

Master 901

Chapter 901 Waking Fleur

The gold flames erupted from Midnight's mouth and caused the burst stone coal to catch fire. The gold color dulled as the fire started heating things but instead of becoming red, the color changed to a deep orange gold color. There was a significant amount of mana coming from the flames too. Walker could only compare the mana to natural mana. It was clear that Midnight was able to use all elemental dragon breath elemental attacks. If the gold flames were to be explained, then it would make sense that they used all the elements to create themselves. This was also why the golden flame heart skill was so valuable to what they were crafting.

Walker was tossing in pieces of coal to keep the fire at the hottest possible while the wandering blacksmith grabbed the first diamond plate. The space may have been open around them but it was quickly reaching hotter than the forge had before. Thankfully, the wandering blacksmith had already prepared the anvil and forge furnace to deal with this kind of heat. Walker also had the ice jade charm that midnight had given them to counter some of the heat.

The plate went in to the heat and became red hot in seconds. There was not much time to waste so Walker began to pull at the natural mana around him. It was a very slow process compared to the other elemental mana that he could manipulate. But he could also feel the spirit mark on his back absorbing it and increasing the draw towards him.

The way he was doing this while the wandering blacksmith started to pull out one of the first pates placed in the forge fires was ideal. Walker had to both focus on keeping the fires hot to create the best and balanced heat for the pates and he needed to manipulate the natural mana he had still just started to learn. Doing both would help him in the long run when he needed the natural mana in an instance.

Midnight would jump in and breath flames again here and there to keep the mana flowing. These additions were the reason that the wandering blacksmith was able to fully focus on the runes he was carving in to each plate after he changed their shapes to be smaller and more uniform. They had already been forged once but now were becoming shape and small diamond shapes with runes that Walker had never seen on them. If he knew more about runes he would be able to tell what they did and how they would work. But for now, he was in the dark and couldn't focus on figuring them out.

The influx of natural mana seemed to be doing the trick. Fleur had already stirred in her rest to appear in the air behind Walker. She groggily floated over in front of him with a confused expression on her face. "I'm glad you are awake. I was wondering if you could help me make a dwelling item for you and me to fight with?" There was even more confusion but Fleur was already exploring the forge and had found the materials placed on the table that they would use.

The pure elemental crystals interested her greatly since she could resonate with them to a degree. "Those will be part of the item we make. I need your help to draw the natural mana in to them and fuse these in to the moldable crystal ball. Then we will connect everything using the runes and other spirit forging methods." There was no guarantee that Fleur understood this in the least. However, Walker had the feeling that even if she didn't understand the logistics, that she understood the desire for assistance.

'True Hero quest: The Ideal all around weapon- Third link- completed

The true hero has decided on the form of the weapon and even surpassed the expectations by finding the perfect materials and way to forge the weapon.

Requirements:

Awaken the lesser nature spirit

Assist the Dragon champion in gaining elemental breath skills

Assist in forging the necessary weapon parts

Rewards:

Final link'

Walker was glad that the third link had been completed through his actions in keeping the forge fires burning. Now there were only a few plates left and Walker needed to prepare the materials on his side for them to connect everything together.

'True Hero quest: The Ideal all around weapon- Final Link

The true hero has decided on the form of the weapon and even surpassed the expectations by finding the perfect materials and way to forge the weapon.

Requirements:

Prepare the moldable crystal ball by fusing pure elemental balance

Use spirit forging techniques to connect the diamond shaped plates

Use spirit forging to add necessary natural mana

Rewards:

None'

Walker wasn't upset to see that there was not a single reward after this. It was simple and easily explained. This entire chain quest had been to help him create the ideal weapon and item for him and Fleur. There was no reason to expect more than that. He would be able to bring out his full potential once it was all completed.

"Let's balance these elemental manas in the moldable crystal ball." Walker and Fleur copied each other and placed their hands on the moldable crystal ball. The crystals were all touching it equally in a circle so that they could more easily be fused in to it.

The flow of mana was extremely easy to find with the help of Fleur. She was one with all elemental mana. The main difference this made was that through their bond, Walker and Fleur could more closely feel the elemental mana that was reacting to their will. The darkness and light elemental mana already in the moldable crystal ball for example.

The removal and rebalancing of this mana was the point that caused Walker the most stress and would be the biggest turning point for the possibility of success.

Chapter 902 Raging Mana

As Walker and Fleur worked together to slowly bleed out the elemental mana from the moldable crystal ball, they noticed the pressure on the crystal increasing. The removal of the mana was leaving the entire thing unbalanced since it was created with the mana at the center to keep it all together. Removing the main component was asking for it to break.

"We need to start to add the other elemental manas too. Let's start to fuse the crystals with the crystal ball." It was a dangerous move but one that they had to do. Walker had the crystal crafting skill and he had to put it to use causing the moldable crystal ball to change and latched on to all of the elemental crystals around it.

The crystals were pulled in to the moldable crystal ball and the feedback from this was heavier than Walker had ever felt. If Remey had punched him in the face, Walker was sure he would survive, but this? He was questioning if his brains were melting out of his ears.

Walkers' teeth were grinding together as he used his grand elemental manipulation to force the elemental manas from pushing against each other at such an extreme. The natural mana around them was turbulent since Fleur was pulling on them with such a harsh grasp.

