gardens' dry spots but I can do it later. Right now it sounds like we have a gust coming." Midnight was making enough sound to alert Gil's mother of her incoming.

When Midnight burst in she went right to Walker waiting for the promised elemental mana crystals for her and Onyx. "Yes yes, how about some fire elemental crystals this time? Onyx can have the light and you the fire." Walker pulled out a handful of them and made note that he should just buy more when he had the time.

"Lord hero? You needed me this morning?" The demon woman was a little shaken since she had not expected to be woken up by Midnight and Onyx. She was also told that she had people to meet and that managed to make her even more nervous.

"This is a master alchemist and a retired farmer who also happens to be our archers' mother. They are both extremely knowledgeable and are the reasons why the garden and the herbs that are there are flourishing brilliantly." Walker motioned for the demon woman to come in and meet the other two. However, before she could there was another person bursting in to the alchemy lab.

"Finally! Old man, you were asleep forever. I had to wait for you. Oh...Who's this?" Walker was not at all surprised by the fact that Remey had come rushing over. He knew that he would be on her way as soon as she knew they were all awake and in to the alchemy lab.

"Welcome to the party. I thought you would be asleep for dayssss" Walker exaggerated a little just to tease Remey a little. "This is a new friend who wants to learn about herbs. In particular, she is a demon that wants to grow herbs. I thought she could be a very good addition to the mansion staff one day." Walker saw that Remey grasped his meaning instantly.

"You can be our herbalist. You can take over the herbs one day if you manage to fulfill your quests. What do you need first?" Remey wasn't even going to hesitate and waste time bragging to the old master alchemist about the things she had learned in the forest elf kingdom. She wanted to secure someone who could grow herbs instantly.

"Um-mm I have to grow a single herb from seed. It says that the first step is to learn to care for the beginning of life. I have never actually grown a plant. I was found to have earth and water affinity and that was hated by the demons. I was considered a waste and brought to general Pride." They all understood and Walker recalled her mentioning this the day before.

"Well, we can do that. Maybe the elemental spirits Walker has around somewhere will help you out too. But they are a little excited so we might not see them for a little while. They went off exploring as soon as we walked in to the city." Remey was sure that this demon would be a great herbalist one day since she had a good affinity for growing plants.

"Dear, what's your name? I can't just call you demon while we garden." Gil's mother was sure she would need to call the name often and wanted to show respect as an equal and a teacher.

"I was never worthy to have one. Most of us were taken as soon as we were old enough to get our affinity tested. Worthless things don't deserve names..." This made all of their hearts twang in pain. Hearing something so cruel was just another reason for them to go against the corruption of demons.

"Well, do you want to pick one? We have plenty of names that could fit someone with the desire to grow herbs and help others." Remey wasn't just going to let the demon woman have no name. It was not how equals stood here.

"I don't...know." The woman had no idea how to name herself or what she would even like to be called.

"Lewisia." The old master alchemist was looking right at the demon woman. "It is a flower that is symbolized as rebirth and new beginnings. It has red and yellow tones in these parts and matches the hair you have. I think it will fit well." No one had expected him to come up with a name. He had just been standing silently watching things progress.

"It's a beautiful name. I have never seen a flower like that. Can you show me?" The demon woman accepted it graciously. She couldn't imagine that a flower would ever be related to someone deemed useless and weak. There was almost a tear in her eyes but she held them back. She couldn't let herself fall in to a mess of emotions at the start of a new life.

"Lewisia, welcome to the mansion and the family. You're going to learn a lot here." Remey was more excited than the others.

"Well, let's choose what you want to grow and the herbs you will have a chance to work with." Walker went to the main work table and began pulling the seeds, herbs, and other materials for alchemy that Remey had made him store away. The old master alchemists' eyes grew wide as he saw so many that he had never seen before.

#### Chapter 747 - 747. Starting Herb

"Think we made out well? The forest elf master alchemist Trish was able to teach me a lot. I might have even managed to create a new skill called the alchemic brawler's field guide." Remey was looking away but she knew that she was baiting the old master alchemist.

