

Master 2581

Chapter 2581: Gaining Attention

There was a lot of movement and a lot of material orders being brought to the wandering blacksmith's personal workshop,

This caused rumors to spread rapidly.

The hero Walker is in isolation within the workshop.

Three of the best crafters there were in isolation with him.

Material order after material order being brought in as covered and protected finished products were delivered to the Genesis building.

Sudden excavation and underground expansion being done to the Genesis building.

All things that the people of Genesis heard and gravitated toward. Yet, they were not being given answers as to what was going on. Their curiosity was only growing by the moment.

The fact that no one was announcing the project was bringing even more curiosity. The people of Genesis knew very well that whatever went in their leadership was often clear with it. There would be announcements sent through the communication guild so that clarity and honesty would always be supported.

This seemed like it began and had been forgotten or too busy for someone to stop and share the details.

Meaning that a new weapon better than anything else might be created. Someone said they thought that Walker was carving a bridge to the elemental planes. Some said that the crafters were building a massive golem to carry the city in to the sky or in case of war.

The more ridiculous the belief and idea the more likely it was that someone, especially children, were running around yelling it to the heavens.

When Walker came out to open the wandering blacksmith's personal workshop, he was surprised to see a crowd of curious people. They had been waiting there for days, some even were there for weeks at this point.

While time had consumed the four as they worked, the only people who had managed to get in and pass on food and water to them had been those who knew them best. Walker's family and the rest of the party understood how crafting worked. Delicate work and peace needed to be kept. Interruptions couldn't be brought in and ruin the flow. But since they knew, they snuck in food even though Walker, the wandering blacksmith, Abe, and Jan barely responded or realized they had been handed food.

While comedic in a way, it was just more evidence that something important was being forged. Walker's mother had even closed her main restaurant for a whole day to make sure they had eaten and to stand watching. The passion and intensity inspired her but also allowed her the time to be proud of her child. She felt the same way about her whole family now, all accomplished and constantly working toward their goals.

Weeks were short though. Walker had meditated for long periods of time before. But when he finally left the workshop and found all the people hanging around outside he could judge the length of time he'd been working. For Abe, Jan, and the wandering blacksmith it was also nothing new. They had dedication to their crafts.

The prowl didn't know enough and the others in the party hadn't broken the announcement. Instead, Walker had been left with all that responsibility. Even as he decided to take the remaining parts for assembly at the new Genesis building underground mapping room, which was better called a hall, he now had to put out a statement.

"Everyone, I will hold a small speech about what I and three of our greatest craftsmen have been working on at the Genesis building within the hour." He felt tired from the constant focus, but Walker had long learned to keep himself in recovery. Sleep wasn't even really needed for him at this point. Whether it was because he had reached higher levels or if it was simply because of his racial abilities it didn't matter. Walker could always keep pushing beyond the limits he had once believed himself to possess.

This made a large buzz in the street as people began spreading the news. It was mainly crafters who wanted to know the details of what amazing new creation light appear. However, Walker was surprised

that other representatives in the Genesis council hadn't told anyone what he was trying to make. He'd explained his entire quest to them.

It was a good idea not to tell them though. By not telling people and letting this natural curiosity blossom, people would be able to slowly become more invested in the current state of Genesis and the future. They would also be able more naturally spread news in a positive method allowing for children to become the very same as they grew up.

It set an example for everyone. A desire to grow and a desire to look beyond.

As Walker checked quickly, he found the wandering blacksmith, Abe, and Jan all sitting calmly. They were looking back at the work they had done. This episode of crafting had not been enlightening in the aspect that they had created a new alloy or carved a brand new rune.

Instead, it had melded techniques together that could change the path of crafting entirely. Allowed their minds to begin considering how their respective forms of crafting could better cooperate to look for better and more unique creations.

Due to this, they would most likely spend weeks if not months within the crafting guild sharing new knowledge or testing new techniques. While not a direct desired result, it was perfect.

This wasn't going to be the time for more in depth thinking. "We need to present what we made and how it's about to be assembled to everyone." Walker felt a little bad for pushing them but this was just how it would work. They had to present their creation and also explain the benefits.

As they had worked there was so much more that Walker had considered. Weather could be shown on this globe map. They could show much of the current terrain difficulties due to season as well. All of that would be immensely valuable for travelers, especially merchants. It would also allow for tracking of larger groups of monsters which was another seasonal risk.

Besides all this, new areas could be marked for in depth maps to be created on paper and copied. Trends in mana flow or monster migrations could be recorded more accurately. Even other aspects of plant growth and why they might grow in specific locations related to weather and such.

His kind stuck in these things while he practically carried the other three with wind mana for speed. A larger crowd had moved in to the Genesis building surrounding courtyard. The massive square was full of people but it was a good thing.

Without hesitation, Walker opened his mouth and spoke.

"People of Genesis. Over the past weeks we four, forgmater, master carpenter, master rune carver, and one of the heroes have worked to create a map."

"Not just a map, an entire globe with several mana cores allowing communication to smaller magical tools which will communicate the manas in an area and specifically the manas leaving the bridges to the elemental planes. This will allow us safer areas to travel and also to venture in to those places when the time is right."

"We can learn more about our world and the ways it moves naturally. There will be more depth and research gained by this. We will also be able to understand dangers, weather, and natural phenomena happening in real time to send better assistance to villages or travelers."

He heard more buzz in the square. He noticed that everyone seemed shocked and surprised. That was until Walker raised his hands and used manas to replicate the wit creation.

"As you see, my mana can be manipulated to make map, but this map will be made of thousands of moving parts to draw in mana around it to look like the terrain we are speaking about and planning around."

Now mages and many others looked shocked. They didn't expect that it would be so in depth. " Even life, death, space, and natural mana can be sensed with this tool. It is not just a small project, it is something to help shape Genesis safely for years to come. Something that can be and will be improved as our knowledge and skills grow too."

That was all everyone needed to hear as Walker set foot inside the Genesis building. He wanted to complete this project right this moment. Allow the final rune formation connections and take their success to the prowl outside waiting.

If he did that the morale within the city would skyrocket allowing for more growth. Allowing for happier people. They all needed this to keep improving. To keep moving forward even with struggles of every day life appearing. He just needed to put the pieces together.

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Chapter 2582: Activated

Being honest with himself, Walker knew that the speech he had just given was not much of a speech. It made him question if he was actually a little too tired and should sit down and just do nothing for a little while to reset his brain.

What he didn't realize as he and the others entered the Genesis building to get to the mapping hall built for their magic tool, were the reactions of the people.

Those who had any business traveling, felt as if they were getting the best gift they had ever heard of.

Maps had been a huge issue since many of the merchant trails or trade routes had been broken by the expansion of the world. Some were manageable but many merchants traveled routes that they believed to be safer or were created, if not discovered, by their families.

This left them with some fear that they would be starting over from scratch or at a greater risk since they might encounter monsters on the routes they were taking. Let alone, when they were cutting through wilderness areas that were between the broken areas in their routes.

The merchants alone had created some of the largest conversations. Many of them had been to used on the fact that they even traveled the newly built roads to the eleven forest which had trees lining it to give the current forested queen a connection to Genesis and allow her travel from there to here. Having the area mapped would allow the rebuilding and improvement to move faster.

All this could mean increased safety and travel to make more gold coins fall in to their hands. Something that they all wanted.

There was also the fact it would increase the trade in all kingdoms to a high degree though.

With that, there would be an increase in crime. The people who didn't wish to live an honest life could also take advantage of these new maps. They could find the best places to hide out and steal or worse, kill.