'The world has felt your will.'

The system responding to him was nothing at the moment. He could not focus on it. Walker could not focus on anything. All that he needed was the bond with Fleur and the control of elemental mana and natural mana. They needed to come together and balance to create the core of the moldable crystal ball. All of the materials needed to come together and fuse perfectly.

In this battle of will and mana, Walker felt closer and closer to Fleur every breath he took. It only seemed to increase when the wandering blacksmith had begun to lay the diamond shaped plate on to the moldable crystal ball. Not that Walker could notice this happening with his eyes forced shut to focus more. If he could he would see that they had all been rounded so they fit around the moldable crystal ball and balanced around the entire sphere.

The runes glowed and connected the mana flowing in the moldable crystal ball causing it to ever so slightly. The immortal birch branch that they had received in the dwarven vault started to break piece by piece and get pulled toward the moldable crystal ball and metal rune plates. This was good because it was a material that Walker had wanted to be part of it all. However, the strange part was that more pieces broke and joined the others, it never fused with it.

Instead of fusing with the item being forged, the immortal birch branch was changing shape and becoming intertwined vines in the shape of a rotating ring around the entire creation. A small piece of it also formed a vine ring that wrapped around Walker's finger. The slight prick that Walker felt was completely ignored as it drew a slight amount of blood when it latched on.

There were over a hundred of the rune carved diamond plates. The wandering blacksmith was very efficient and had sped through the completion not to slow the final combination of the item. He purposefully had everything prepared for this speed to be possible. The runes themselves he had practiced in his mind and on scrap metal more times than he could count in his life, therefore, being able to carve them together at a much faster speed than many others could hope for in the world.

Without warning the elemental mana began to surge around the entire forge. The flames that had been on the furnace were snuffed out as cold descended. The next moment there was wind and shadows dancing about them. The ground trembled and they were blinded by the light before they all felt the heat return and the fire burn hotter in the forge furnace than it had before. The wandering blacksmith and Midnight were on the edges of their seat as they watched Fleur and Walker work together.

The immense pressure that Walker felt threatened to crush him even though it was not a physical force. He knew that if he wavered even for a moment he would lose all progress and the material would be ruined. Fleur was also feeling the strain. She was still a young nature spirit and had not been able to attract a great deal of natural mana yet. Therefore, she was pulling more to the changing crystal ball than to herself.

Walker knew that his mana would run out and there was no way for him to stop and drink a mana potion. Even someone pouring down his throat would be too much of a distraction and would stop him from completing his new item. That being the case, He summoned all the remaining mana he had and used it in a move of force to change and balance the elemental manas that were raging within the moldable crystal ball.

There was only deafening silence. No one dared to breathe out or even twitch. Fleur was slowly drifting toward the ground before the last of Walker's energy propelled him to reach out his hands and catch her. There was no way he would allow for her to fall. Luckily, Midnight and the wandering blacksmith were there to catch him. His mana was rock bottom and he needed to rest. Knowing if they succeeded or failed would come later. Now, the pair would recover.

The wandering blacksmith wanted more than anything to look at the new item before him but knew that Walker's safety and well being was first on the list. He and Midnight were the only two that could carry him in to the mansion to rest. He promised himself that he would not set a foot in to the forge until Walker was able to come with and see the result.

Chapter 903 Result

The small weight on his chest and the banging of his blood through his veins was what Walker came awake to. There was the smell of mint and lemons on the room along with a warm towel on his forehead. "He's awake!" Remey and Su rushed over to Walker.

As Walker opened his eyes and braved the light that caused his head to hurt more, he caught a glimpse of Fleur seemingly sleeping on his chest. He was fairly impressed that she had not moved back in to the spirit mark. However, he could feel the desire and curiosity she felt even while resting. Walker and Fleur had to see the result of their hard work.

"Don't rush yourselves. You both were completely exhausted. You have been asleep for seven hours this time. Zephyr is still trying to understand how a spirit was able to exhaust all of their mana and still exist." Su spoke softly since Fleur was still resting.

"We might have done a little more than we should have. I really hope it was worth it. I don't want to check my quest. If it was wrong..." There was still a fog over Walker's eyes as he rubbed them. Remey was already handing him a tea she had brewed for mana regeneration and pain relief. She knew it might help with the headache Walker had after pushing himself beyond what was normal for his body.

There was no doubt that Walker was stressed to see the result. He could only think about what would happen if he failed. However, this was his first big task with Fleur. He would hate for her to even be slightly discouraged by failure. Adding on the fact that Zephyr believed that Fleur shouldn't exist after using all her mana caused even more questions.

Did Fleur survive because she is a nature spirit and different than other elemental spirits? Did she survive because she is bonded with Walker through a spirit mark? Did she survive because there was a high amount of elemental mana around them? Did she survive because the world responded to their will?

The small system notification that Walker had seen but not processed until now seemed to be the most likely. It was something that he didn't understand and would need to spend multiple lifetimes studying to even begin to grasp. The world was too complicated and Walker would need to be much more than he is now to even get a hint regarding the inter workings.