"Ha! Of course, you did. I wouldn't expect anything else! When can I meet this Trish woman? I feel like she would be quite the alchemist if she was able to drag you to learn things." The teasing atmosphere gave up Remey and the old man's relationship to Lewisia, who was better able to understand the hidden parental relationship.

"They are grandfather and daughter? I didn't think that they were related." The question was quiet but Walker was able to lean over and explain a little.

"Remey is an orphan but she always went to the alchemy building to ask for medicines and herbs. Eventually, she started to watch the master alchemist and they became like family. Not that they will admit it since they are both stubborn. It might be where Remey got it from."

"Hey! I heard that! Don't go giving away my past so easily!" Remey met Walker with a soft punch to the arm that just made the two smile. She turned to Lewisia and held out a seed. "These are rainbow sunflower seeds. They grow quickly and need a lot of light. But the petals can be used for a healing balm when they are ground with olive oil. Perfect beginning herb to start with and it will be very beautiful to show off to the other demons around."

Lewisia took the seeds which appeared completely white and void of any color. "These will really turn in to something so splendid and useful?" Naturally, she was lost as to how this would occur. She had never grown anything herself and this was the first time for her even holding a seed.

"It is a rare herb here. But I had heard that they grow in forest clearings near the elf territories. I'm impressed we managed to get some. We can make a lot of the healing balm for a cheap price to any crafter. They always have small scratches and cuts that need healing." The old master alchemist was glad to see the seeds. He was familiar with them but had never been able to grow them in mass.

"They sound like the perfect addition to the garden. Rainbow sunflowers seems like they would brighten up any open spot. And I have the perfect open spot." Gil's mother was already dragging Lewisia out of the door to the alchemy lab.

While Remey and the master alchemist were the only other two left other than Midnight and Onyx were too involved with their elemental mana crystals, Walker took the remaining herbs from his storage. "That is that. I also gave Lisa the fabrics with the rune patterns so in a few weeks she might have some clothing that can help with gathering certain elemental manas." Walker was sure that there would be a use for this kind of thing during alchemy.

"Sounds good. Are you sticking around? Or will you head off elsewhere?" Remey wasn't sure if Walker would want to watch the explanation of the new herbs. She partially wanted to ask him to leave so she could spend some personal time with the old master alchemist but was unsure how to say it.

Luckily, Walker caught on and also had some plans himself. "I want to go and talk with the wandering blacksmith. He wanted to plan a trip to the mountains to try and craft in the ice and snow. I also want to talk to him about spirit forging. I have connected a few dots and think he already knows about it. I hope you two have some fun with your herbs. The alchemy lab looks great by the way." Walker headed out with a wave and the two began pouring over the herbs and seeds. Walker could already hear the stories Remey was telling.

Midnight and Onyx had stayed behind too enamored by their mana crystals. This left Walker alone for the first time in a while. Even the elemental spirits had gone off to explore so he was sure that they wouldn't be back for a little longer.

The sounds of the forge were different than the day before and Walker could tell it was the sound of a blade being sharpened. When he entered the heat was still strong but the ice jade pendant kept him cool. "I thought I would come and bother you today too." Walker made his presence known and the wandering blacksmith greeted him with a smile.

Having the blade in his hand the wandering blacksmith showed off the knife set he was making. They weren't made of metal but instead a fusion of stone and metal. It was a very interesting combination that brought out the speckled grey stone and the shine of silver. They were very sharp as well due to the care taken when sharpening.

"Those are pretty amazing. I bet any noble would pay a hefty price to have them displayed. But I have a feeling you would prefer them to be used rather than just tossed in a display case somewhere." Walker was greeted with another nod before the wandering alchemist placed the blade with the rest of the set.

"So, I have a few things we should talk about. First, I remember you want to go on a trip to the mountains. I am thinking after everyone rests for a few weeks we can head out. The only requirement is we need to be back before three months are up because the summit will be happening in Genesis city then. Also, we need to talk about spirit forging, true spirit forging." The wandering blacksmith showed a troubled expression before turning to face Walker with serious intent.