This was why adventurers and some guards were standing with acceptance. They could do the same as a criminal. Find the best places to protect their clients and arrest those who wish to live their worst life. Furthermore, it would mean more consistent marked trade route escort quests.

Anyone who had experience in a specific trade route would be more valuable to a merchant. Meaning that these adventurers could become experts on specific routes. Making them constantly employed.

That was when Walker and the others got this working. While others wanted to see the world that they might not be able to walk all of through maps, it all depended on the maps being able to be made.

"The central core is already functioning. It's just partial." Walker knew that all the connections were not linked yet. He also knew that the crates of diamond shaped metal parts which would hold and show the manas of an area needed to be connected properly to function as a whole.

The smaller tools that would send information were simpler. Orbs, or similar cores, mainly focused on just having runes that detected changes in mana flow along with communication through unique communication crystals to the main tool. The turns on them were much less in collect carving than the main tool gathering all the information.

They were also much easier for the average guard or person general to use. It required minimal mana and simple instructions. They could even use mana crystals to activate it and keep it functioning for long periods of time. Not that it couldn't function off of ambient manas but it was just better to have someone checking the smaller tools regularly.

The four stood looking at the parts and saw that Walker had already begun to channel some mana in to the room. He was preparing everything they would need so that their work would not halt. Their work would not suffer any potential failure because they did not have enough mana to link the tunes and finish the connections entirely.

The small wires and metal or wood links that held the diamond mana gathering portions were being fixed in place by the wandering blacksmith and Jan. Both of them could easily see these parts connected physically. The metal wires would melt away or degrade as the tune formations took over later.

For those rune parts to connect, Abe had to focus on them. He was carving and attaching flowing mana together from his formations. Each layered intricate formation had been mapped in his mind perfectly.

For a rune carving master obsessed with rune formations and learning more, keeping the formations he made in his mind straight even though Walker couldn't was child's play. He saw every turn formation mixing like a perfect art piece coming together. For him, this was a work of a lifetime that birthed new history for all the carvers but also showed everything he'd learned while trapped by the oppression of stronger demons.

"The other links don't need anything but mana. Walker, that's on you." Jan gave a shout for Walker to add mana to all of the other diamond pieces. Their rune formations worked in tandem with the existing rune formations to be able to follow the directions of the main formations. They would replicate environments on the global map as they received information about how to do so.

The mana he channeled toward the crates caused a pressure to take over the hall made for this. The diamond pieces of metal and wood hovered in the air as they were drawn to the active tube formations and floated in place. They wouldn't move until there was any other information to follow.

As Abe connected the rune formations, the mana was absorbed rapidly in to the central core and utilized the elemental core created. Walker felt the manas calming as the wooden parts were more natural so that they flowed without damage. Weather could be shown without breaking the device. It was an aspect that many with nature related classes could focus on and learn from.

Pushing passed this, there was even mana being absorbed that Walker was surprised by. He felt some space mana pulled in making it clear that this magic device was more than what they had intended. The space mana would allow for mixing of manas to be shown much more clearly than before.

There was space mana everywhere and in everything for the most part. Yet here, it was allowing the space that the tool took up to become even better implemented.

"More mana!" Abe bellowed as he cut small groove directly in to the central core. He was activating everything. Linking the final parts as the core was floating in the air and connecting to every diamond shaped piece preparing to use mana to show what information it received.

The rune formations flared to life in different hues of mana. Some mixing some clashing but every single one flowing. Walker also activated a small orb that would map the city. A small orb connected to the larger tool allowing mana within the city and the lands around the main city, the dragon territories, to be seen clearly.

The second it was done, mana surged and Walker began witnessing the diamond shaped parts change. Mimicking the highest of buildings and even copying the layouts of farm fields.

Everything was being built to be seen as if from an aerial view. Even the water mana moving in the sky where a squadron of farm mages were watering a field could be seen gathering so that it could be mapped.

Their breaths caught in their throats in awe. This wasn't simple it wasn't small. It was massive. It was spectacular. It didn't come with any world breaking surge of mana. There was no loud crack or huge world announcement. It came in silence. It came with silent pride and beauty.

This was an accomplishment for the betterment of Genesis and also to complete the chain quest which Walker possessed. He didn't care about the quest thigh. He cared that he was seeing the results of their hard work.

Years of skill and dedication came together to both open new crafting paths but also to create this amazing work.

The second the final time clicked in to place and mana flowed through it, the entire magic tool expanded. Most was empty and just held mana waiting for information, but the size was filling the majority of the hall created underneath the entire Genesis building for it.

This globe of magic and mana was exactly what they'd desired and more.

"Congratulations. This is the first world mapping magic tool ever created by our alliance." Walker spoke softly. He didn't need to put more force in his words. He knew the value of this just as the others did too.

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Chapter 2583: Mapping Orbs

The wandering blacksmith walked over to the wall and sat down just staring at what they had created. Jan and Abe followed him and the three sat there watching the mana and runes change their colorations and flow.

While they all knew that what they had made was spectacular, amazing, and groundbreaking, they also understood that this was just a magic tool. It was the start of something which would be altering the course of Genesis as a whole.

The levels of growth that would come from using this magic tool would only be halted by the people who used it. They would need to ensure that the knowledge was used appropriately.

"I plan to let the communication and information guild publish all maps for free. \Merchant groups, and the merchant guild as a whole will have access to updated maps once a month. If there are emergencies they will be published daily. Weather reports and other important events related to monster travel that are not emergencies will be purchasable by those groups. The terrain is free to learn, but the other aspects of the world should be monitored. Those people need to be paid."

Walker wasn't just thinking about those who would be using this magic tool. He was thinking about those who would be maintaining everything. The monthly reports would allow for there to be a better knowledge of what terrains might be altered by nature or monsters as a whole. That would be a large piece for people to speak about and for trade deals to be done around.

There would also be people who made it their business to learn about the terrain and plan their personal travels. The larger emergencies would be there and published as often as needed. This would ensure safety and changes within travel routes so that people were better prepared for everything.

Otherwise, more information that was not an emergency and that groups might wish to have as up to date as possible, could be set at a fair price. Those maintaining it would be paid fairly from the reports they generated and researched.

Meaning that the merchant groups or adventurers looking to go to certain areas and wanting even more in depth information about the weather, terrain specifics, dungeon information, and so on would be paying for those high detail reports.

This would matter to larger groups of adventurers. They were the ones who were looking to mine larger sections of mountains for temporary gains or looking to hunt specific monsters. Or they would be the ones hunting for rare herbs or gathering natural resources. It would also be for those who were looking to take advantage of monster migrations to collect materials or capture certain monsters for the tamer's guild.

That information was important to them but would become too much if published constantly for free and burn out the employees who would be managing this mapping system. There were many jobs that had just been created and surely there would be new classes that would come with being able to use this magic tool.

"We will need to make more of those communication sensing orbs, we need a better name for them. I was thinking of making this the grand map sphere and calling the smaller magic tools mapping orbs. Easy to explain to anyone who takes the mapping orbs to each location. We have a few but they are focused on the Genesis immediate territory."

The others didn't seem to have the energy to say much. While Walker noticed some nods in favor, he also felt that he had a little too much energy now. They had worked hard and it had been days on end working to make this creation. Just the mana they used had been replenished by Walker's buffing skills, his mana manipulation of the environment, and the potions and food that they consumed. Otherwise they wouldn't have made it past a day or two of work.

"I will take the remaining orbs and finish them up. I can at least get one more working to begin processing the bridge to the elemental planes on the island. There are people there living good lives and also soldiers there to guard the area. I just have to train a few. You can all rest better while we wait for teams to be in charge of monitoring the map."

