

## Master 2591

### Chapter 2591 Wanderer

Approaching the bridge to the elemental planes Walker had found in the mountains, Midnight noticed that the shadows seemed to be stretching just a little too far. That the air was somewhat stale here even though the wind was blowing just as much as on any mountain.

"You noticed the added dark mana around, hm?"

"Very strong." Midnight responded quickly to Walker. She could tell it was dark mana but with the strength of it she felt that there had to be more to this.

"Look at the way that the sun is rising and casting shadows on half the lands around the mountain. That is allowing the dark mana to condense differently than usual. It's not moving on as well as it should be. It's not stagnant though, the sun just needs to rise higher and everything will balance better."

This was an interesting interaction between light and dark manas influenced by the natural terrain of an area. While the bridge itself was working and sending some dark mana around, there were clearly some benefits for the mana coming through right now. Later in the middle of the day the dark mana might even find itself pushed very thin as long as the skies remained clear in this area.

This was also one of the bridges that did not have anyone watching over it just yet. Simply because the location was more or less on a sheer cliff. Yet, one of the ten bridges being in a dangerous place like this, was not unexpected. They could have been anywhere.

It wasn't like they were balanced and placed along the world in perfect equal distances from one another. That just wasn't how the nature of the world worked. No mana was perfectly balanced in all places, they gathered here or there in different densities in their own method of balance.

All this aside, Walker and Midnight landed on a simple open section of rocky cliff. It wasn't much to walk along but it was enough to create a space for the small mapping orb. They would have the information for this area and even the section of the mountain they were on.

It would be ideal for the grand global map to be able to show the land here. It was treacherous and discovering routes through it might be something perfect for the braver travelers or merchants who wished to pass through. The adventurers would get the most benefit though since rarer materials could be found in dangerous mountains like this.

Sensing the density in dark mana, Walker found that it was a bit much right at the edge of the bridge to the elemental planes.

He noticed that the opening was full of denser dark mana while the bluff flat nearby the pending was also wreathed in denser dark mana. It was only a few moments before he noticed a pitch black figure resting at the entrance.

"You are playing a risky game sitting there. You might regret it." Midnight perked her head up. She thought that Walker was speaking with her until she noticed the figure.

She hadn't felt its presence or even noticed it whatsoever. For her, it had been an absolutely blank space, even the denser dark mana had been missed. She had stronger dark mana affinity than her other affinities too, but still she had missed it.

The longer spindly limbs showed Walker and Midnight that it was a pitch black cloak the humanoid being was wearing. The slight glimmer of yellowed eyes under a darker floppy hat had also put Walker a little out of his comfort zone. He didn't want to see more clearly right now, he was sure that there were more strange features hidden by the dense dark mana around the being.

"Just looking for customers. This place is new. Nothing stopping me from roaming about." The voice was high pitched, grinding almost. It wasn't malicious though, more amused than anything.

"Unless you have something to resist other manas, your body will take a lot of damage if you come further than here. This is the world, it has every mana in a balance. Those from the elemental planes might not be able to roam freely just yet." Walker was firm but trying to be informational.

He could tell that this being was someone used to moving about the dark elemental planes freely. That they preferred to travel as they wished rather than to be bogged down by rules or territories.

"Oh is it? Is that why that old thing tried to keep me from here? Little tricks like making walls or pulling away the mana don't work on me." The high pitched laughter made Walker's skin crawl, Midnight even narrowed her eyes and flexed her claws slightly.

"You didn't think it was for your safety and not some territorial dispute?" Sighing, Walker felt that these sorts of people would be everywhere. That didn't stop him from using the all around appraisal and attempting to get more information about what sort of race this person was.

'Shadow man

This is a shadow man, known to be a race of pure dark mana affinity but thought to once have walked the world with a dual affinity-

"No no no, not appropriate using appraisal on me. Rude very rude. I am just here to sell my items and wander but you distrust me." There had been some sort of skill that interfered with Walker's all around appraisal. He didn't feel it was malicious or powerful, just enough to halt the information. A protective skill.

"You should understand my curiosity and hesitation. You are not a race that lives within the world." Walker was clear that there was a line not to be crossed here. He even pulled more mana toward him making it even clearer that thing anything would be a foolish endeavor.

"Well well well aren't you something else. I've never seen something like you. That one is like those dragons but smaller and all mixed up. You are, different." A higher pitched laughter of amusement broke through cause the denser darkness to spread out. The dark black skin of the shadow man wanderer was easier to see now.

"You said you were looking for customers. Let's make a deal then. If you are selling or buying I can do both, but I expect you to bring warnings for anyone you pass by. My doing a deal with you would be your reward in advance for wanting the next twenty or so customers you have that the world is unsafe and dangerous without the right resistances or preparations."

The shadow man wanderer was about to respond but when the quest generated he looked at Walker with wider yellow eyes. The dark mana around even shook slightly. Walker could even sense a hint of fear. He'd done something that shouldn't be able to be done. He's given it a quest, only the most powerful beings could do that.

"Oh, sorry about that, I know being given a quest like that might seem odd. I am Walker, the origin being guiding and protecting the world. I will go to meet the true sages and elemental kings at some point in the future. They are quite nice and I look forward to it."

The darkness receded as the shadow man wanderer began opening a pitch black bag and retrieving herbs and a few stranger objects made from dark elemental materials. The wanderer didn't speak but it was clear he was accepting everything now. The mischievous and strange actions were silenced now.

While selecting items and bringing out dark mana crystals in trade along with a few mana gems that could store denser dark mana, Walker looked up and spoke. "The world is developing fast. The elemental planes are coming closer and sooner than later safe travel methods will be shared. If you want a good report with merchants and various groups within the world, you should ask for a registration with the merchant guild. There are rules but that comes with connections. You're one of the few merchants I've met from the elemental planes."

Being kind and leaving an opportunity like that was enough to show he didn't plan on harming the shadow man wanderer. It also showed that the world might be more strict than expected.

"You tried to slip by again. I will drag you back." The small voice came from the blob of dark mana that formed.

"True dark sage, no problems occurred and this wanderer is safe. I gave them a small quest. Thank you for coming to safely escort them back." Walker smiled and the blob dissolved but a pulling force dragged away the shadow man wanderer. It left Midnight and Walker a little on edge but enlightened.

There would be more instances like this. Meeting wanderers and explaining the dangers of the world was part of Walker's quest for a reason. Midnight saw this and believed she needed to help Walker even more in whatever way she could now.

## Chapter 2592 Staying Close

The randomness of a wanderer being sat right at the entrance to the bridge of the elemental planes experiencing dark mana connection from the dark elemental plane was an interesting way to start the quest off. Even more so that the true dark sage had literally pulled the shadow mana wanderer back in to the planes themselves.