"I can't sit here not knowing. Thank you for your help. But We need to see." This was it. Walker didn't want to stop and worry anymore. All it did was make his head hurt more. When Walker began to stand, Fleur started to awaken again and focus on him. She held tightly to his clothing only showing that she was still too weak to float by herself. "You worked pretty hard. Ready to go see what we created?"

Fleur was still not one with words or conveying her thoughts through mana, but her head nodded as Walker sat her safely on his shoulder. He could feel that she was just as curious as he was. The rest of the party, wandering blacksmith included, walked behind him worried that his shaky few steps would put him asleep again.

The forge was barricaded which was a surprise, "Not without you." The wandering blacksmith spoke in a whisper as he undid the bar on the door and let Walker in ahead of everyone. This was more than just a gesture. It was an honor to be able to walk in before the blacksmith that called this forge home.

Feeling a pinprick on his finger, Walker looked down to find a small green vine ring around his finger. The connection between it was the same as the one between him and Fleur. Raising his head, Walker understood. Floating on the table was an orb of shifted metal plates. The rainbow crystal underneath reflected every elemental mana and attracted natural mana. The diamond plates were glowing with constant runes and shifted with Walker's every breath. The small rungs that spun around it were undoubtedly the same as the vine ring on his finger. It was all made from the immortal birch branch which had definitely grown and changed.

'Unique nameless item (Requires Name)

+???, +100 mana storage

This is the first of a kind unique item created by the nature spirit Fleur and the Jack of all trades, master of none system user and true hero Walker.

Through the balancing of elemental affinities, this item has the potential to hold any elemental affinity depending on the user's requirement. This item is made up of multiple materials that perfectly channel elemental and combinations of elemental manas including natural mana. These effects cause the nameless item to hold the unique skill Perfect multitool.

Perfect multitool

The item is able to speedily shift between forms based on the users' desire. The mana used comes from the stored mana within the nameless item. The weapon can also be repaired through additional materials and the user's mana. This is a unique skill that can only be possessed by an item created by the Jack of all trades system user. Stat bonuses change based on the form taken.'

'True Hero quest: The Ideal all around weapon- Final Link- complete

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Requirements:

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Rewards:

None'

Walker and Fleur could feel it. The item they had created was more than just some item. It was an extension of themselves. Just as much as their souls were an integral part of their being, the floating orb was the same.

Chapter 904 Named

"We get to name it." Walker felt that Fleur wasn't really sure what he meant but she was excited anyways. However, she was still tired and was leaning heavily on his neck while still sitting on his shoulder. "Should we call it a nature orb? World crystal ball?" None of them seemed to fit properly.

"What is that?" Gil was afraid to enter since he was looking at the time that had been created which was floating over the work table and constantly changing.

"Whoa! That's so cool it keeps changing and twisting. It looks like it goes on forever!" Remey was the opposite of Gil. Her reaction was more energetic and curious. Su had to hold her back so she didn't rush herself too close to it.

"Brother, sister says that she is glad it didn't break," Onyx spoke for Midnight and Walker could see in her eyes that she had been worried for him. She had seen him fall and helped to catch him and Fleur. Other than the rest of the party she had been the most worried for his health.

"Names are important." This was true and the wandering blacksmith had the mist experience naming items. He could only give that small advice since he refused to let himself influence the name of such an item. Every respectable forge master would avoid stepping on others' toes when it came to naming something.

What Remey had said when she first saw the item was enough to get Walker's mind turning. If the forms it could take went on forever it was simple to call it infinite. There was also the fact that it had a resting shape of an orb. The crystal ball structure was still there but it had become smoother and more precise. It also appeared that it could constantly absorb natural mana without any worry.

"The endless shifting crystal ball? No, the infinite world orb? That sounds a little odd... The eternal shift orb, no wait, the eternal orb. I think that is short and sweet but is perfect to describe when it does this." Walker willed the eternal orb to come toward him and Fleur. As it did it shifted and changed in to a metal staff with vines wrapped around it. The rainbow colorations on a crystal at the top.

"It can change endlessly with your will? You can use any weapon now!" There were too many possibilities running through Gil's mind. He could imagine Walker summoning the eternal orb to create large swords then switching to bow and arrows in a second. "You can't use it like a bow and endless arrows. I have the archer position locked down."

"I don't think I could make arrows. It would lose parts of itself and I wouldn't want that. But it can become a bow if I wanted it. I just wanted the staff since that was the first idea for when we started to think about it.

"It may shift to different forms endlessly. But isn't it eternal since it will always be by your side?" There was more to it than what Gil saw. To Su, it was an eternal partner. One that Walker would lean on to protect him and hold him up in the hardest of times.

"It doesn't have to be a weapon right? Can it be an alchemist tool too?" This was a whole new avenue to Remey's mind. If this was able to change in to alchemy tools or other things, then Walker could be walking around with a portable everything.

Walker willed the eternity orb to change in to a shovel just to prove that it could change in to anything. However, he felt that the mana inside had begun to dim. "It can store a lot of mana for me to use or to use itself. But it needs time to absorb it so no more switching around for now." He was worried he would use all of the mana inside and somehow damage it. The eternal orb was his child for all intents and purposes. He had followed the quests and finally completed it.

"Hey Fleur, why don't you rest inside? It should be a dwelling item for you since we both crafted it and you used your mana." This seemed like a good idea. Fleur was exhausted and could use the rest to regain mana.