Walker started to leave the room and heard Abe mumble about how amazing the rune formations were. He had done so a few times. He was still amazed by the changes in some runes as he worked. They were not more efficient and even dealt with mixed and fused manas. New territory for rune carvers.

Jan just watched the fused metal and wooden parts. He hadn't ever considered himself having a home within the forges of blacksmiths. Now, eh was considering trying to add this to his repertoire. Adjust his personal creations and even take clients that wished to see the two mediums mixed.

The wandering blacksmith was just smiling. His face had taken on a few wrinkles lately. He had smiled a lot more than what he had ever done so before. All because he constantly worked on new and amazing

things. His entire life he had pushed the boundaries of forging. Whether it was in the wilderness or making deals with dragons before anyone else had the courage to seek them out. Within Genesis? He was doing new things every day. Some things he just had to consult on and he would be allowed to witness history for his profession and many others.

Glancing at the current chain quest, Walker realized he was still yet to complete it.

'Second Link: Balance

Requirements:

Assist the manas within various areas to flow more smoothly.

Instruct others to take up quests to discover lands where mana has stagnated.

Learn and map the shifting of the elemental planes around the world.

Rewards:

World resonance with all manas.

Small enlightenment in mixing mana understanding.

Small enhancement of the quest granter skill.'

The quests he had given were completed and he just had some rewards to give out. Mostly training or helping others. The materials had all been handled. The wind mana dense area had been the only area with stagnant manas thus far, however, there would be more. It was something that would naturally occur as time went on. But this quest would end at some point once he managed to get the mapping orb in place near a bridge to the elemental planes.

This meant that he had to also make sure that the partially finished mapping orbs were properly activated. Luckily for him he had the minimum skills needed to do so. He couldn't create them alone, he would need the skills of the wandering blacksmith, Jan, and Abe to do so. Which was more encouragement to make sure that crafters worked together in the future.

If Walker didn't see a familiar face, he would have set off to the island to set the first mapping orb. However, he knew very well that if Alma had come all the way here to the Genesis building from her own important duties with the trees and also with the elves, there was a good reason.

"Walker, I want you to come with me to the forest elf territory. We have a small area with dense earth mana causing some problems. I also know you might have something to test in that area." Alma smiled a little. She had held off for a few hours since she received the report since she had heard of Walker's small speech and that the magic tool should be completed. She knew very well that this meant testing.

"I had another idea, but I have the ability to finish more mapping orbs that needed to be tested. So I will take you up on this. If it's not a mana stagnant area, then we will still get valuable data. Do you want to tell the current forest elf queen we are coming?" He didn't bat an eye at this. He knew that there was a good reason Alma had come and also that the forest elf queen would be glad to see them.

"I will let her know. We are leaving in three hours. Gil will be handling things here since he needs to accomplish a few more tasks." She smirked while turning around and motioning to some assistants.

Part of Walker wondered if he was lucky or unlucky. This was more work to do which should put stress on his mind and body. It was also good because he wanted to test the mapping orbs and this was an even better opportunity. It was just not what he needed to finish his chain quest link and move on to the next link. He knew very well that the next link was going to have a high chance of involving the elemental planes more.

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Chapter 2584: Route Mapping

It was less than a few hours before Walker found himself taking the slower route toward the forest elf territory. This was a good opportunity to also follow the roads and the elves that were removing with Alma were higher trained. While they wouldn't be able to keep up with him and Alma if they moved at their fastest running speed, they could keep their pace and had the stamina not to fall behind.

Walker moved buffing the others as well, but this was not the only thing he did. He was looking at using the manas around him to test to see if the magic tool would also map the area while he moved through it.

The idea that the mapping orb could get temporary information from the route that Walker and the elves took was interesting. While he would not be able to keep accurate continuous information based on the area, there was benefit in knowing the current state of the route.

The set and carved road that had been made was broken in a few places. Still being repaired. Using the mapping orb would allow for the places like the one he was about to pass through to be judged a little better. It was being rebuilt while a few guards stood over the workers making sure that they were safe.

Being able to see the progress by himself and not send a communication crystal message back was important to Walker. This way he would be showing the progress while also showing the surrounding terrain. How the trees planted were growing along the route and also how many monsters might be nearby.

He was not at all shocked to see that there were a few small monsters out and about patrolling the road. They were looking for opportunities to eat, that was just nature. While his presence scared them away,

Walker knew that they would have been sensed by the mapping orb he was providing with mana to carefully map his route.

Once he returned to Genesis he could look at the way the monsters appeared. He would be able to explain the differences in size and how dangerous some were. The small avian monsters looking for food might not be dangerous, but the moss hide boar was one monster that would have given anyone worry if they ran in to it. They were territorial and did not like to be challenged. A merchant's cart would be seen as an opponent.

He was also explaining this to Alma. While the representatives had heard his explanation as well and generally knew the goals of the grand map sphere project he'd worked on. Seeing him using the smaller mapping sphere was different though.

While the other elves and Alma could sense that Walker was letting some mana activate the small mapping orb, they didn't notice much in terms of sensory skills being used.

The elves were sensitive to these things. Many races had instincts that would warn them of skills most scouts or sensory mages had. Not all could be caught or detected though. Hence the endless struggle of scouts and catching them. Wild monsters were the same.

While they couldn't see the information being sent from the small mapping orb, everyone knew Walker was not using his own mana sensing to achieve what he was learning about their surroundings that they could not see from where they stood.

That meant he was using the small mapping orb to be his eyes instead of his skills. This function was also a little above what Walker expected. It meant that he could have specially trained individuals use these orbs as their equipment to sense entire areas.

While it would need to be tailored to them and their skills, so that it would work the same if not similarly. Not everyone would have the level of high mana sensing skills that Walker did. However, many would have skills or develop skills that allowed them to specifically use the small mapping orbs. It would just take a little time.

He noticed using the orb that he felt the manas less in depth and more as generalizations. This meant that for him, he was not seeing the smaller details of how much mana to the fine details mixed together.

It would be harder for him to judge the specifics of boundary areas between elemental planes that were on the opposing side of each bridge.

That was fine though, he didn't need that information for the guards or others. A general set of information was more than enough to push ahead with safety measures for everyone within an area. Let alone share the mapping knowledge.

"Can you relate to the born and search an area you are in more accurately with your mana senses?" Alma wanted to see if Walker could do even more since he was partially responsible for creating the small mapping orb. "Would you get more information or would the orb send more information because of what you do?"

I should be able to see more since I am also using my own senses. I don't know if I could make the mapping orb send more information though. I am somewhat familiar with the communication tune formations, but not as much as a rune carver or unique mage focused on that."

It was a good idea though. Alma's point was a good one to make. If this was also a tool utilized by specific individuals who could work in tandem with their natural skills then more information could be sent back. It just depended on the rune formations and the level of skill someone had.

"I can tell I have a better general feeling while I have my mana senses connected to it. I believe we could refine the small mapper orbs better as we have the time to learn about them as well. For someone else, this would be a great way to learn more about an area, especially a scout and mage. For me, it is more akin to dulling my senses."

Walker proved his point and had the eternal codex take the form of a staff and spread his mana out. He was able to sense more details and even pick up on some small sprouting herbs that the mapping orb could not catch.

He stopped though, his mana senses reached further ahead passed the broken roads and the newly built roads. He could sense the earth mana and even feel the ground shaking slightly.