Walker knew that there were monsters called shadow people or shadow men, however, compared to the race he had just met, it was clear that they were exceptionally different. That there had to be a change in name for the monsters that were known. Something that would most likely begin to appear as time went on.

The idea that any monsters might have developed differently and even become intelligent races within the elemental planes was nothing new. It was something that had already been proven as true.

Orcs were a monster larger and more violent than others. Yet, they had already been proven to have more intelligence in some ways than others. Knowing he could compare the knowledge he had for some time, Walker took a moment to breathe and calm his mind. For the moment, he could keep himself focused on the other bridges and mapping orbs that needed to be placed.

With the true dark sage having even more focus on the bridge connected to his elemental plane, there was a lot less to worry about. It did strike Walker as odd that there were some who had the skills or tools to sneak past the true sages for even a little while.

Knowing that this was a possibility did not put him at ease. There was also the fact that the shadow man wanderer had an item that was able to hide himself from appraisal skills. Meaning that there was a huge chance that items and skills to fake appraisals or even worse was possible.

Knowing these things, Walker would have to create a group of craftsmen to focus on it.

While being the one to encourage making items or finding skills that could hide, fake, and entirely halt appraisal skills was nothing at like what a hero should be doing, it was inevitable. Walker and the others needed to have the information about how these skills and items worked before there were too many instances of worse events happening.

Putting this thought to rest for later when he could speak to the entire Genesis Council about it, Walker focused on the fact that Midnight and he had actually managed to get some random good trades.

He looked at a black leafed plant with a small dark black flower. It had small round parts on the flower that he knew were seeds. Meaning that he had just purchased a rare herb that needed dark mana to grow, but he had the seeds attached to it so that the alchemy guild could take it and begin working with it immediately. Walker didn't even want to write down the name of it from his all around appraisal. He wanted to see if Remey's alchemists and herbalists could figure it all out without a single question.

The wood he bought is an entirely obsidian colored wood with longer grain and toughness. It even radiated some of the decaying effects of dark mana. An interesting crafting material that might be used for dark mages staff or for usage in making unique magic tools for farmers. It would be determined later if there was any other wood or plants that were similar and already known to Genesis.

"Brother, the next bridge." Midnight and Walker had already been moving through the sky toward the next bridge. The location was nothing important since Walker had been there before, but the difference in the manas flowing out was that the opposite side of the bridge had to be within a boundary between two elemental planes.

Midnight had noticed it and Walker had sensed it but not addressed it yet. "Wind and fire mana are mixed, so we should see some stronger flames since wind mana can increase the strength of fire mana."

With a glance, Walker buffed Midnight who had been sticking closer and closer to Walker while they flew, even with his buffs, she would have been fine against the stronger fire mana regardless.

As they landed, there was a little damage to the ground, the smaller sprouts and plants had been burned by the wind field fire mana. That was fine, this location was another that the guards and watchmen were marching to right now. Walker had come here and discovered this bridge unoccupied and without monsters around since the monsters that lived in the area were easily spooked by changes in environment. So, he had left earth walls here to protect it to a degree and let it stay as it was.

The walls had been good since it directed the wind and fire manas upwards and slowed any burning of the area which would just become natural as the manas changed coming through the bridge. This was just part of the elemental planes and the world coming together.

Regardless, Midnight stood close to Walker and watched as the mana flowed and as elemental spirits moved in and out of the bridge. She was even closer as Walker placed the mapping orb and manipulated the earth to make a protective holding pillar for it.

"There is a small magic tower being built nearby, this will let them map the area and connect them sooner than later. Do you want to go check it out while I make sure the orb-" Midnight elbowed Walker in the side making him stop talking. He thought something was wrong until he realized her eyes were focused on him.

He sighed slightly and understood what he was doing wrong. "I won't do it all alone. We can do it all together." Knowing Midnight, Walker understood she was ready to yell at him for taking in everything by himself. He had been doing this more and more lately. Even when he was with Alma in the forest elf territory, he had moved ahead and let her handle the talking while he dealt with the problem directly.

Yes, now he was better suited to do a lot of it but that wasn't the point. He had to rely on others to help too. "The magic tower should have several builders and guards, so I can have them come this way." Walker saw Midnight was up a little.

What he didn't realize, was that Midnight was also using their bond to experience the world as Walker was in a closer way. His focus on his mana senses had only grown since it was an innate function of him and an origin race member.

Therefore, with Midnight tapping in to those feelings, she was also growing her own perceptions of mana. Dragon breath was already feeling easier to utilize for her, but the buff skills that Walker used in her were incorporating better in to the way she moved.

Just the wind buff skill that helped the pair of them fly through the air better and faster was something she had been maintaining even standing around and making sure Walker was not alone.

When Walker felt that the skill should have ended since he wasn't supplying mana, he was about to tell Midnight she was training too much. Then again, he realized that he couldn't act as she had been then judge her for focusing on becoming a stronger and more powerful defender for the world.

She worked just as hard as he did. They just did so in different times and places lately. Right now though, she hadn't even flinched at the shadow man wanderer or the visit of the true dark sage when he pulled away the wanderer back in to the dark elemental planes. Instead, she had been ready to handle any problems outright.

Seeing that she could take control of the buff skill and maintain it without his mana just proved she utilized the bond they shared. Their mana cooperated well and that was that. Plain and simple, their bond would not fade as either gained strength, it would just become even more of a core aspect to their strength.

"I wonder if Onyx will want to help me check in on any wanderers trying to venture in to the world. I hear he is working a little more on the spatial and dark mana skills to have the serpents hide in his shadow too." This caught Midnight's attention.

Before Walker and she could get halfway to the small magic tower to work with their building there, Walker was already listening to what Midnight had seen Onyx working on. She didn't always like to speak but lately she had bursts of conversation. It might just be her age as a dragon, but it was nice to hear her excitedly praising Onyx.

Chapter 2593 Curiosity

After some hours, the pair began to approach the bridge to the elemental panes where there had been some illegal merchant activity. While the issues had been handled and the dangerous goods disposed of or handled in other ways, the area was still full of guards and some relevant people.

The small beginnings of an illegal merchant area had been used as the best potential town that could be built. Enough materials and enough guards had moved to the area, and guarding the bridge to the elemental planes and also any builders was an easy task.

"Brother, they already have some farms cultivating." Midnight spotted the rows of newly planted crops.

"That is a testing field for a type of rice that they wish to grow, it comes from the demi-human lands and was bred so that the leaves would break down and decay better after harvesting. That way more nutrients return to the soil faster and they can start the next generation of harvesting."