#### Chapter 748 - 748. Forging Future

Walker took a seat as well so that he could be on the same level as the wandering blacksmith. "I also heard that there was a wandering forge master system. I have a feeling that you visited the dwarves and that you know about spirit forging. But, that isn't the truth anymore. There is a new path for spirit forging."

The wandering blacksmith grew even more serious. His face showed more wrinkles and his tapping foot stopped while he waited to hear what Walker had to say.. "Instead of burning the soul and forcing an elemental spirit in to a weapon, we did something else. We had the elemental spirit help us and gather mana. It created what we call a dwelling weapon. Su has an earth dwelling shield. It lets an earth spirit dwell within. It can leave whenever it wants."

The wandering blacksmith slowly opened his mouth to speak but no sound came out before he closed it again. "This isn't the end. The earth dwelling shield has a skill called earth fortress I believe. The earth elemental spirit is able to separately activate the skill using the earth elemental mana stored in a mana gem in the earth dwelling shield."

Walker paused letting the wandering blacksmith absorb this information, "The skill allowed the spirit to put up earth walls all around the wielder of the shield and protect them. Even from the back where the wielder isn't looking. We also gained a spirit mark skill that let the spirit dwell within us but that is just an added bonus. The point is, that the spirit forging technique is possible."

The wandering blacksmith leaned back and whistled. He wasn't sure what to say. He had researched so many things and out of everything he had done he never believed that spirit forging would be a viable path.

"Grey even made a dragon style golem that has a core which can let a fire elemental spirit dwell within. The fire elemental spirit can control the golem as it desires when dwelling within the core. It is very impressive." There was another moment of shock as the wandering blacksmith processed yet another big piece of news.

"Show ma." This was a simple pair of words. But Walker knew that it more than signaled he had enticed the wandering blacksmith enough.

"It's too big for in here sp let's go outside. The fire elemental spirit is off exploring so we can't get it to control the golem and Midnight has the spirit mark for it. The golem can act on its own though as long as it receives orders. We found a cyclops flame staff in sp,e ruins that we used so it could resist the heat of flames." Walker gave the details after they moved to the outside of the forge.

When the shining golem came to light the wandering blacksmith instantly began to examine it. Surprisingly, Walker watched as the wandering blacksmith rushed inside the forge and came back to begin to draw up small blueprints and designs.



"You don't have to improve it. I just wanted to show you." Walker was afraid that he had somehow miscommunicated the reason for showing the wandering blacksmith the golem. Yet, when the wandering blacksmith shook his head Walker somehow knew that it was because he wanted to learn and alter the golem and not because he was asked to.

Walker didn't see any reason to stop him so he grabbed his chair to watch the valuation and tell the wandering blacksmith what had happened in the dwarven kingdom. The story went on and the wandering blacksmith would look up here and there to listen or express an emotion.

"Then I learned some of the forging skills, but the craziest part that nearly gave the elder and Grey a heart attack was when I got the portable forge skill." Walker would have spoken more but the wandering blacksmith ad licked both hands on Walkers' shoulders. "Yes, I said portable forge skill. I also know that you have to have the skill too with some form of spatial storage or something."

The wandering blacksmith released Walker and sat down in front of him looking at the blueprints and thinking. He eventually lit up again showing excitement. "I don't much like to speak. It wastes time. Congratulations on the skill. I hope that we can both forge in the icy mountains to learn more soon." This was all the wandering blacksmith said. However, there was a weight to these words that rang within Walker.

"I am excited about it too. I can't even begin to imagine just how much I will learn from you." Walker put the same strength of emotion and ended up shaking hands with the wandering blacksmith. The two had reaffirmed their deal but also become partners in the world of blacksmithing. There was a lot that Walker had learned but so much more he was ignorant to. The wandering blacksmith could learn to spirit forge properly and Walker could learn the basics to go with what he had already gained.

"I plan to leave the golem here though. I think you will be able to do whatever it is you want with it. Just remember that when the fore elemental spirit returns you explain it even if you can't hear what it is saying. The spirits use mana to speak and only myself and Midnight can understand it. But Onyx can translate what Midnight says so a conversation is possible."