This suggestion was greeted with a sharp shake of her head and the feeling of opposition. It seemed that there was nothing that she wanted to do more than stay out in the physical world. Walker's theory was that she had been resting and felt that she was missing things. He mostly thought this because he would feel the same. There was also the fact that Fleur has seen Zephyr communicate with them using her own skills. She must have the same desire and wanted to watch and learn. "Alright, then just hold on tight. Don't want you falling anywhere while I meditate and try to recover some of the natural mana the orb used, and you used."

This seemed to be agreeable for Fleur and she relaxed again. "You know that you are training with everyone to show s what it can do tomorrow, right?" There was no way Gil would let Walker get out of it. They needed to see the limits of this new item and how it could fit in the style of combat that the group used.

The party gradually left Walker alone as he began to meditate and regain some of the natural mana. The only one that refused to leave was Midnight. She was more than set on remaining with Walker and Fleur until he went to bed for the day. She refused to let either of them fall again. Walker could only pat her in the head now and then while meditating until he finally gave in and went inside to his bed. He didn't even care for the fact that he missed dinner.

Chapter 905 Training Can Wait

Rest came easily for Walker. Fleur had stayed with him in physical form all night. Even Midnight gave up her favorite spot by the fire to sleep near Walker and keep him safe. When he had woken up and seen this he promised himself that he would go looking for something a little extra today for her to snack on.

There were the training plans for today, however, there was one thing that he found very interesting. The last form the eternal orb had taken was a shovel. Walker had left it that way for fear that he would exhaust the mana inside it even though he meditated to draw in more natural mana toward it. Now, the eternal orb had changed shape again by itself.

Resting on his arms and back was a new piece of armor. It had the similar diamond shaped plates but it was all tied together by the vines. The crystal was set in the center of his chest. Recalling his dreams, Walker knew he had dreamed of the armor he would need for when he visited the main dragon village. The eternal orb had even responded to his desire to have an impressive armor.

"I will need to see if we can match this then." His joy was partly because he would be able to walk anywhere with the eternal orb without it floating or being in a weapon form. There was also the fact that he would be able to theme the armor the same as the eternal orb. He did still intend to have some armor made in a chest plate and along his arms so that when the eternal orb shifted he would not be left with no defenses. In theory, the eternal orb could shift and lay over the other armor.

Unfortunately, Walker had not realized he was sitting and day dreaming on the side of his bed. Midnight had come over and put her head in his lap waiting for him to snap out of his own head. Fleur was also giving him confused looks while pulling on his hair softly. "Sorry, I was just thinking about the plans for the day. Midnight, you should activate your skeletal armor skill and try to keep it on all day."

The response was without hesitation. Midnight gave a soft huff and the skeletal armor began to form on top of her scales. It appeared to be more developed than the last time she had used it. Walker had the idea that she had been training it regardless of the skill being active by eating more bones and training in general.

"And you, you're welcome to do whatever you want. But if you stay on my shoulder just hang on tight." The small pat to Fleur's head with a finger made her a little bashful. If Walker could see her trying to hide behind his hair he would have fallen over laughing at how cute. Luckily for Fleur, there was no way for Walker to turn his head at such an angle.

"Oh, look who made it back here. You slept the morning awake practically half the day is over!" Remey was snacking on some mixed fruits while sitting at the table. However, she was not the only one at the table.

"Walker!" Alice jumped up and started to inspect him head to toe.

"Alice came this morning. When she heard about the dragon she knew that there was no one else that could be connected. I guess that makes sense. Like, who else has a dragon as a family member, right?" Walker knew that Remey was enjoying the red face he was growing while Alice looked him over with a worried expression.

"We are safe. I promise. Let me introduce my new family member, this is Fleur. She is a nature spirit and helped me make this." The armor Walker had on shifted in to the resting form. The eternal orb floated above his hand causing Alice to slightly yelp in surprise. It was understandable since the entire process of shifting was fast and very surprising.

"This is the eternal orb. It is something I finally managed to make with a lot of help. But we had to go to the mountains to get eternal ice to properly craft the metal aspects. Then we ended up in a water dragon branch village. I met some dragons and long story short I will need to go back to another village in a few months."

"Leader, you need to be able to explain these things with more sugar coating." Su had just returned to the dining room in time to hear how Walker had explained things. "Alice, it is less dramatic than you think. But to the dragons, Walker is now considered a royal since he was able to form an oath with Midnight who is a dragon champion. In turn, I am a draconic guardian that protects Midnight. The culture is very different and even we have broken the normality of their culture."

The reaction that Alice had was much more normal than the rest of the party was able to act at this point. She just shook her head and sat down to drink the tea she had in front of her. The thoughts of her loving a royal anything was just too much to process at the moment and the tea seemed like the only solid things around to hold on to.

"Ehm, so I plan to train today. But I wanted to go for a walk through the market to find something special for dinner. Do you want to come with me? Of course, you are invited to dinner too." Su and Remey gave Walker a look of wonder. They had not expected he would be so bold as to ask Alice out on a date in front of them. To their surprise, Alice was already back up and standing with a small smile telling him she would be following him anywhere.