This was one of the major projects that a group of farmers had been working on within the demi-human lands for years before Genesis was even something to consider when it came to food production.

However, with the addition of Genesis farmers and the united farmers having different cultivation ideas, they had found success.

Now there was a possibility that the food production of this and other grains would multiply by at least half more than what it was producing before. It was a significant boost since there would be a lot more grains to be made in to general foods or just to be cooked and consumed. It was also easier for storage since grains could be held properly as long as storage protocols were followed.

This wasn't the only thing that was being built within this town. There were walls of stone already being created so that the town would be stronger and more defended. This was what would separate it from a village. It would also become a good legal merchant area since it connected a few of the older trade routes.

This was the goal of the merchant guild. Removing the negative stigmatizing of an illegal market and enforcing the legal side would allow for younger merchants to take root here. From there they could focus on the future trade related to the bridge to the elemental planes. It was very forward thinking and would be a great amount of progress.

The most shocking thing for Walker was that there were already rune carvers, herbalists, and mages working on a small magic tower. The process to make them has been advanced significantly. The herbs would still attract mana but the need for a naturally occurring elemental rune was not there any more. The rune formations they had studied within and on the main magic tower within Genesis had been altered and advanced enough that they could be replicated on a small scale.

This meant that there were going to be different types of small magic towers. This one would be more runic allowing for a focus on teleportation and mana channeling to fuel other rune formations within the town as a whole. An idea that Walker was very glad to know was happening and progressing in a successful form.

As he and Midnight landed though, he felt a chill. It was a little stronger than the normal water mana meaning that the bridge to the elemental planes was most likely connected to a deeper form of pure water elemental mana. The ice wasn't caused by a mixing of manas, the water mana was so dense that it just became ice entirely.

Just the idea that there were two forms of ice mana was something that could throw anyone for a loop, but that was something that could be handled in educational settings. Right this second, Walker and Midnight were forced to focus on the guards standing directly in front of the bridge to the elemental planes.

They were facing a frosty fog and clearly something was moving around the edges of the fog. Walker and Midnight could also see a few of the guards sending communication crystal notices to others, proving that this must have begun a short time ago.

A few of the guard captains were shocked to see Midnight and Walker landing in front of them. Clearly, they had expectations that they would be waiting in this situation for hours and not however long it had been.

"Heroes! You are here already. We have been sending updates for the past hour and did not expect assistance." A guard captain rushed over with sweat on his face. This event had been weighing on him significantly.

"Let the main contact know that Walker and Midnight are handling whatever the problem is while also installing a mapping orb." Walker didn't hesitate to assure the guard captain and surrounding guards with a firm tone and clear plan.

There didn't appear to be any danger, from what Walker could sense the wall of dense water mana was in fog form because the other manas in the area were making the ice that formed melt. While an

interesting interaction, the blue tentacles that moved showing themselves for a brief second over and over appeared to be harmed or afraid of the other manas that were not just very dense.

The exploratory actions were something more akin to a monster, yet, Walker didn't feel that was right. "Midnight can you use some water mana to roar a bit, nothing with animosity just a small warning to push some of that fog away and expose more of the open bridge."

Walker had promised he would not do it all alone so this was his goal to work together. He also would be able to focus more on what this being was trying to explore the bridge to the elemental plane.

All the guards formed a defensive line behind Walker and Midnight right before her roar caused a ripple of water mana to echo out. The dragon's roar incorporated with specific manas was less of an attack and more of a focus on communication. It would make the spirit race or the merfolk show more traction than some other races less acclimated to water mana as a whole.

The various blue tentacles exposed were all connected to a single eye made of what seemed to be a crystal like ice.

'Glacial gazer

This is a race of pure and dense water beings. It uses water mana in dense form to communicate and is known as one of the most curious races. It is said to store memories within its eight tentacles while watching various aspects of the water elemental planes develop.

While they are extremely few in number due to their solitary existences, that's what allows them higher mastery over their innate water affinity and water mana manipulation to the point that they notify and

condense water mana just by existing within an environment. The cost of this is that they lose almost all resistance to other manas.

Their curiosity has, in many instances, led them to perish in hostile environments. This does not diminish their strength however. Many instances have seen them combat various forms of dragons at once.

While they have a long history...'

A larger pulse of water mana moved directly toward Walker. He didn't feel any cruelty in it but felt pressure. This glacial gazer was trying to communicate with him. He could sense its unhappiness at being appraised like that and Walker understood it must have a skill that allowed it to know it had been appraised.

Using some water mana Walker did what he would do when he originally had spoken with water elemental spirits. The translation of the world and existence helped too, causing him to immediately understand what and just been said to him and even his response.

"How could you peer in to my being without permission? You are not something I know!" The glacial gazer was rightfully unhappy but it wasn't acting in violence.

"I have never met a race such as yours before. I needed to ensure you were not a monster attempting to venture in to the world and cause harm. It was simply for the protection of the world. I did learn from it though, my curiosity had been somewhat satiated."

His words made every blue tentacle freeze and the crystalline eye focus entirely on him. "The world, not another elemental plane?"

More water mana questions began to be bombarded Walker but he was quick to raise a hand and ask for silence. He didn't want to rush and cause problems. He also didn't miss the small humanoid shape of water which had to be the true water sage watching how this would go.

"Before I answer anything else, please let me warn you for your safety."

Chapter 2594 Too Dangerous For You

"The elemental panes you are so used to are a palace with only one elemental mana. The borders you may have witnessed are the mixing of two, three, or more manas in very rare cases. They are not safe for you since you are a purely water elemental being, a race with only water mana to such a pure form that you are able to influence the area you are in no matter what."

The blue tentacles were now moving slowly back and forth causing more frost and ice to build up. It was clear that a lot of water mana was being drawn from the water elemental plane and focusing around this glacial gazer.

"If you come in to the world, where every single mana is balanced you will be in an extremely hostile environment that will lead to your death. You will not be attacked unless you are to cause harm and break our laws, but that does not mean we wish to let you freely come of harm but just being curious."

"I know from the appraisal I did you and your race as a whole lacks resistance to other manas due to your immense affinity and growth in water mana. You even live deep within the water elemental planes allowing your strength to grow to the point you can compete with multiple dragons at once. That is something many within the world can not do. Please see, my words are not disrespectful, however, you are weak to the world as it is. If you were home in the water elemental planes this wouldn't be an issue. You simply can not explore here safely."

"Without a way, you can not be here and you can not explore the world you know nothing about." This made the curling blue tentacles to tighten even more. The clear stress didn't come when Walker mentioned the risk of death, but the fact that the inability to explore the world was what caused the most dramatic show of stress was very true to what he had just read as the appraisal for the glacial gazer race.