The wandering blacksmith shook his head a few times before heading back in to the forge and clearing the table. It appeared that he had been consumed by the blue prints for the golem. Walker left him a few of the replaceable scales and decided to leave things on that note. He had to get ready for a trip to the mountains at some point. But for now, he was going to take a walk through the city to breathe in the air of home.

## Chapter 749 - 749. Side Quest

Walker had found himself leaving the gates to the mansion with a strange feeling eating at him. He was alone and about to walk off alone. This was the first time he had done so in a while. He rarely walked alone for long periods of time and now he was about to wander out in to the city just to walk about and explore.

He pointed himself in the direction of the lower class area. He had made the decision to head to the adventurers guild to see how Clara was doing. He was sure she was in a mess of work because the farmers' fields needed patrolling, cleaning, and homes rebuilt. It was only natural that the extra manpower would come from the guild.

Walker himself was not planning to leave the city because he just wouldn't feel comfortable without the party there. He also had the feeling that there would not be an exciting adventure without them. It was just not the way things were meant to be.

"Get away from my stall! Demons' like you are the reason children can't sleep at night.. Don't you know that we are just tolerating you? The sooner you leave the better!" Walker was frozen. He needed a moment to breathe and quell his immediate anger hearing this.

When he looked up and saw the fruit vendor shouting at the demon man who looked to be much too thin, he knew that he could not keep walking leisurely.

'Side quest: Guide the people

The demons have many traits that cause other races to be uncomfortable. Paired with their history and general fear for them, other races may react negatively. Educate those witnessing such an occurrence.

Requirement:

Do what a hero does best; stand up for the weak

Reward:

Heroic leveling points- 3'

"If what you say is true then every single human in this kingdom is cruel and mistreats other races. They can't extend a hand to them and can not learn to live with those who have just escaped the tortures of a corrupted rule. Do you think that is accurate?" Walker released his voice and let the mana around him fluctuate with his words. He still has many skills that effected the mana and aura around him that he could use at once.

The small group watching the stall owner became slightly fearful, "Then there are the humans who can not even stand up for those races. How does it feel to know that every single person in the kingdom is the same? Even myself as a hero must be hateful to another race. Isn't that what you are getting at." This made the group watching and the stall owner begin to cower.

"What did you need? Apples? Or did you want to ask the vendor a question? I can find you a better place I am sure." Walker held out a hand to the frightened demon.

The stall vendor was still shocked and stammering words in response to Walkers' words. He couldn't get a proper explanation out and no one witnessing all of this was able to step forward due to their shame.

"I want to be a merchant. I want to travel and see different things. I want to fairly trade for things instead of getting nothing but stolen from." The demon was obviously a victim of the hierarchy of the demon lands. They were not known for merchants but instead for taking what they wanted by force. This was the largest reason there were no merchants that would go there to trade. Any that had ever tried had been hunted and robbed.

"Well, there are much better places than a single fruit vendor. I know an auction house that has deep connections with many merchants. Would you like me to introduce you?" The demon man nodded. He wasn't sure what else to say since there were so many others' watching him.

"Was that encounter informational for everyone? These are citizens of the Genesis alliance and the Genesis city. They are equal to you now. If you wish to sit on your neighbor then don't expect anyone to come running to your rescue. The demons are an intelligent race just like us. They had their troubles but I have found they are much kinder than you may believe." Walker grabbed the demon by the arm and began to head toward the Garnet family auction house.

Behind him, the conversation broke out instantly. For a moment everyone tried to blame the stall owner and then each other before realizing that they were just throwing around words. They began to feel sick. The hero himself had just told them that what they were doing was the same as spitting on each other. The hero had said that they were showing that every human was the same cruel creature looking down on another race, even the king was human too!

Those who had stopped watched as the stall owner closed shop and proceeded toward the cathedral. Without any words, they followed him. They had a lot to learn about and the church was the best place to begin.

'Side quest: Guide the people- completed

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Requirement:

Do what a hero does best; stand up for the weak

Reward:

Heroic leveling points- 3'

Walker smiled as he pulled the demon along. "Here's something to snack on. We have a few minutes to walk before we get there." Walker pulled a few strawberries from his storage and handed them to the demon. His plans had been changed but Walker felt it was for the best. He had made an impression on the people and hopefully, they would change their ways and accept demons more. However, he knew it would take time.