There wasn't quite like an earthquake but it was like an aftershock. Slight tremors that proved there was something going on. It was also dense enough earth mana that he sensed it still a decent distance from the edge of the forest.

"That's definitely stagnant earth mana. It seems like it's because of the forest though. I assume the forest has been growing a lot of new bushes and young saplings?" Walker understood that there had to be some aspect of nature that would attract this much earth mana.

"Yes, it's been growing and the treehouse builders have been guiding new branches more and more to catch up with the growth." Alma's response proved that she had been very in touch with what had been going on lately in the elven forest.

"Then you might be lacking some wind and water mana to balance things. It has been dryer and less rain has fallen. Maybe not enough light mana too. We are talking about the entire forest so I need to make sure nature can handle the addition and expulsion of these manas."

Killing off part of the forest accidentally, young growth or not, was not at all his goal. To ensure things went well, Walker would need the help of a few people he knew were already there.

Some of the echidna nature mages had taken up residence within the elven forest. It reminded them of their island and they were comfortable there. No reason for them to be forced to stay in Genesis or the Sigil continent if they were happy to live here and assist the Elves with their learning of nature and even returning to the high elf bloodline they were relearning.

The alter could manage the manas, but having the elves and echidna both monitoring the ratios that would be ideal for the plants living within the forest was perfect. The entire ecosystem could be protected.

"Those are the escorting arches sent to meet us." Several elves appeared front he forest's edge to greet them. They didn't appear happy but that was simply because they knew their forest was at risk. To the forest elves, they forest's was their very life and soul.

"Glad to be here again. We are ready to help where we need to. Just point us in the right direction." Walker didn't waste a single second.

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Chapter 2585: Ancient earth

It was a simple moment for Walker to sense the densest earth mana. He was surprised that it was in such a small area yet affected a larger area. Then again, it wasn't just the largest amount of mana that could cause issues in an environment. It was the density of mana as well.

Dense mana of any form could cause space to warp or cause either manas to react poorly. A dense droplet of water mana dropped in to a fire could still put it out and cause a burst of sparks to fly away in the process. It was just about how the mana was used and in what density at times.

The forest elves who had come to escort them were not fools, they understood that Walker knew exactly where the disturbance was. His mana sensing and control is high enough. However, they were very glad to see him using the tree walking skills to move through the forest.

He was respecting them in their home while also showing what he had learned so long ago. Besides this, some of them with more attunement to nature noticed that Walker was moving some pollen from flowers or using small bits of earth mana to bury seeds.

A small gesture but one that Walker had decided to do as a habit. He'd begun doing so when moving through some farm fields. Not to break their flow of work or to control anything, some fields were massive and rain or wind caused some seeds not to be covered by soil and grow. If this helped then he was glad to put that small amount of effort in to it.

Following some of the larger tree roots and noticing the edge of the braided vine wall that the forest elves made, Walker realized just how close the dense earth mana was to their city.

They hadn't been worried simply because it was their first. The elves worried because this was so close to their city that if an issue occurred there would surely be harm done. People would suffer or get killed by this situation. Especially knowing that it was such a larger potential issue that Walker himself had to handle it.

"Sir, we have several mages awaiting you." One of the elves had just joined them. It seemed they were trying to move just as fast as him getting everyone Walker might need to assist.

"Thank you. That was very quick. That should make everything move more efficiently." Some relief appeared on the escorting elves' faces. They seemed to take this as a reason for their safety to be guarded even more.

As Alma watched Walker move, she stopped next to him when he had stopped. He was looking at the ground then to the small group of echidna, elven, and even two angel mages waiting for them. They had all come to help but they were not the main focus of Walker.

He looked at the soil, which was roughed up making it seem like someone had just tilled it to prepare a field of planting. He also sensed the denser earth mana causing this strong aerating effect. The soil was being shuffled up more than a natural phenomenon. Yet, there were still plants growing in some parts where others, it seemed the smaller bushes or even a few larger tree roots had been crushed and killed.

"We have awaited your arrival. We have been sensing this growth of earth mana in this one area more and more." The echidna mage was a unique mage Walker had actually met before. Her class now showed to him as, nature sight mage.

A nature sight mage communed with nature and used natural effects within nature to use their magic. If it rained they could use water magic skills better. If they saw a flow of wind, they could use that. However, they did not have the ability to causally do so unless that man was strong within an area. It was extremely limiting but very much enlightening in the true flow of nature as a whole.

"It feels very condensed ahead. I can see where some trees have uprooted themselves upon losing the solid foundation for their roots."

"That's why we came so quickly. I brought Walker but he needs to make sure the first remains healthy while he works." Alma chimed in after Walker. She also pointed to the mapping orb, "Walker is also testing the new magic item to map the area here and help the mapping process."

"I have been mapping as we move. When I return to the Genesis building I will go and check our fancy new magic tool." Walker smirked a little. He was very excited to see what the result would be. How a mana dense area would appear on it.

He felt that he would see the area highlighted with earth mana on the diamond pieces but he wondered if the terrain changes would be as pronounced. Right here in front of him the earth was very different. However, in the globe it might not show a change that wasn't as drastic as a building or plowed fields.

"There's a single point where the mana is condensing though. We are worried it's corrupted mana." One of the angel mages spoke up. The other mages all nodded or voiced their own worries of this.

"I can sense that too. You're right, there's a single point with even denser earth mana. It's even being drawn in too." The closer Walker stepped toward the mana center the more his feet sunk in to the soil. It was soft from being turned over but it also felt somewhat unsteady because of this.

Great for smaller plants to grow but terrible for any stability or larger trees to take anchor in. It would be very dangerous if any of the elven treehouses were affected. They spent generations growing and shaping them. Losing one was a loss of years of hard effort and careful focus. It was an entire profession of knowledge too.

He stepped in to the air for stability before noticing ahead passed some fallen trees a larger hill of soil.

Sitting right at the top was a small flower. Dark brown with a few leaves but nothing much else. Walker sensed the deeply concentrated earth mana within and realized that it had to be the reason the earth mana in the area was so dense.

'Earth flipping flower

This flower sits dormant as just dried roots for a hundred years. It rarely blooms even when it does manage to grow. It requires immense earth mana to be able to bloom which causes the terrain in the area around it to change and become incredibly soft. It can also cause earthquakes depending on where it grows.

While not inherently dangerous, this earth flipping flower was once the best way to safely soften the earth for growing crops when dangerous monsters roamed the land and races could not be in the open for long periods of time.

It was once used for war causing a mountainside to collapse in to a landslide destroying villages along a border.

These flowers can be used to craft nearly every earth affinity potion or medicine that requires dense and our earth mana. The skills needed to utilize it are necessary at the highest of levels. Weaker mana control will cause the mana to break away from the flower and degrade the material itself...'

"So you are what's keeping the earth mana here. You finally had the chance to bloom and you took it. That's ok, I will transplant you somewhere safer." Walker used his earth mana manipulation to make the entire root system underneath the earth flipping flower rise. It was like a potted plant now.

Even just doing that, the separation of the flower from the earth Elise was the flow of earth mana around allowing it to begin dissipating. Some addition of other manas could easily solve the problem here and then a little planting could reclaim the softer soil in to a more stable state.

He did notice how well fertilized this area was. The churning of soil and incorporated dead growth in to the soil and allowed it to decay better. Meaning that now this soil was much more enriched than the soil some distance away.

It was a hidden boon for this worrisome event.

When Walker got back in sight of the others he saw the mages abuzz with how they felt the earth man suddenly change. "You can all manage the area now. I highly recommend planting valuable herbs here and making it a small garden. The soil is perfectly enriched because of this little flower." Walker began explaining the random situation they had discovered and how it might happen elsewhere if manas are condensed enough.