Chapter 906 Connections

Walker had the feeling that if he hadn't asked Alice to go with him he would have been digging himself an early grave. She had come all the way over to check on him even though he could see some small dark circles under her eyes. He was sure that she had been working hard to heal people and try to become stronger using the light elemental mana to battle. She wanted to go on an adventure with him and see the world.

"So, you look like you have been working hard. Has everything been alright?" Walker watched as Alice's face scrunched up and she debated how to respond. He knew that she still didn't like to speak much since she wasn't used to it. But she bit her lip and knew that it was unavoidable. She had his gift and it helped her so she would take advantage of it to speak with Walker more.

"Injured soldier from the borders..." The sadness in her voice would have surely made the light change and reflect her emotions. It was only because of the bracelet that helped her hold her mana from leaking out with her words.

"That's not a good piece of news. I was hoping that things would calm down after Pride failed his crazy attack." The memories of Pride and his brutal way of creating an army flooded Walker. He had not wanted to deal with another corrupt and evil demon just yet. There were too many things going on and they needed to solidify the unions between all the kingdoms at the summit so that they could join together and rescue the demons from corruption. "Is there anything in particular that caused more injuries? The forest elf army should have gotten there to help us and even some of the dwarven golems." Walker knew that the dwarven kings had said after the summit but he would be a fool to believe they could leave the problem alone.

"A big demon called Wrath. He attacked for a long time." This was all that Alice knew from the fevered rambling of injured soldiers from the border walls. That a large demon had walked up to them and begun to punch holes and cause general chaos for days on end. Then suddenly the demon had left while the soldiers were left to repair and heal. It made no sense.

"I will try to go to the cathedral tomorrow and help. I am sure that Su is looking forward to seeing her friends and won't be able to stop herself from helping anyone that is hurt." This made Alice look a lot more relaxed. Having one of two extra hands was perfect. But having Walker and Su was like having fifteen to twenty extra hands.

"Yesterday we exhausted ourselves a little too much and I had some trouble staying awake. Midnight and the wandering blacksmith caught us and helped us inside. So, I want to make sure I find something

special to bring back for dinner, do you have any ideas?" Walker flawlessly moved on with the conversation after making his promise to come to the cathedral the next day. It was becoming a habit to volunteer time there and he didn't have any problem with that.

"There's a new stall in the market." The stall that Alice was mentioning as a new and popular food stall that popped up the week before. It had made a big splash bringing foods from the deep sun hallow forest. This was some of the first imports directly from the forest elf city. The idea was to test the waters with something basic then slowly open up the market to more of the elven goods so that there wouldn't be a flood and a rush of new items. It was a stable idea to protect the value of other items and avoid unnecessary panic.

"Then that's where we go. The market is a quick walk away from here." Walker grabbed Alice's hand and pulled her along before she could even respond. He didn't know where the new stall was but it was a fun little adventure to find it.

Walker would have kept pulling Alice along looking if she didn't suddenly stop in her tracks. "What is-" Walker looked up to find a large four table stall with four elves manning it. "You didn't mention that it was staffed by elves. I didn't know they would be here trading already. We must have our own stall in the forest elf city too." Walker was ecstatic to realize that this was the start of the trade route between the cities and that within the next few months trade should be fully open.

This time, it was Alice that made Walker follow. She waltzed right up to the stall and stood there looking while the nearby elf finished with another customer and walked over. The elf looked at Alice and the arm attached and smiled widely seeing it was someone buying for someone else. His eyes finally fell on the plaque, pins, emblems, and the rest of the glowing assortment of identifications from multiple kingdoms and stand out gear on Walker's clothing. He had never stopped wearing them out with pride. Everyone in the party did to respect their friends that they had made thus far.

"The teacher and hero Walker. I have heard about you from a brother. He said that you gave him insight in his training. I thank you. I do not know what you did but you sparked a desire he has missed for some years. He said he would get stronger without limits. He sounded like when I was his age. Thank you very much." The other three elves heard this and also came over after finishing with their business. It seemed they all were related to some of the party's times at the forest elf city. They had all been awed and that spark of adventure had made it to others. Walker couldn't be happier to hear this new connection bridging humans and elves.

Chapter 907 Giant...

"I'm very glad to see that the trading is going well. It's impressive to see how many people are waiting around to try something new. Have you four been very busy?" Walker did have some concern for the

four elves to overwork themselves. He knew how busy the market could get and how tough the work was dealing with customers.

"It's been very busy. We love it!" The elf that had greeted them was very energetic. "In the market back home it can be very dull. That's why we focused on helping certain areas. The mages need materials we would find a way to get them. But here, we can sell what we want and how we want. We have more freedom."

"That sounds perfect for you then. Once the adventurers' guild goes in to full effect jobs like chasing certain materials or ingredients will fall on them. Every merchant should have more ability to sell what they want. That's more or less how it works here." The reaction was a smile that Walker had not expected to get wider. The elves looked as if they had just been greeted by an angel.

"Well, on that note, shall we return to our business? We have the time to assist you." It was clear what the elves sold but before Walker could begin to look with Alice, he wanted to make sure he wasn't being rude.

"Please, I only need one of you to help me. I can't force all of you to help and ignore your other business. Many people are coming through the market." The other three elves returned to their side of their stall with a nod. They respected that Walker was not going to demand their full attention because of who he was.