"Use a golem like the sages." Midnight spoke up. She understood the conversation well enough. The world and existence making languages no matter the forms it took able to be comprehended and translated allowed her to easily ignore the discomfort of higher water mana being directed around her. Instead, she tried to solve the issue.

The humanoid ball of water that had been watching rippled. It appeared that Midnight had shocked the true water sage quite a bit with that potential solution. It seemed like it was something that might be possible or might be entirely out of the normal for how the true water sage expected this to go.

"A golem... that is an idea I did not consider. Very interesting..." water mana surged around the glacial gazer.

"My name is Anon. I travel experiencing the lands many may not see in the same way. I will grant a shard of myself to this golem of ice and water. It will see, it will learn, it will feel, and it will return and become part of my body and a ninth tentacle with memories of a life I can not live. You will protect it, and it will show you the secrets of pure water. I will impart upon it memories of proper water, the form of pure water beyond what you may know as your lands are not pure."

Without a chance to speak, Walker was left witnessing the water mana condense and a portion of the glacial gazer, Anon's body break off and fuse with the small starfish, or maybe similar to an octopus, blue creature with one small eyes using water mana to move through the air.

When walker used the all around appraisal this time, he was surprised to see something different than what he had expected of any golem made or what he had seen of the true water sage's golems.

'Glacial gazer shard, shard golem

This is a golem in the only essence that it is an autonomous being controlled by a core. That core is the still living and mana reliant body part of a glacial gazer. While unable to use mana to communicate will and thoughts, it is able to store memories and experiences that can be incorporated in to the body of the glacial gazer later.

Creating a shard like this is seen as an extremely dangerous form of magic since it will often cause the being that created it to fall in to slumber for long periods of time. It will also cost a very large amount of purified manas.

This is not a golem that can be used to bring a being back to life or able to heal a being by absorbing it again. It purely can only bring back memories and experiences while following the instilled memoirs given by the being that created the shard.

This is a golem in the essence that if the core is damaged it will perish, if the core is protected and not damaged the body can be rebuilt using water mana. The density of the water mana has caused it to become blue glacial ice which acts as a body but is dense enough to resist various manas to protect the core shard.

If the core is exposed to opposing manas in greater quantities there is a chance it can be destroyed through that interaction...'

Walker could understand that there was more safety in using this form of golem, but the cost was high. It could be destroyed in the same ways as the main body but it could be protected. The same mana put around anon's whole body would act as a constant mana draw in a world where anon couldn't regenerate enough mana to keep it going. However this little shard golem could keep it constantly since it was literally its body.

Something like this was way more advanced than the puppets made from mana and materials that Walker could create. It was also well beyond the golems he could help make with forging or other crafting means.

This was a golem forged with a literal part of the creator as a core, something Walker had not considered possible to just do with magic. The level of water mana manipulation and understanding was exceedingly higher than what Walker could even hope to manage right now. That was start of the glacial gazer growing and living for many years within the deep water elemental planes.

"True sage of water. I entrust to you my body as I rest. I trust you with my safety and my being so that I may one day see the greatness of what is unknown." The words echoed a bit as the water mana surged and Anon's main body was pulled in to the water elemental planes. It was easy to tell that it had brought itself away before fading in to unconsciousness.

"You really have that troublesome child an idea, you know that will be troublesome for you? Right?" While some disappointment was in the true water sage's voice there was also some lingering expectation. A little joy that came with this solution.

"That's all Midnight, she thought of how you and the other true sages have been watching the world and learning. If all of you didn't do things the way you do she wouldn't have managed to say to." Walker turned it around on the true water sage. It was true though, they had been encouraging these things.

"This little one will follow you, once you bring it back to Genesis, allow it to see what it wishes. The glacial gazer race are few and far between. They may find a way to flourish in the world. I hope they do."

"I will protect him." Midnight caught the small glacial gazer golem shard on her head where it sat watching, it was clear it was still adjusting but it appeared to be able to understand even as the true water sage left them behind.

The guards were shocked watching how Walker and Midnight had causally spoken to intimidating being like that. Then again, they were living up to their titles as heroes. As founders of the Genesis alliance. None of it was simple and none of it would ever be easy to understand.

"So, everyone! Let's clean up and review the mapping orb placement for your ease." Walker boomed out getting everyone's attention and also calling them. His confidence was contagious enough to make sure that he was listened to while also pushing along their goals.

Even with strange new addition to their adventures in establishing the mapping orbs. It might present something interesting for them to learn, time will tell.

#### Chapter 2595 Watery Words

The map of the area around the illegal merchant village was easily telling a story of rapid advancement. The level that the farms and the walls reached after being mapped out were above what Walker had managed to see. They were all built so that everything from potential weather to higher foot traffic could be maintained.

The way that the walls had been built allowed for the water flowing off them to be able to be moved in to the fields. The spouts from the top of the walls ran down the sides of streets creating small streams. It would allow for better flow of water from the streets as well. It also allowed the streets to be made wider from the start, something ideal for what the developing town would need.

This small but important step in building up the area where illegal merchants had begun to sue was amazing. It was setting a precedent for many smaller villages looking to improve themselves in to being larger towns able to accept larger merchant caravans or bands of travelers.

Lately with the exploration encouraged through Genesis and even within the kingdoms, the ideas and creations of small and larger traveler groups became normal. There were also mercenary groups beginning to gain traction, however, they were being combatted by the adventurer groups.

Where the adventurers had regulations and quests, the mercenaries did not so much have them and tended to focus specifically on the highest bidder in terms of what they would do. A lot more risky quests or requests were taken. Because of this, some people voiced their worries about mercenary groups being the same or close to bandits. Meaning that a potential guild for mercenaries might appear in the future.

It was an interesting idea and a town being built like this might be a good place for such things to be regulated and tested out. Many people were already speaking about moving their families here since they were part of the first building group here. It helped that Walker had just established a mapping orb and that the guard captains were speaking out about how they would not have better warning of any approaching or passing monsters.

While Walker contemplated these things, he noticed the small bubbles of water floating around midnight. The small starfish like golem, Anon's shard, was making small bubbles of water while Midnight and he spoke.

It was easy to tell that the memories that Anon, the glacial gazer, bestowed upon the shard golem were not extremely advanced. It appeared to be the basics of water manipulation were just part of the water mana knowledge it possessed and was showing off to Midnight. Otherwise, the goal to communicate and to learn seemed to be the core focus of every other skill.

Although, this was enough to understand when Walker thought about what he had learned about the glacial gazer race. They were long lived and craved knowledge. They would be curious enough to venture in to places that they would surely perish in.