This was another ancient event brought in to their more modern world.

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Chapter 2586: Successful Mapping

"This is amazing. There are countless trees we can have enhanced. Just by allowing the right mage to sense and look through this map, we are even seeing that there are powerful beings nearby this area of

concentrated earth mana!" This was just one of the first of those brought in to watch and observe the massive global map.

The wandering blacksmith, Abe, and Jan were all still sitting and resting. They had left to clean themselves and sleep a little, however, they had not stayed away for long. They had wanted to see the results as Walker traveled.

They were immersed in what the sensory and the archivist were saying. Some of the team who had already been brought in were map makers with skills that allowed them to be able to focus on the technology developed. Some were those who used magic skills to create shifting maps.

Walker had seen and used maps that would record where someone traveled. He had even received similar things from the system and methods to produce similar magical maps. Hoover, this would not last the same as this.

"There are some slight issues, the range seems to increase and decrease based on the user. Here we see the changes in Alma using the map and Walker using the mapping orb. Both of them are of different innate affinities and mana control." One of the mages thought that what they were seeing had been an error.

Yet, as they focused they realized that the mana of the one holding and using the small mapping orb was different. Meaning that someone with better skills would ensure that more area was mapped faster compared to someone who was of less skill.

"We have a complete map of the road to the elven forest. We also have an updated set of evidence of the construction effort. We can even guess what materials they needed delivered before they needed it. A quick communication with their foreman and we will have a full order placed in half the time!"

One of the assistants that managed the current road building and repair efforts was ecstatic to see and hear this. They had been struggling keeping the orders up to date on a day to day basis. It was simply because they had to sift through the requests but now she could manage the different aspects of each building sight much faster. All she would need was this information constantly. Something she could get with a little bit of the funds that they had for transportation and communication in their budget. It was a fair use as well.

"What about the mana? We can see it all, there is mana showing there might be a small cluster of herbs here attracting light mana. Then we have another that seems a little dense in earth mana so we might have a hidden ore or earth mana crystal vein there." The details were so shocking to the mage that spoke out that he couldn't even write his notes down softly, his paper tore making everyone feel that they might just not be amazed enough.

"You should all understand the gravity of what you are seeing. I will be selecting new attendants to specifically handle all communication from this location to others. You will have to hand them the right letters and make sure that we know the speed at which you need to communicate these pieces of information. At night the batmen who joined our communication guild will also be prepared."

The woman that spoke up to silence all the awe was yet another harpy. She served under the harpy queen but she also somewhat separated herself since she had taken a leadership role within the communication guild as a manager of people. Assigning additional carriers to handle the information here specifically was perfect.

While the room fell in to a small buzz of communication, everyone halted when they noticed the condensed earth mana shown by the global map change. "The mana is dissipating but one bit of it is still moving. I would say that is Walker's work, he must be moving the cause of the mana, it wasn't stagnant mana at all!" Now everyone had their own theories until they saw a sudden communication crystal.

It wasn't just one race's mages and workers here, there were a few elves who had been working closely with this project and stationed here knowing that Alma would be reaching out sooner than later. "Our lady Alma has let me know that Walker found an ancient flower blooming that only bloomed in highly dense earth mana. It kept the earth mana in one place to bloom. It will be moved elsewhere for the forest elves or for Genesis to research. Until then, we will watch as the mana dissipates and the forest elves will have an additional small mapping orb to map their city and surrounding territories. Sir Walker and Lady Alma will be proceeding to the nearest bridge to the elemental planes."

While it was a lot to say, Alma's assigned attendant made it clear that there would be even more information for everyone to begin recording. Learning the ins and outs of this new magic tool was nothing simple. Everyone who had been brought here was only the beginnings of a major team who would be working on this at all times. There would be staff here no matter the hour of the day.

"I am enjoying this very much. I want to see more." The voice that broke from the shadows was none other than Mordant. He felt that this magic tool was well beyond what he expected. He felt he could look down at the entire world.

Even if the entire world was not this small, he felt that this magic tool would one day be an eye in the sky for everyone who wished to understand the depths of the world itself. "One day, this might even map the elemental planes." His soft words of awe made everyone whisper and go silent.

The magnitude of what he had just said was beyond them. The elemental place shifted. They changed. They were always balanced and moving. Yet, the tools they use might already exist to map these always moving places. There may be a way to have temporary methods of knowing areas within the elemental planes. Especially for the areas where villages, cities, and important figures are placed. All that they would have to worry about were the in between points.

"I think you should start small. Let's just map the world." A slight glimmer grew in the room as Rise walked down the corridor and in to the hall. She looked at the map and at Mordant. "I sometimes feel that the way I look at this is how I see the world normally. Now it is much different. Clearer."

She was smiling slightly. Mordant was a bit too stunned though. Rise had been in isolation and away for some time. Yes she had worked with the cathedral and the healers. She had guided the light affinity angels and many others. But overall Rise had been absent to many of the larger events.

Some of it was due to how she had helped with Walker and how she had absorbed a massive amount of light mana. Yet, Mordant sensed something more. Rise had taken on a telling pressure. One that told him she was beyond the normal for what she should have as a light dominator dragons.

"You calmed your light mana even more and learned a new form of light mana?"

"You are right, I learned to separate my light mana in to different pieces. Colors and light are so very connected. When I broke it in to more pieces, I realized that light mana is a united form of all light mana. It is seen differently because some things can not reflect all that light is. That means I can alter the properties of light depending on the kind of light magic I use. You should feel the same, healing with dark mana is also true to form with decaying with dark mana."

Rise was smiling a little more now. She had decided to step back in to things after her growth. Seeing this map she felt that she had a goal to achieve. She could carry many with her to map the lands faster. She could use her light mana as needed too, she was teaching many already, why not teach them to use it to travel and explore. She preferred being high in the sky anyways.

"Maybe I will have to take an adventure out in to the wilderness too then." Mordant knew exactly what Rise was thinking. He did not want to let Rise's achievements and breakthroughs surpass him.

Call that a dragon's pride, but it was all good news.

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Chapter 2587: Mapping Bridges

"Earth flipping flower... good for replanting efforts...."

"Alma, you have been murmuring about the earth flipping flower for the last two hours. Yes we can use it to try and revitalize some of the desert soil around the ruined areas. We might even be able to help create small oasis within the desert to help travelers."

It wasn't odd that Alma would find the earth flipping flower and the abilities it had to mix and churn soil important. However, she was very much focused on the fact that it could be used to help mix the soil and cause refertilization. There were many areas along the desert that they all knew shouldn't be a desert.

This was something that a few of the Genesis nature based citizens wanted to work on, a decent few were elves. While the issues that caused the expansion of the desert had been solved, the recovery would still take time. With the expansion of the world, it was potentially easier to work and improve those areas.

This would mean that there would be entirely new strips of farm land or naturally growing lands full of monsters and rare wild herbs. It didn't sound bad whatsoever, but hyper focusing on it because of one flower was a little much. Not that this stopped Alma who was focused on it since she would be able to bring some of the roots of the earth flipping flower with her to try and make the process happen faster.

"It's just important to think it out. You left the main flower with the forest elves instead of studying it since they can study it elsewhere. You took the seed roots though, you can grow at least seven more flowers if the right amounts of earth mana is gathered for them."

"And I agree, but we need to research them more before we plant them everywhere. With the stagnant mana around it might be a few more years needed of balanced manas to make them bloom safely without causing any area dangers." This good point made Alma nod before she gasped slightly.