"Alice brought me to check your wares out because I want to buy something special for my family dinner tonight. She heard about your stall and here we are. Do you have anything that would go well with slow cooked rabbit stew? Something a little lighter maybe?" This was what he knew they would end up having for dinner. It was a nice meal to have that welcomed people home when the weather began turning colder. It was also a good way to make use of the bones in the kitchen. They would be boiled to make a very rich soup stock or beef stew stock.

"I have just the thing. I have plenty of cotton grapes grown wild and picked by elves. They usually only produce fruit this year but their flowers give off fluffy cotton like pollen. That's where the name comes from. But they are also a perfectly white grape with a sweet but sour flavor. They are very good for cutting through rich foods and can be made in to juices if the skills are available." The elf held up a bunch of white round grapes. The pollen he spoke of was still attached to some of the stems where the flowers had once been.

"Do they pass the test?" Walker deferred to Alice. He wanted her to get something to try as well and did not want to take over the entire hunt for something good. She nodded looking very interested but then also pointed to a giant blueberry.

"Ah, sharp eyes. That is actually a monster material believe it or not. We have many monstrous vine species and one of them grows blueberries. The monster normally uses them to attract prey but once the elves tamed them they became a producer of food. That single blueberry can make four pies. It is also at the pique of ripeness." It was a very interesting fun fact that neither Walker or Alice knew.

"I spent time in the city and I never saw them. I can't believe I was able to miss a blueberry the size of my face. I have to take one." Walker used his adventurer plaque to pay the elf and stored away the food. "I will stop by again sometime. Hopefully, you can set up a bigger stall in the future." The four elves waved to Walker as he and Alice left the stall. "That was a great idea. I can't believe the blueberries are harvested from a monster."

Alice was equally awed by this and nodded slowly. However, Walker caught her looking at him a little too much and realized that neither of them had tried the grapes at all. "I figure we can try a few of the cotton grapes first, right?" He had barely said any before Alice had taken one and held it in front of his lips. There was no way Walker could resist and ate it.

The pair continued this way for their entire walk back to the mansion. Neither could explain to the other how they had eaten half of the cluster of grapes before they had gotten there. Luckily, Walker had bought a decent amount for everyone and no one would go with it being able to have one. "Are you staying here until dinner? Or do you want to go back to the cathedral?" The pair had been too caught up to walk near the cathedral.

"No, I can stay." Alice didn't feel like rushing away now. She actually had better ideas. She pulled Walker toward the library where she found the forging section. She didn't know much about weapons but she did know that Walker owned books about them.

After procuring some large books about various weapons, Alice made Walker move the couch and table out of the center of the room. She flipped to a page and displayed the hand drawn image of morning star. "Show me." Her voice was still cute but demanding. Walker caught on to exactly what she was thinking.

"You are going to help me train? I guess Fleur and I can't say no." Walker used a finger to pat Fleur on the head who was still hiding in his hair after going out. She had been holding back since there were so

many people. Now she could finally relax. Walker knew it would take time for Fleur to branch out, but it was good to start small with just Alice than go out a lot.

Chapter 908 Experimental Shifting

Walker looked at the difference in the shaping of the morning star compared to the other weapons he had made. The handle would need to be a little thicker due to the fact that his level was higher. The weight at the end with the spikes would also need to be adjusted to match the size of the handle.

Once a clear image had reached his mind, Walker began to will the eternal orb to change shape from the armor he had been wearing it as. The clicking and shifting metal sounds caused the diamond shaped plates to become the spikes and the crystal remained round and covered by the other plates. The vine rings changed and became the handles that also held the top of the morning star.

In the end, Walker had a slightly larger version of the morning star that was shown in the book that Alice had presented. She scrutinized it as if she were a teacher guiding a student. The comparison was welcomed since Walker was going to need to study the weapons more in detail to change the eternal orb in to better versions of each weapon. The fear of breaking the eternal orb by improperly changing it was also present within Walker's thoughts.

"Let's try the next one." Walker was liking this idea. He was going to pull out the basic weapons the wandering blacksmith had made him and try to copy them, but this method made the weapons he needed to change the eternal orb in to random. Not knowing would make him think faster and be able to better adapt to what would happen in real life. He would never have the time to look at the weapons he had in his storage before shifting the eternal orb.

There was a glint of mischief in Alice's eyes as she flitted through the pages and presented the next item. "That's not a weapon." Walker felt that he would be shown only weapons. But Alice had presented him with a cape this time. It explained her face as she tried to hold back giggles. "Alright, a cape. Let's see."

The eternal orb began to shift again. The diamond shaped plated became the flowing fabric of the cape. The vines became what held them together and it moved around. The most surprising part was the crystal orb. It split in to two even round obs that rest on Walkers' shoulders. Fleur playfully examined it and even stole away a little of the natural mana from the eternal orb to replenish her own.

"It moves the way I want it and it boosts my al defensive stats. I can use this to block al attacks. This is so cool!" Walker twirled around showing off the cape which made Alice finally break down in laughter. The scene of him liking the cape and showing it off was pure gold. "What's next!?" Walker had found his

excitement and wanted another challenge. The eternal orb was a mystery to him and he wanted to see what it could become.