Chapter 750 - 750. Demons' Awe

The demon man's face was staring in awe at the grandness of the Garnet family auction house. He had never seen such a building and could not contain himself. The smile and light in his eyes were enough to make Walker know he had just brought the demon man somewhere he had not even been able to dream of in his life thus far.

"Pretty impressive, I know. But you should see the inside. It is much better than the outside." The demon followed Walker up the steps. He was looking at each of the smooth and polished marble steps as if they were a magnificent treasure.

"Sir hero, we do now have you listed for an appointment today. Are you here to schedule one or do you have other business?" The guard at the door recognized Walker. Every single staff member and the guards had been instructed to memorize the hero party's faces so that they could be properly treated with respect when they arrived.

"I do not have an appointment.. If I need one I can make one now. I was bringing my friend here to introduce him to someone that could teach him about being a merchant. He wants to be one in the future. Of course, the best place I thought of was the Garnet family. This is the main hub of trading in the kingdom. The market may have some good items, but we both know the best comes through here first." Walker knew that a little flattery would go a long way with the guards.

As soon as he explained his reasoning the guard was able to put on a friendly smile toward the demon, "Please let me go inside and see if anyone is available. If I recall the young mistress is available currently due to a canceled appointment." The guard rushed inside while still maintaining the professional air about him.

"They are a very refined daily due to their status in the city. But don't let that put you off. They are very kind and will teach you more than you ever thought you would need to know." Walker was sure that the Garnet family would take this demon in and teach him. He was sure that they may ask for some payment but that was nothing compared to the demon having a proper education and home for now.

There was a slight creak as the door slowly opened again to reveal a smartly dressed woman with bright red hair and a sharp pair of eyes. "Sir hero, my name is Jessica Garnet. Please address me as Jessie. What do I owe the pleasure today?"

"Well hello, I am sorry to surprise you. I hope that it did not cause any problems for you. I know how busy you must be with everything going on right now." Walker first apologized, he knew that showing unannounced was always in poor taste.

"No, it is very nice to have you here. I had a meeting with a merchant but they canceled to rush to the dwarven kingdom. Apparently, there was a set of heroes that helped solve a few problems there. Now all the merchants are rushing there to gather new items to bring here and there for sale." Jessie made a

slight laugh. "Oh, where are my manners, please come inside and have some of the elder fruit tea we just got in from across the desert. It is invigorating."

Walker followed Jessie inside and guided the demon to come as well. It was hard to keep the demon man moving since the lavish interior was another unknown sight to him. Walker managed to stop the demon a few times from grasping at the silk fabrics or touching the lifelike paintings on the wall. All of this was much to the humor of Jessie who laughed each time Walker was forced to catch the demons' hand.

"Phew, now that we have made it here. I was hoping that I could introduce this demon to you. I'm not sure he has a name just yet but when I met him he was trying to learn about being a merchant from the owner of a fruit stall. I could only think of this auction house as the best possible place to learn." Walker made sure to throw the compliment in. It was true but he needed to make sure that he said it to improve the chances of the demon being able to earn here.

"I see, it was wise to bring him here. However, why would we benefit from taking in one of the demons as an apprentice merchant? We can recruit from every noble family and even from outside the kingdom when we desire." Jessie was not going to just sit around. She was a huge fan of getting right in to the details of business and making progress. She believed that those who sat idle would end up wasting away.

"I was expecting you to ask this. You see, I know that the Garnet family will be very interested in expanding to the Genesis city as it is built. To be honest, I expect there have already been moves to make this happen." Walker noticed Jessies' eyebrow twitch slightly telling him that they had indeed made their moves.

"I believe having a demon merchant will be very useful. The races will find the Genesis city as a place to come together equally. Having a demon as part of your family business before it becomes mainstream so to speak, would put you ahead. Not only this, But the demons that join you will be pioneers of their race. They had not delved in to the world of auctions and trading. That means you will be at the forefront of this movement." Walker knew that all of it was sounding very tempting. He only needed to wait for Jessies' response.