She had been moving quickly through the air with Walker being the in carrying them using wind mana. The others who had been with them had separated off to follow some other tasks. It was clear that Walker was more than capable of any guarding, plus, Alma's guards always knew she was more than strong enough to handle most issues alone. Her guards were mostly for comfort and show.

The gasp came because she hadn't realized Walker had taken her as far as he did. The bridge they were at was not necessarily the closest but one that Walker was familiar with. He and Mordant had come and explored it even finding a monster here but now it had a small group of ruin researchers and guards.

They had been working to understand the carvings and relationship with other nearby ruins. At least three races had ruins within an easily traveled distance here so there were many theories that this direct area had been very good for building or for other methods of farming. Some even had a theory that ancient races cooperated more than what was known if they were in smaller encampments like this.

Then again, some of these ruins had already been proven to be places that races settled and stayed at after finding them already partially destroyed. Having a new group live in an abandoned area was not unnatural. It was just wise for safety.

In front of where Walker set both of them on the ground, they saw larger statues uncovered. Statues showing even larger monsters were completely in the open, a little rough from the weather and many years, but shockingly well built.

A few behemoths were carved which Walker had seen before, but he was interested to note something that seemed like a rock golem mixed with a slime. Then enough, which seemed to be a very large flying monkey. Monsters he knew didn't exist, at least at that size nowadays.

"We didn't expect visitors!" A hunched back old woman rushed up, dust cascaded off of her clothing like she was the very source of it.

"I am here to leave this mapping orb, it will map the area and notify Genesis if there is a change in mana coming from the bridge to the elemental planes here. It's currently connected to the wind elemental

plane too." He easily sensed the manas and saw that the guards sent here to guard the bridge in case of any situations occurring were stationed safely.

The excavation and researchers were working around and with the guards so things appeared very calm. This was a good sign overall for other ruins and more learning about the past.

"Oh! That sounds wonderful. Would you like to place it where we have already cleared? We aren't digging in a few places because we uncovered the area." She seemed more than welcoming to his ideas of where this mapping orb could be placed. He could even swear he heard her thoughts about somehow having the information to refer to where they could excavate more ruins if the magic tool she was being shown was good enough.

"I will meet with the guard captain and teach him how to keep the mapping orb activated. It should help you all see if there are monsters around too. Once we have a sensory mage here too it will help get even better information." Walker left the researcher with those thoughts and moved ahead to the area already cleared and left as it was.

It was clear he could make a small earthen pillar and hold the mapping orb there. He could feel the manas around moving in and out of the orb. The area was already being well mapped without issues. The larger statues would certainly be mapped giving some insight in to the ruins as a whole.

With a small bit of curiosity, Walker focused his mana senses and looked in to the ruins using the mapping orb. He got some vague feelings of caves below but could tell they weren't part of the ruins. It was a curious thought to see if he could find deeper ruins but just knowing he could sense some caverns was more than enough. It could help map more dangerous cave systems so that the dwarves didn't suffer in dangerous conditions.

Lately some caverns with dangerous or unbreathable air had been found. This had slowed a lot of mining groups since they were unsure how to proceed since many caverns did not have easily flowing air. The wind mages couldn't push the toxic air without causing issues elsewhere so the mining became slow.

It was even worse in areas where the end of an ore vein went through these areas. The potentially explosive gas could cause massive collapses and even small earthquakes. Risks not worth taking without a lot more magic or skilled manpower. Things that couldn't be undertaken easily.

But having a map using a mapping orb could be the perfect method to handle these things. It was worth putting in to action later.

Regardless he refocused and started to show the guard captain how to use his mana to activate the mapping orb if it stopped and how it could use the ambient mana to fuel itself. He also showed how he could communicate with those working in the grand mapping hall. It would allow for any monsters in the area to be spotted since this was an important location with a bridge to the elemental planes.

He noticed that the quest had been completed but Walker didn't want to look now. He wanted to be back within Genesis before he moved bridge to bridge leaving communication information and mapping orbs. He had to ensure that everything was done as well as it could before he pushed ahead with another task.

Besides this, he noticed that Alma was exploring and taking note of the changes in nearby plants. With how she could learn and grow many, she could tell what was being affected by the wind mana coming from the bridge to the elemental planes.

Having just a moment here looking at the ruins and how larger they actually were also gave Walker a new perspective of how hard the ancient times were. They had been halted through the actions of many people doing what they shouldn't causing harm to nature and the world. Now, times were returning to a proper path and soon he would see even more amazing things.

He was sure he would be able to manage something else unique with the next link on the chain quest. It would be very interesting to debate what the next link in the chain quest was. Where it might take him.

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Chapter 2588: Traveling Maps

With a few copies of the current research status on the ruins in his high spatial storage, Walker returned to Genesis with Alma. The pair were glad to know a little more about the ruins and also about how the guards in an area around a bridge to the elemental planes were fairing.

It appeared that some of them had gained a little more benefits than what they had expected.

The denser mana of certain forms was a reaction to the guards and mages stationed there with matching affinities. It has allowed for some random breakthroughs in understanding. One guard who had always known he had a very small wind affinity found that he gained a quest to realize the true potential of his wind affinity.

The quest he gained had allowed him to pursue learning about wind mana as a whole. While the guard's natural affinity was still small, it was enough for him to learn to use the wind mana he could pull in to his body wisely. The ability to boost his speed in attacking and defending was good.

All this would be insignificant to someone who had a naturally high wind affinity with skills that were already applicable. However, to someone who did not use their affinity ever because it was thought to be too small to even have a benefit, this was spectacular. He would not only be able to work better as a guard, but potentially be able to use it to get a promotion to lead more guards since he was already within an important assignment guarding the bridge to the elemental planes.

This just showed a difference to Walker though, he would be able to make note of changes within those with weaker elemental affinities due to being exposed to denser manas. It was the same that happened with exposure to space mana.

Many within his party had already gained the skills to use a small spatial storage or a unique version that worked better with their classes. Su was one who specifically had brought some achieved spatial affinity to her class when she completed a quest. She could equip her different shields and armor without any issue since they were stored in a unique spatial storage just for them.

If more people were exposed to manas that they had affinities for, no matter how weak the elemental affinity, then they could learn to use them. Even people without affinities might have them and they couldn't even register them. Let alone those who were exposed to certain manas like space which could be gained from exposure. That was an entire theory that would need to be tested and understood over generations.

Nothing that Walker could push himself in to studying. It would take a lot more energy and time than what he could give without leaving other things to suffer. That would be unfair to everyone else who needed his assistance.

As Alma was met by her attendants, Gil even came running up to begin speaking with her. He had managed to accomplish quite a few tasks related to the elves and even some projects that had been ongoing where he had arrived to assist. He gave Walker a knowing nod since he knew very well that he

would see Walker working in the mapping hall. Otherwise there would be a larger influx of whatever mapping information began to circulate over the next week or so.

Walker made a quick move to drop off the information he had gotten and then went right to the mapping hall.

When he walked in, he noticed a quick hush fall over the entire hall. It seemed that many people had been waiting for him. What he was even more surprised about was that Mordant and Rise were there. Both had been in the middle of organizing who to send where and what groups needed more help right now.

"Both of you are working hard it seems."

"Hard? Do you know how much you have missed? We needed to gather several mages specifically in tune with natural mana flow of earth mana, wind mana, and even two for water mana since you have mapped areas with those aspects. There are also people here who have been setting up records archives for the maps we make. You didn't think it would all magically happen? Did you?"