A thirst for knowledge like that would be simple enough to forget bestowing more knowledge on to this shard golem and allow it only to absorb as much as it could without hesitation.

Catching a few words here and there, the shard golem was sharing how water mana was both pure and impure. "The less dense it was the less pure it was and the harder it was to make it in to ice. How water could flow even in a denser form but the will behind it need to be much greater. The will to become part of that water and make it move even if it is solid ice is beyond just manipulation. It is a form of being in your inner self as well."

The small explanations like this were something that many could say, however the way the mana lived around the shard golem made it take deeper and newer meaning.

The bubbles of water changed and frozen in to different shapes. Became unique phases of denser water mana and slowly showed the degree of control needed to make a bubble in to ice. Yet, it also showed that just condensing and making the mana purer in smaller bubbles could be more potent.

Small droplets of frozen water radiated a fog that made ice crystals form around them. A purer and more potent form of water mana manipulation that came with understanding water mana to a greater depth.

These small frozen condensed water mana droplets also shattered more easily. Showing that besides will there had to be constant manipulation or else they would be lost. It was a balancing act. Control,

will, ambient manas, understanding... Walker felt he could go one and on with these thoughts while watching the range of control he was witnessing right this moment.

Even small additions to what Walker knew right now was something to be proud of. This though? It was a larger explanation of phases of purity and density that could educate him about how to better use water mana as a whole.

When comparing this to all manas though? Well, Walker could manage to begin experimenting with making denser and purer balls of all manas he could manipulate. While space mana wasn't something he could do that with he could easily begin doing so with the basic elemental manas.

He would be able to see if he was failing to manipulate or add his will to manas. More importantly, he would be able to see how the manas in his body reacted. Could he strengthen his body just by adding purer or denser manas in to his being?

When he saw Midnight breathe in a larger amount of water mana, Walker saw that she had grasped a little more understanding of water mana. To the point that she was able to condense her breath within her body to do more than a water of and ice dragon breath.

Instead when Midnight breathed out at a nearby rock, a stream of dense water left her maw. It was somewhat chaotic, but it was pressurized to the point that a larger dent was cut in tot he rock itself.

If she managed to focus on it even more there was a very high chance she would be able to use it as a blade. Her purified or condensed water dragon breath could cut through that rock like a knife through butter. While that would take training, the change in mentality toward Midnight's internal water mana manipulations as very clear.

She glanced at Walker, the surprise in her eyes told him she had not expected that to go as well as it had. The shard golem moved around her a bit showing interest. It was very glad to see Midnight attack like that and a little extra frosty fog moved around it due to its excitement.

As far as Walker could tell, when Amon received the shard golem back in to its body there would be a lot of joy mixed in to what it had seen. Just this little bit of teaching and knowledge sharing had spawned enough of a new event to get a big reaction like this.

"Midnight, I am going to move us quickly to Genesis, the other small mapping orbs were delivered ahead of us." Walker saw and checked the communication crystal messages he had received. Apparently Mordant and Rise had challenged their elder dragons to bring the small mapping orbs around.

It seemed that their rivalry was paying off in some ways already. It was also clear that this was not a temporary moment for them. Just the fact that Rise had advanced her knowledge of light mana ahead of the other Royal dragons' understandings of their own mana was enough to spur a movement.

Soon, every dragon would be pushing themselves for advancement even more than what they were doing now. It wouldn't be a fight, but the arrogant rivalry would spark a much faster growth than what everyone was seeing even now.

"I have a royal dragon I want you to meet shard of anon. His name is Current and he is a water dominator dragon and a royal dragon who is in charge of all the water dragons within the Genesis alliance. Our alliance of world races and even some within the elemental planes. I am sure you can show him a lot and he can show you a lot."

This simple idea to encourage more growth would also give the golem shard a water based environment to show Anon one day what the water territory was like. How other manas might mix with the water and change the flow of everything.

While it might be slower this way, it was a good way to introduce the glacial gazer to Genesis comfortably. A small show of respect that could and lost certainly would eventually lead to more progress and bonds.

Chapter 2596 Impossible? Nope

Just flying through the air and using some space mana in his wind mana manipulation Walker managed to speed up he and Midnight much more than they had been moving before. The shard of anon was not able to speak or even show any sign of understanding. It appeared Waker's usage of space mana as well as mixing it with wind had been enough to stun him.

It was a fair response though. Anon, and now the shard golem anon, had only ever experienced water mana in the deepest of forms. While as a glacial gazer anon might have seen more, it was very clear that the dangers of other forms of mana enough to reality know them, let alone, space mana.

The space mana that Walker had used was an entirely different and mysterious feeling to Anon who was also influenced by the biffs and manipulation of mana around him. For most people though, they would exclaim something in amazement or want to know more, Anon's entire world view since he had been created as a shard golem wasn't even able to comprehend why it was amazing.

This was a lack of knowledge and full memories but a single part of memories that allowed for communication, learning, and sharing of specific abilities. Walker made a mental note since if he or another were to learn skills like making shard golems, there would be some downsides.

It was easy to see that a shard golem missing certain pieces of information may act differently than what might be expected. While the shard golem would surely not turn against the main body that created it,

there was a chance that there could be an issue with how the golem interacted with others changing perceptions others had.

Making their way to the grand mapping hall was one of the priorities on Walker's list, however, he was going to meet Current first.

Before they had even landed next to the part of the lake within the water dragon territory, Current had already shown himself in full dominator dragon form. Current had been helping Terron, and eventually moved to assist with some water ways that were causing issues for the exploratory teams and merchant boats.

However, he had just returned to see how the other projects were progressing that he had a hand in. Some of which were focusing on the developments of underwater farming fields. This was not just because there were underwater herbs that needed more attention. It was because there were bulk food items that could be grown in the water that would be able to help hold up as better food options when traveling due to the fact that they could be dried and preserved much more easily. They could also be rehydrated much better than other food options too.

His head turned and eyes focused on the top of Midnight's head where the shard of Anon sat taking in everything rapidly, the crystalline eyeball was moving as if in a frenzy, unable to understand or able to comprehend whether or not what it was seeing was actually there and real. This is what many who came to Genesis thought at first though.

The best part was that this was just the water dragon territory. There was so much more to see too.

"What is this being that you brought with you Walker?"

Walker had originally believed that Current had just been within this form while resting within the lake of his territory. Now though, Walker understood that Current had sensed the unique water mana within the shard of Anon and that was what had made Current take his full and proper form to see what this was all about.