The next picture Alice showed was from another book. "Hmm, a double sword attacked with a chain in the middle of the two handles? I don't even know how someone would use this. But...Let's try it." Walker had never seen anyone use such a weapon but began to look at every detail. His focus could not be interrupted and he willed the eternal orb to shift yet again.

The sword blades formed from the diamond shaped plates easily. The handles again were the vines. The most amazing aspect was the chain between them. The crystal orb instead of being in the sword aspects changed shape and became the crystal chains. The elemental mana was surging inside. This was again beyond what he had expected.

When Alice flipped to the other side and showed Walker more information about the swords he understood. "You showed me a al weapon! This is too much!" It was a fire elemental sword pair that could absorb fire elemental mana from al attacks or the atmosphere. Then it could store it in the chain and release thrown blades made of fire elemental mana to attack. It was a rare weapon not used by many that was forged in the desserts.

"I can't believe that it can shift in to al weapon forms. The runes even changed slightly to copy what is in the picture." The fact that the runes could change themselves too was an even more dominating fact about the eternal orb. This made it truly one of a kind and perfectly suited for Walker. It was exactly like him in every way; it could be anything.

"Next!" Alice was enjoying this activity much more than she thought she would. She was also learning from the way Walker would manipulate the eternal orb to shift. This could be compared to how she willed the light elemental mana to change in to the forms that she desired. Her skills had grown slightly while she trained them but she knew that she had not reached her true potential.

Yes, Alice was mainly a healer. Her music could cause the light elemental mana to heal others. But since she was not only a healer she would be able to change light on to a weapon or if she wanted a shield. She could be the best supporter out there that used her songs to stand beside the person she looked up to most in the world. It was also one thing that inspired her to write new songs that could be used to battle monsters while traveling.

"This one is... I have no idea how it will shift in to a small bracelet like that, but I will try." Alice had forgone the book and presented the bracelet that Walker had given her as a gift. He started to imagine

the eternal orb changing shape. However, he was surprised again. Instead of just one bracelet, multiple formed on both of his arms. The mass of the eternal orb was too great and could not be compressed in to one small bracelet. "I guess there are limits to how small or large the eternal orb can become. I won't be trying to make it so small again." The two laughed at the twenty bracelets that lined Walkers' arms before finding another item to shift in to.

Chapter 909 Writing Songs

While Walker and Alice kept up their game. Fleur had been absorbing a small amount of natural energy that came from the eternal orb shifting. This was enough for her to be able to float again, but like Onyx, she had developed a habit of resting on Walker's shoulder. It was the best spot for her to watch what was going on and learn things. She also had developed her own joy being around Alice since she had challenged the eternal orb that she and Walker had created. It was fun and Fleur wanted to keep it up in the future.

"I think we should call it here. I don't think we should push this too far. But I want to see you show off some of your skills too." Walker was sure that Alice had more up her sleeve than when he left for the mountains. He knew that she had been practicing enough to create some blades from light. It may drain a huge amount of mana compared to what she had been using her songs for. But it was also a great way for her to defend herself when they traveled to Genesis city.

"Writing." Alice fished out a small journal from her pocket. The pages were all full of small songs she had written.

"This looks like a bard book. Do you have the musical inspiration skill?" Walker had heard of this skill before from traveling minstrels and bards. They were able to take words and add meaning to them when sung. It was a skill only music related systems learned and since Alice was a songstress it was natural that she may have the skill. Yet, actually using it for so many pages of songs was beyond what Walker could even imagine.

The wide smile that Alice had shown that she had in fact crafted every song here. "Healing, defense, replenishing, attacking, and more." Her soft voice was enough to entrance Walker with every word. However, he was also focused on the songs she showed while she spoke her words.

"You thought of all of that? I can't believe you have just been training in your free time. You need to sleep and rest too. If you have been up all night training and writing then you will be too tired when we leave for Genesis." The worry was clear on Walker's face but he also knew that Alice wouldn't push herself this far if she didn't have her own goals to reach.

"I won't fall behind." That was Alices' desire. She wanted to stand with Walker and his party. She had heard and seen some of the amazing things they could do. It had only strengthened her own desire to get stronger and stand taller. Thus, she had pushed herself.

"The amount of mana to use all of these must be high. I can't believe you have songs that you can't even be sung yet. This one, song of shields, it must use all of your mana twice over. And this one, song of fear, it scares away weak monster from the way it's worded but you would need to sing constantly to make the effect stay." All the songs had a large drain on someone's mana. But compared to the healing songs, Alice could sing them when she was stronger. "You might just be able to shake the world with your songs one day." This was not an understatement. The world would recognize Alice and stories would be written.

This new information about Alice changed Walker's view yet again. She had so much potential and he wouldn't need to worry over her while they travels. Of course, he would still worry since he had strong feelings for her, but that was nothing compared to how he would worry if she had not developed her skills. "I can't wait until the others see you use some of these songs. They won't know what to say." There was a slightly mischievous tone in his voice before he caught the smell of food. "It smells like it's time to dinner. Let's head there and show off what we found to eat today."