Of all the reactions, Rise was reprimanding Walker? He looked at Mordant who just seemed to be nodding along. "We have been here ensuring that the best of the best are here. We have seven of the demi-humans with unique sensory traits working on noticing the minute differences in terrain so that we can make note of what might be occurring in each of the territories and fields. Did you know we have a small corn mite infestation? We almost lost a months worth of sun corn."

Now Walker was seeing a new aspect of the grand global map that they were using. There was the ability to hyper focus on crops and have specific sensory mages check on different crops. The farmers might not have even noticed the mites since he knew that some of them were so small that they wouldn't be visible until they were too large of a problem within a field. Hence why some fields were put in to isolation at times.

"Well, we have one bridge with a small mapping ord, I see you expanded a few more out in to the distant territories and even along a few of the main merchant routes. I assume you will have your elder dragons working on bringing mapping orbs to every major city and then to villages? That leaves me to keep working on the bridges?" Walker's teasing tone made both rise and Mordant pause before they both smiled and welcomed him back.

'Second Link: Balance- completed

Requirements:

Assist the manas within various areas to flow more smoothly.

Instruct others to take up quests to discover lands where mana has stagnated.

Learn and map the shifting of the elemental planes around the world.'

It seemed that having the one bridge mapped and the process of mapping all of them were enough to complete the quest. This was good for them since Walker was sure he would need to focus on more aspects of the world mapping as part of his quests overall.

Looking at the rewards, Walker watched as the existence system explained everything.

Rewards:

World resonance with all manas.

Small enlightenment in mixing mana understanding.

Small enhancement of the quest granter skill.'

'Resonance with world manas will increase more efficiently due to the world accepting you as one with can grant quests on its behalf.'

The connection seemed that Walker was being tested by the will of the world with the new quest granting skill. It wasn't just that he had been watched but that he had been somewhat blacked in some unique uses of manas potentially. It would be interesting to see if his meditation or manipulation of elemental manas changed at all in the coming days.

'Enlightenment in mana mixing will occur when in meditation.'

Another reward that would come later, but this was normal since he had to be in a state where he focused on the manas around him and in the world in the first place.

'Quest granter skill has been improved slightly to allow for traveling races from the elemental planes to be able to accept small short term quests for immediate rewards with penalties if they do not complete the quest since they have already received the rewards in advance.'

This was a good sign. Walker could give small quotes like communicating with others or bringing letters. It would be paid forward allowing him to just await the completion of the quest without having to go back and reward someone later.

'Third Link: travelers' balance

Requirement:

Open travel to the elemental planes

Assist the wanderers in understanding the dangers of the world and the dangers of the elemental planes.

Increase the mapping of the world

Reward:

Resistance skill training manuals

Herbal knowledge to increase resistance potion creation

Enhancement of quest granter skill.'

"I will be working on getting more mapping orbs to the bridges soon, I just want to observe the grand map for a little while and see if I can do better as I travel." Walker looked at Mordant and Rise and didn't say a word. Both appeared to be much more energetic and excited than usual. Their work here might have been enough to spark a rivalry or just bring them new foals.

None of which was bad. He also could tell they had been finding the best of the best to work here. That was more than enough for himself when it came to the future of the mapping hall.

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Chapter 2589: More Mixing

While he watched the entire grand mapping hall move, Waller was partially trying to understand the flow of information. How the hall would function and if he had to help, he would assure anyone would be brought it that could fill a niche position.

He was also clearly resting a bit, everyone had seen Walker sit with a contemplative face knowing that it was both the new magic tool on his mind and also the lengthy process of mapping the entire world in his shoulders.

Besides all this, Mordant and Rise noticed that Walker was subtly pulling a little mana to him here and there. They wanted to sit and speak more but they also knew that they were trying to set this entire place up. For Mordant to be so focused and distracted from the various tasks he had been interested in, meant a lot.

However, Walker did make a very strong mental note that Rose had returned herself back from focusing just on light mana and healing along with her own development. For a dragon to isolate so much meant that they were trying to recover or grow again. For Rise, it had been both, but it had made many worry about her and the future. The other races were not used to dragons self isolating for lengthy periods of time.

Some dragons could isolate for a few years at a time through, the growth in mana and those who passed along or inspired insights was why the dragons had been isolating themselves less and less for shorter

times. They didn't need to focus and struggle for breakthroughs in their growth. They had so much potential here.

It was a massive leap ahead for a young dragon's life. They would be able to grow stronger earlier which in turn would allow them opportunities deemed impossible for them generations prior. Hence why some were now alchemy dragons, guard dragons, one was even learning to commune with the elemental spirits being called a water spirit taming dragon. The classes were unknown and amazing to consider.

Walker dwelled on the next set of rewards for the third link in the chain quest.

The quest entirely focused on travel between the world and the elemental planes. A very good thing since many wished to travel there or to the world from the elemental planes. It was a sure fire way to bring change and growth for races within and outside of both sides of the bridge. There might still be those that go looking for new homes. The elemental planes shifting were still risky and dangerous since the balances were not perfect or permanent.

The world's bonds with the elemental planes would help with that balance and slower shifting though. It could keep more races safe to develop and travel. Something which Walker felt was why the rewards were focused on resistance training, potions for elemental resistances, and even further enhancing the quest granting skill.

Walker believed that he would be able to grant quests to more than just simple travelers and simple quests to them come the end of this third link. He also had the feeling that a few powerful forces within the elemental planes might make a point to travel or to send those they trusted to travel through the bridges. Especially if it was the will of existence that these major world quests for Walker were appearing.

There was also the idea that there would be more quests naturally appearing for travelers to explore. To discover aspects of the world and elemental planes. Just the boom in exploration will be so major in maybe just a month or two that it would be hard to imagine what else could be done here.

It did feel odd, the herbal knowledge and potion based knowledge for resistance potions made Walker feel that he would need to focus highly on this. He also wondered if it would be better if Remy was rewarded with this. Why would he be the better person to gain this reward than her?

But if he was getting it, then he could consider a few other possibilities.

The rewards he had gotten so far were ideal for him because of the work he was doing and that needed to be done for the overall benefits of all races. Now it felt that the things he was gaining would be perfect for the travelers to the elemental planes.

"Or for those coming here." His murmuring was a solid realization that the races leaving a specific elemental plane had a high chance of being stuck within Genesis or another location because of the elemental planes shifting.

There was also the fact that races within the elemental planes were only able to survive and had been part of one singular elemental mana forever. That was how their race developed and evolved.

Other manas would be dangerous for them. Anyone from the fire elemental plane would be in danger not because of anyone but because there was naturally ambient water mana would clash with their internal mana.

That meant that these potion knowledge and herb knowledge would be able to be used to help travelers from the elemental planes.

If that was the case there would be a safer way for races unknown to Genesis to visit and build relationships. Not just those who might migrate to Genesis because the manas here were more welcoming and calm compared to the dangers of the elemental planes.

Walker fully believed now that the rewards were not for him or anyone specifically in Genesis. They were for him to be able welcome travelers coming to the world to help keep them safe.

With the additions to each elemental plane from

The work of the origin beings bringing more planes to join the existing planes. Their work cause some more shifting and dangers which in turn cause races and monsters to be displaced. Finding ways to allow them to visit the world and find safety or even get acclimated would be a major focus for this new tourism or traveling in general.

It would also be required for how they would continuously adapt and survive. Beyond this, the knowledge of manas mixing together he was going to gain might be invaluable to helping races come here.

There was a chance that those with singular affinities from these other unknown races would awaken hidden or completely new affinities for them. Their race could have been migratory and had different affinities locked away within their bloodline. There would be a lot of development as new races appeared as travelers.