"This is Anon, specifically it is a shard of Anon, a glacial gazer from the deep water elemental planes. He made this shard golem so that he can see the world and learn of it to sate his curiosity safely. If Anon were to travel here only death would welcome his form. Extremely powerful control of ice and water mana as a whole along with a long life. In return, extremely weak elemental resistance for any mana that is not water."

Current was looking at Walker in amazement since the density of the water mana that made up the shard of Anon's golem body was too perfect. To him, it felt as if this was some intensely potent form of water mana brought here and unable to even be interacted with. That was just the strength that the shard of Anon had over the water mana around and making him up.

"This shard golem will learn of the world while anon rests and recovers. After some time it will be absorbed back in to the full body to share the memories of the time spent here. I thought you may want to learn a little about the way purer and denser water mana is manipulated. So far I've heard some information about string will to purify and condense water mana in to ice without any additional manas influencing it."

Noticing the gleam in Current's eyes, Walker knew he was more than right. Current would be able to see where his perception of water might have halted or where he could be wrong entirely. It wasn't necessarily that Current was failing in manipulating water mana, just that he had grown within the world where water mana was less pure, dense, and used but all beings within it.

"As long as the body is not damaged and the core is not exposed the shard golem should be more than safe. So far it's drawing in water mana to maintain the dense blue glacial body it made. It's small but it's able to speak using water mana easily. So, I will trust you to show it around and learn a bit in trade."

The quest that generated was simple and had no reward from Walker at all. Taking this quest was a reward within itself. The knowledge that could be gained by better communicating and also showing a better experience of Genesis was exactly what could be called a grand reward for the quest as a whole. Current had the potential to take a very large step or find a more immersive path in his study and acceptance of water mana.

"I will ensure that this new ally is given the best of what we have." Current took his dragonkin form in a whirl of water before holding a hand out to the anon shard. Anon had been watching and listening the entire time, it knew exactly what was going on and sensed the dense water mana within Current.

However, it was clear the anon shard knew very well that Current was looking for more in terms of himself. That Current wished to delve in to the hidden aspects of water mana even more so than what others may even consider pursuing or thinking about.

With a flick of tentacles, different forms of water balls floated around. Some gathered slowly as the water condensed and others more of a mist that created its own cool feeling.

"Impossible..." The anon shard spoke out realizing that the weakest water balls it tried to make were not under its control. That the water had been mixed with ambient manas and began to change becoming part of the environment around them.

"No, that's nature. The world lives within its own balance with other manas. It is mixed. It is natural. It inspired life and death while creating wondrous mystery that even a hundred life times could not be enough to comprehend. Let me show you more." Current was even more dedicated feeling that he

couldn't at all manipulate water the way he had just seen. But he could share why the smallest of water had been lost from the Anon shard's control.

Midnight and Walker shared a look of pride and comfort knowing that the traveler they met would get more than just a little benefit from Current's attention.

The dragons were playing unique and in depth roles within Genesis. Rise and Mordant focusing on the grand mapping hall was a surprise but in that led to more growth. Terron building the next city was perfect. Ignus remaining focused on alchemy was pushing new heights for potions beside Remey.

The only dragon who had seemingly disappeared lately in to smaller tasks was Ventus. Yet, Walker had a feeling that she would be arriving at the grand mapping hall sooner than later. Especially since he knew her children were guarding and looking over small demon villages that had begun to prosper as of late.

"Let's go see what we can find on the maps. Maybe we can look in to where some unexplored areas are or even see if we can spot a few more wanderers arriving." More wanderers were sure to arrive, Walker needed to greet them and offer them quests to begin building relationships.

Chapter 2597 Left With Three More

Stopping at the grand mapping hall, Walker and midnight were not as noticed as they had been before. There were easily three times as many staff members running around now. All good signs that the grand mapping hall would be able to handle the many requests. Some of which had already been brought in recently.

However, there was no way that the requests could be handled right this second. Simply because some of the locations had not been mapped out or there just was not enough of a set precedence for them.

Some of the people requesting information were mostly curious since they just wanted to see what they could learn. This was a fair experience since there would be many people who had the gold coins to throw at their curiosity like this.

Others though, were the guild heads of different guilds, specifically the merchant guild, wanting to be ahead of the others who might use information to their advantage. Some people could find the strength in sending out workers to get to certain lands to harvest larger supplies or to sell more of a needed supply.

This was all to be expected and the stress would be relieved from the system as things were put in place to handle the heavy amount of requests. More so, Walker and Midnight just wanted to see the areas that they had been.

Midnight was amazed when she was looking at the mountainous area and also the dense water mana lingering around the under construction town. Both were seen clearly but also the progress of the walls which she had been able to see with her own eyes.

Walker's perspective was focused in the mana and could see the density of manas being used within genesis now. Where the magic tower was, she could tell which floor of the magic tower had the most mages studying right now. Significantly more dark mana was built up in one area showing that there were many dark mages experimenting or learning the flow of mana there.

The same could be seen within the building areas of the floating ships. Right now they were using fire mana to forge the larger sections of the outer hull. Meaning that the dense fire mana naturally building up there would soon be combatted by some water mana that would be within the water used to quench some of the alloys used.

It was interesting to see it this way since the idea that they would be able to spot anything mana related at such a small degree hadn't crossed Walker's mind.

If there was an instance of someone using too powerful magic, mana getting out of control, or even rune formations breaking then the grand mapping hall would be able to spot it. Even more so when they found ways to enhance and look even closer. This grand globe would be able to be improved. Just because it was this way now didn't mean that there would not be more to it in the future.

The pair didn't look too much further. They left Mordant and Rise where they were busy with their own work alone since it seemed they were interviewing a few of the echidna race members to join in the grand mapping hall. They were looking to see if the echidna could help identify areas that might begin to lose their natural flow of manas due to any sort of weather or external event. It was a very good idea.

"I am going to use the teleportation rune formation to bring us to the island again. The bridge there has a decent amount of fire mana around it now so it just shifted. I have a feeling that we will have the true fire sage waiting for us there."

The reason that Walker expected this was because he could look at the globe and see that the fire mana was even purer than what he had seen in the last time that the fire elemental plane was connected to the bridges. Since that was the case, it also meant Walker had a chance to see how the shifting of the plane went and if bringing the new race to Genesis was worth it.

There was also a higher chance that the true fire sage might have another being with them. One that might be seeking shelter or one that could just be looking to learn as well.

Midnight didn't seem unhappy about this at all, she did stop and grab snacks at a street vendor while they walked by. The addition of roasted vegetable and meat skewers was nothing that Walker shook his head at. He was even interested to see the barb thistle being used as a dried and powdered seasoning,

something thought to be poisonous unless properly processed. Clearly, someone was doing so properly enough to be able to sell the powdered spice.