Walker and Alice showed off the cotton grapes and the giant blueberry to everyone while explaining the new stall in the market from the forest elf city. The conversation was lively and Walker made another point to thank the wandering blacksmith and Midnight for their help the other day. After they had eaten, Su volunteered to walk with Alice home to the cathedral. She seemed to want to speak to her privately so Walker did not intervene and instead set his sights on the wandering blacksmith.

"I wanted to touch base with you again about armor. I know you have seen the use of the eternal orb, but I had some more ideas." Walker explained his experiments with the eternal orb and how the armor would work with it. He also decided that the eternal orb would best stay in the form of a cape when the armor was on. This way the appearance he would have would be all that much more when he walked in to the dragon village. It would also show that he was someone a little more important when they traveled to Genesis and met the other kingdoms.

When everything came together he would be able to better represent the image of a hero along with the party. Overall, it would inspire more people to stand tall and be a better version of themselves. Walker chose to believe that he could be a role model for many along with the rest of the party. He had still not realized that he was already one for many children in multiple kingdoms.

His conversation went on for longer than he expected and there were even a few blueprints drawn out. The wandering blacksmith seemed to be overflowing with ideas and was ready to rush off and start forging. The only thing that stopped him was the fact that Midnight was already asleep and couldn't join him. But that didn't stop him completely. He rushed away and began to prepare the materials would use.

Chapter 910 Cold Season

The morning was full of bright sun and calm skies. For everyone in the kingdom, it was a perfect day. At the mansion, the wandering blacksmith and Midnight had already started to forge a little. They were not allowing Walker anywhere near the forge so that when the armor was finished he would be surprised. The only one allowed to enter was Onyx who was greatly enjoying the small secret from Walker.

Remey had disappeared to the market so that she could speak with the elves. She had an idea that she might be able to get a letter to Trish for when they went back. She wanted to be sure that every one of the founding members of the alchemy guild would be there to begin the opening process.

Gil was gone before the sun had even risen. He left a note on the dining room table saying he needed to test the new arrows. Walker and Su knew that this was Gill talk for going off to hunt in the woods again. He was becoming more and more like the elves who enjoyed being in the forest. It was fairly comical since he tried to hide these facts a little.

"Did you know that Lisa is working with the cathedral to make the new outfits for the new cathedral in Genesis?" Su had spoken to Lisa at the dinner table the night before and found that there were about fifty people with clothing related systems that were making the garments.

"I thought she would end up that way. She told me that she was being tested a lot by the king and Queens' tailor and seamstress. But I think that's a good thing. A lot of the businesses will need uniforms. I know Remey already placed an order for robes that can be made for different levels of apprentices and alchemy guild members." It only made sense that orders for such things would increase as the journey to the city came closer. Many craftsmen had already left for the new work opportunities building the city.

"I think it means that the city will be finished much sooner than expected. I can't estimate how great the dwarven golems will affect the building time." There were already a few small stories from the adventurers that had acted as body guards for the goods being transported. They were mostly about the different races already working together to build unique buildings in the city. Some rumors were fantastical but always seemed to be partially true.

"Speaking of Genesis. I have been thinking about the time we leave." Walker had been constantly thinking about their departure and what they would do. "I have the scrolls from that dimensional step guy. I think we could use them to get back and forth if we need. But I need to study them with everyone. I don't want to make the choice alone." He had been keeping himself from looking at them and attempting to pursue spatial. Walker knew all too well that if he chased after it he could end up with some complicated skills and a lot of wasted time without much progress. Spatial was not simple.

"Those should be for emergencies. But I do agree we should look in to them. If they can help us grasp something important we may need them sooner." Su was thinking about the fact that they would most likely be traveling back and forth between the two cities often. Having a bit more knowledge on how to make that journey faster would help them immensely.

"You mean you wouldn't prefer getting a few levels higher to improve agility, then just run to the new city and back?" Walker couldn't help but joke a little as they walked up the steps to the cathedral.

"Su! Walker! I'm so glad to see you. There are a lot of people today. The cold season is upon us and we have a lot of parents bringing their children for some healing and purifying. The alchemists have been bringing a steady supply of medicines. Same deals as the year before but with a few more gold. I did see Remey though. She came by and dropped off a lot of salves and pills that help with sleep and fevers. She said that the main alchemy building is being remodeled and by the time it would be done the things she brought would be useless. She is a gift to the world."

Walker and Su had not known that Remey would do such a thing. It was good to hear she did not charge any gold for the items. It was better to see them used than to go bad sitting in some vault or on some shelf. It also improved the general public health and safety during the cold season where some of the weaker children and elderly would fall victim to fever or coughing.

"Well, I'm glad she had already been by. Yesterday Alice told me you needed some extra hands. We would be fools not to come and help. I even brought my new partner Fleur. She is a bit shy but I think she will get the feeling of healing soon." There was some hope that Walker would be able to learn the natures' cure skill or a nature healing skill. Both would be a welcomed addition to his portfolio of skills.

"It's very nice to meet you, Fleur. If you need anything feel free to come ask me. I might be working at the door but I have every corner of the cathedral memorized." Fleur peeked her head from Walker's hair to look at the younger nun and smile. It was adorable and the nun nearly melted on the spot while the three entered inside. The line waiting for healers was long. Walker and Su did not hesitate to jump in to the most swamped areas of the cathedral.