He also considered the true sages. Each would want to see and hear about safety measures being taken. If they did not there would be powerful beings brought to stop any travel between the world and the elemental planes. That was just a current fact everyone had to accept.

Taking a deeper breath, Walker changed his focus. If he was going to understand how manas may mix and be dangerous to these unknown races, he should meditate now before he continues bringing the small mapping orbs to each bridge. His meditation would only be focused on the mixing of manas and nothing more so he could keep the time short.

Just as he closed his eyes, he felt the manas being shown on the grand global map. This amazing creation was also ideal for witnessing the mixing of focused manas in natural terrain.

Walker's senses spread out and he felt an immediate pull. Not to any singular mana but to the ground, to a small spilled drink that new being cleaned up.

The earth mana in the stone floor and that water mana mixed together. Just enough to make the dust in the floor tint the water a different color but for the two manas to mix ever so slightly. To change their properties so that another form of manas could be utilized.

Considering that even the tiniest mixing of water to earth was enough to create a new form of mana, Walker felt foolish. He knew the ratios were specific and focused but not to such a high degree that even one percent of one mana and ninety nine percent of another would make a whole new type of mana. If he had considered this, he might be able to develop.

The expanse of possibilities he'd had for mixing manas and discovering their natural states within the world was larger than he'd allowed his mind to contemplate. Now he could begin to understand even

more varied affinities and classes amongst the many mixing races and what might appear as time goes on.

It felt more like this enlightenment was just existence telling him he was being too closed minded. He didn't mind that though.

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Chapter 2590: Quests

"Hello, I received a quest to come and pick up a mapping orb?" The visitor who appeared was clearly an adventurer. It felt random since there was no specific reason that this might occur right now of all times.

Yes, the mapping progress needed to speed up and Walker was the person who would be pushing that ahead. However, Walker had just arrived and had been meditating for barely two hours while also watching the progress of the mapping team grow.

This seemed too quick.

"Can you tell me the details of your quest?" Walker speaking up caught the woman's attention.

As he examined her he saw the animal skin leather armor along with a somewhat heavy two handed ax on her back. She had some slight bear like features proving that she was one of the many demi-human warriors. The scars on her exposed arms proved that she had been in many fights with more than just other warriors.

"Yes sir, I am the leader of a twenty warrior strong group ready to adventure in to whatever lands required of us. We returned from handling a small outbreak of white scorpions near the alabaster forest. I received a quest to undertake a two week long journey to begin mapping the southern lands and mark the locations of several dungeons that may exist along the way."

"I take it it is a chain quest and once you arrived here to request the mapping orb you gained that second link quest?" Walker believed this was more of the will of the world and existence influencing the naturally appearing quests. He didn't even have to create this one. The group of warriors was larger naturally and they were all adventurers.

After seeing the leader nod, Walker stood up. "This is a small mapping orb. It is better if you can find a sensory mage or someone with mapping skills to go with you or if they are in your group they take hold of this orb." He carefully handed the orb to the leader.

"The goals we have now are to begin mapping the entire world while I drop off orbs to the other bridges to the elemental planes. That means groups like yours who are used to traveling for longer journeys will be the keystone to mapping efforts. The dragons will also be assisting, as you see both royal dragons Mordant and Rise are here."

"You will be marking dungeons because of your quest given to you by the will of the world and the adventurer's guild will be notified that your quest will also be supported by Genesis. I will also be updated as you follow and map the lands you travel. This entire room is made to ensure that all information is available to as many as possible."

The fact that the leader of this group was not standing in awe proved that she had a good head on her shoulders. This grand mapping hall was spectacular and the map that could be seen on the massive globe was something that would make any average person stunned.

"I hope your group has the time to rest and prepare. When it comes to the orb all you need is to add mana to it. You won't get much in return without a sensory mage or someone with the right skills. If you have them they can tell you about the area you are in. you may spot monsters nearby or be able to sense strangeness in mana fluctuations. It will be an invaluable tool while you travel. I will also give you another quest."

The leader blinked a little stunned. Not everyone had heard about the quests Walker could now hand out using his newly achieved skill.

"I will give you five more small mapping orbs. The crafters preparing them have been working with very little rest. We have several more prepared for moments like this, and for villages that will be able to use the mapping orbs to ensure we can head there to protect them or to assist them in other matters regardless of distance."

"Thank you for the opportunity. I will also report to General Scylla the importance of our quest. She trained every single warrior in my team for a full week when I approached her wishing to make an independent group." There was a pure loyalty towards Scylla in this leader's tone that was good to hear.

Scylla would never turn down adding people to her training. Whether they were guards or soldiers, she would take whatever she could to make sure everyone gained strength. Hence why she was also known for training many of the champions within the coliseum. She would willingly spend the time training them.

"Then also let Scylla know that I could use her help. I know she is very busy, but having her as the representative of all demi-humans within genesis deliver a mapping orb to her king would mean quite a bit to me and all of Genesis." Walker knew that the added orb he was handing the leader would carry trust and an example of their cooperation to the whole of the demi-human kingdom.

"Of course. It would be an honor to share the hard work of Genesis with my people in my homeland. Thank you for the opportunity!" The woman was off with a spring to her step that told Walker there would not be a single issue in achieving the mapping of the demi-human lands.

"That was very good. Now we have another larger area being mapped and a beginning to the adventurer quest listings we planned to place within the next few hours." Rise's response to everything that happened was better than just good. She seemed almost ready to laugh in excitement. It was somewhat stronger compared to her colder and more serious attitude that everyone was used to.

"I believe that this is just the world starting to push everyone in the right direction to make sure that it and everyone within stays healthy. It feels right and I will keep working on that." Walker stepped away with the mapping orbs he needed to visit every single bridge. "Oh, and when I get back from leaving the mapping orbs, I will be preparing for the chance we might begin having visitors come from the elemental planes to see the world."

This left everyone within the grand mapping hall frozen for the briefest of moments. "He just had to leave that at the end. I guess we will need to pick out even more staff for this place." Mordant's acceptance was quick, but he immediately felt his rivalry stirring. Rise was already speaking to two people before he had even started.

The growth she had made was more than just with her control of light mana. It was internal as well. She was acting more like a leader of Genesis than just a leader of the light dragons. He liked it. He was almost jealous too. Almost.

Without much gestation, more people began moving in and out of the mapping hall. It was noticed by many but someone who was casually ignoring it all was Midnight. She sniffed Walker out very quickly. She saw him trying to leave again and took to the air to catch up to him.

While she had been handling a random interaction with a few of the hatchlings, she had managed to help them find new places to learn within Genesis since they were all curious about different things. However, she felt that Walker was going to rush off again and she couldn't let him just get away with that. She wasn't going to miss this next adventure.

She loved helping the other younger dragons but she needed to see more. She wanted to be right beside him.

"Since you decided to chase me down, I assume you are ready to follow me to each bridge? I plan to try and speak with the true sages as I go since they will be the ones sending others to visit the world soon." Walker was sure that the true sages were watching or keeping some tabs on situations throughout the world. He knew that they wanted to make sure they could trust the world as a whole.

"Are we going in to the planes?" Midnight wanted to explore there too and knew that Walker might end up going there to meet the elemental kings. She knew very well that this was something that would and needed to happen in the future.

"Not yet, I want to make sure that those they send to test the waters are safe. I have to complete a quest or two to make that happen. And having the help to do it would be more than welcome." He blew a bit more wind mana toward Midnight making her feel a chill in the air. He couldn't pat her head but she knew this was him asking her as family.