Setting foot in to the elemental teleportation rune formation, Walker felt that the shift in amna was odd. Not wrong but different from how he used to perceive it. With his change in perception of space mana, he now could see where he might be able to improve the teleportation of this formation.

The only issues was that he was only sensing the mana and not able to carve and alter the runes without even more knowledge. He could learn it, but he would have to hold that for another time.

At this moment though, he felt he could alter the teleportation slightly using the space mana and his ability to manipulate it.

When he and Midnight appeared right in front of the bridge to the elemental planes and not in the small village made around the elemental rune teleportation formation, Midnight was looking around shocked. She thought something had happened and that they were experiencing something wrong.

When a soft pat fell on her head, she realized that Walker had learned a little more and was showing off. A few huffs and her nudging him away was all that Walker needed to keep himself focused on what he should be working on.

The what in the area of the ruins where the bridge was didn't faze either of them. Instead, it seemed a little more normal than the calm environments that Midnight and Walker frequented as of late. However, the humanoid shape of the true fire sage making a small golem out of fire was spotted right away.

"I have seen that they are still resting and growing. They are the first race fully moved to the world and being protected. The fire dragons here in the world are learning with them and not just ruling over them. You have proven a lot." The true fire sage didn't seem to be just saying what they thought. It felt like that was also the worlds from others, from the fire elemental king.

"I thought you would appear here to speak a little so I can. I also see you have looked in to the small mapping orb over there." Walker gestured toward the guards who were standing with a little bit of blackened coloration on their armors. They had definitely acted a little too defensively before they realized this was an esteemed member of the fire elemental plane waiting to speak with Walker. Otherwise, they were unhurt so it was clear that they had come to an agreement and made peace.

"They told me about your map. I want to see if you can bring that to the anchor points of the fire elemental plane. I wish to know if the planes are encroaching upon one another even more than normal." The true fire sage could sense these things but the fire elemental king was the only benign that would truly be able to know perfect details.

"I would like to try that as well. Right now though, I need to have the crafters improve and develop these things." Walker knew that the pure fire mana would destroy the current small mapping orbs. That was just the density of purity of the fire mana causing damage naturally.

"Then take these crafters with you. I have three able to help you. They will learn and assist with the materials they carry." the true fire sage dissipated the golem body without letting Walker say a word.

Midnight growled a little in frustration but then stopped as she saw the three larger figures walking through the bridge to the elemental planes. They were carrying larger black boxes on their backs which held many materials and tools hung from.

It was their appearance that shocked her though, they were not normal looking at all. Their body size, their aura, and even the fact that they just seemed entirely different than any other race Walker and she had ever seen.

#### Chapter 2598 Only Flame Crafting

#### 'Blood flame ogre

This is a race of powerful beings known to have flame literally moving through their veins. They are able to absorb ambient fire mana and use it to continue to move and breathe with greater strength. They are often seen to have steam leaving their mouth and nose when they breathe, some say it is the burning away of any other manas.

Due to their race's focus on forging with fire elemental materials, they have gained a very high resistance to even the purest of fire mana while they also are able to resist other manas due to forging with them and stripping them of their mana affinities using fire mana. While this process is not as simple, it is one that they can perform if they have the right level of strength and age within their small racial community.

There is not another profession within the blood flame ogre race, they have long believed that the true way of their existence within all things is forging with fire elemental materials. Fire is in their blood and they must use that fire to create and grow unique creations. They are highly protected by several fire elemental races within the fire elemental planes and will rarely ever be able to venture from their homes unless escorted by a variety of other guards.

It is said that the ancestor of the blood flame ogre used his very blood to forge the crown which the king of fire wears upon the elemental body when visiting the strongest of fire affinity races.

While much of the history related to the blood flame ogres is hidden due to their safety...'

Walker didn't get all that much at all from the all around appraisal. These tall red skinned beings were clearly powerful. They also had elemental resistance but not because they had trained against it, but because they had used their innate inner fire mana to burn away other manas while forging.

This technique was something that the world was struggling with in a way, but if there was a race that dedicated everything to it at all times, then it made sense it would be more applicable. Yet, it was still odd to think that this race was similar to the dwarves, yet so different.

"Workshop?" one word asked as a question. Nothing of greeting or any show of why all three of them were carrying materials that Walker sensed and knew he had not seen before. Instead, these three just looked at him waiting to be allowed in to a workshop where they could begin crafting.

"It's in Genesis. We can take you there." Before Walker was able to respond Midnight had. She was very focused on these three and was looking at them for any potential danger. However, she didn't feel a single bit of threat from them despite the fact that they were clearly very muscular and had a potent control of fire mana from within their own bodies.

"Where?"

Again with a one word question, there wasn't even a flash of curiosity or understanding in their eyes. Instead, these three appeared to only have one interest and one focus. It was less cultural and more like they were only able to think about the one thing, crafting and a place to do it.

"We have a teleportation formation to be able to bring you to our main city, Genesis, I can bring you to the fire dragon territory where you can forge or craft whatever you want there. I know you were brought here to help with the mapping orbs though." Walker tried his hand to get them talking more but he saw an indifferent expression greeting his words.

"Dragon scale materials?"

"Don't need it, have some."

"Better fresh."

The three spoke short and quickly between themselves before they made it clear that it was just the way they spoke. Not showing much other interest within the world otherwise. It was odd since any other crafter or forge master would be hyper focused on potential new materials they could use as inspiration. That they would be able to test new techniques.

"There may be dragon scales if the dragons are willing to donate their shed scales. They are an important race equal to all others within Genesis. Please keep in mind every single race is due their respect. They are not simply parts for crafting."

Walker knew full well that this was not part of what these three flame blood ogres were speaking about. They were just considering materials, however, setting a precedent was important. Without doing so, it would be on Walker later if any issues arose.

"You may also be provided materials to experiment with depending on what time you have. I will also need to hear about what food you need and what may be comfortable for your temporary homes to rest in." This was what got their attention.

The moment he had said the word rest, they all looked at them. Their red flame like eyes trained on his every movement. "When and how you rest will be up to you. I nor anyone will expect you to work through days at a time. There are times when inspiration strikes, but that is not the normal expectation or expected from you."

His words were heard and the three blood flame ogres were still looking at him with complete focus. It was a few moments of tension before Midnight broke the silence.

"We have a lot of places to explore. Crafters are everywhere building homes and weapons and armor and floating ships and water ships. They make everything!"

Seeing the expected dragon's pride the three crafters were not at all taking Midnight's words as false. They knew very well that a dragon might exaggerate, yet they did not see this in Midnight's words, they saw a clear confident pride in a true statement.

This meant that the kinds of crafters and different forms of crafting that they may never have a chance to even fathom existed. Generations of blood flame ogres grew up growing entirely different from any other elemental ogre they had seen or heard of. They knew their race was different. Their minds were different.

The barbaric battle goes of the earth elemental plane were known to destroy, steal, kill, and bring havoc. A traveling race that didn't care for anything but battle to the death making them nearly extinct many times over. Then there were the dark ogres, more undead than living due to their short lifespans focused on spreading decay. They were monsters nothing more nothing less.

The only reason the blood flame ogres had the gifts they did was because they had been seen as valuable and given the protection to focus solely on crafting. That made them a single minded race. Even speaking was less important for them making it hard to communicate on a normal basis.

"Show us. We will learn. We will work."

The three all agreed with the single one who spoke. The larger muscled bodies seemingly eager to begin working on something sooner than later. "Then I will give you some buffs to help you resist the manas of the world. Every mana is in balance here. We of Genesis and the world maintain that as best we can." Walker was being clear as he prepared to carry them all with wind mana to the elemental rune teleportation formation.

"Midnight, when we get back I'll need your help getting the wandering blacksmith and a few other higher ranked crafters for some help. Able and Jan as well since they will be needed to assist in making the fire elemental mapping orb for the fire elemental planes."

Midnight eagerly took her dragon form and flapped her wings to get ahead of Walker so once they teleported she could fly off and get everyone that was needed. "Our best crafters will meet you. The main three who helped make the small mapping orbs like that will help and show you what we need to do and your expertise can help with materials and potential resistance to fire mana needs."

It seemed that the three blood flame ogres didn't need to respond. Instead, they were too captivated by the fact that they were now suddenly flying through the air. A feeling they had never experienced. They were stunned seeing the larger expanse of water surrounding the island.

It grew even more shocking when they felt the space shift and the elemental rune teleportation formation move them to Genesis. The sudden change to a bustling city was staggering to say the least. Yet, they saw creations using materials they'd never known. Some materials they had stripped the affinity from which they now saw functioning entirely different than when for mana was moving through them.

"This is my home. Welcome to Genesis."

#### Chapter 2599 Travel Ideas

It was interesting contemplating how much crafting he did now. Walker found that a lot of his time was eaten up by the crafting of new magical items or just general items needed for working on all of Genesis. When he had been looking at the future from his perspective he hadn't imagined he would need to be present in different crafting workshops so often.

The ship building and then the floating ship building made sense. He was part of that because he had unique forms of mana and manipulation skills to help ensure that both would go smoothly. The forging of his equipment and the others' equipment too made sense. Yet, the more he ended up in a workshop he wondered if he should just build a new workshop just for himself.

Arriving at one of the fire elemental workshops within the fire dragon territory, Walker was not surprised to see the blood flame ogres immediately begin to move around and try to set up shop. They were stuck here and there as they saw tools they had never used or seen before. That and they were amazed by some of the works left on pause due to other pressing matters.

"This is not an empty workshop. The staff who used to be here have moved to a larger workshop to focus on big projects. Everyone here is part of their personal works, so we will need to safely move things in to storage for them." This was just about being polite, but Walker could also tell that the three were very interested in what things might be or the goals of those crafting them.

When the wandering blacksmith arrived, Walker realized he had been literally carried here by Midnight while the other two would be alone shortly. The wandering blacksmith and Midnight had shared some silent moments while forging. While seemingly odd, they had a strange bond as two people who didn't like to speak as much. But not all friendships were easy and clear to understand.

The wandering blacksmith could clearly see the musculature of a fellow crafter and was attracted right to the tools and materials the three blood flame ogres possessed. The three also looked at him and seemed to catch the same feeling. They could sense that he was very powerful in the realm of crafting and deserved their full attention.

'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...'

Walker had wanted to help the wandering blacksmith get acclimated, however, he suddenly had the chain quest reminder appear. He was sure that he was already working on it since he had made some introductions with travelers. However, what he didn't start yet was the very first part of this link.

He had yet to open travel to the elemental planes. Something that seemed easy and simple but was in no way close to that. Uploaded by the M|V|L(EMPYR) team.

Opening travel to the elemental planes was a very dangerous notion. The people of the world might not be ready. They also didn't have the knowledge to safely move through. Was he just thinking this because he wanted them to be safe though? Was he not giving people enough credit?

Second guessing himself at this moment was not what he should be doing, but he couldn't help himself right this second. This was a weighty situation that could influence tall relationships with the elemental planes for the foreseeable future.

"Brother, stop." Midnight held Walker's arm and forcefully spoke in front of him. She didn't give him much room to move, just to fully stop his thought process and focus on her.

"Sorry Midnight, I keep thinking about the elemental planes and the wanderers. It's about time we start sending people to learn as well. There are a lot of chances for people to figure out what the elemental planes are like. I might have some ideas about how to do it too."

It wasn't that Walker didn't want to push ahead with the quest, but he was letting his worries stop him right now so he had to push ahead. The best way to do that would need to be through the choice of the best of the best. There was nothing less and nothing more.

"I am going to need some people with the right resistances and the right eloquence to visit the elemental planes as travelers from the world. That way they can learn and start building bonds without any of us being there to act as the intermediary."

Midnight seemed to understand what he was saying. She was sure she could find a few good dragons who had been helping her with the hatchlings who would like to travel. For them, it would be a major step in growth if they could absorb and learn about the elemental manas within the elemental planes.

Plus, a few of the elder dragons she had been working with had the softest of hearts for children. A perfect mentality for learning about new races and building bonds.

Every race had children they might care for. The dragons were often more hard and serious, but Genesis allowed for them to show their true feelings. A few of the most potentially powerful beings like dragons showing care toward the youngest generations of future allies would be amazing. It would also be an excuse for Midnight to possibly go with them and adventure too. Not that she would say that to Walker at all.

"We need to choose a few people to begin traveling."

"Dragons!" Midnight pushed in to Walker again, this time with her thoughts as a focus.

"I was going to suggest some of the elder dragons making the largest differences lately. I also want to send one of the vampires and two of the demons I can recall making a big effort to learn about other races lately."

Midnight nodded a few times before she looked ready to rush out of the workshop and try to find the right people to handle the exploration.

"Before you run off, can you go visit the crafters working around the fire and earth territory lines? That bridge has a true sage waiting on you." Jan had just arrived with a few other crafters in tow. He looked like he was just glad to help pass on the information before he got in to another big project.

"Go. Handle it. I will work with them." The wandering blacksmith looked up, spoke and immediately got focused with the three blood flame ogres. They were already trying to show one another what they

could craft and show off to one another. It would be some days before Walker would see some results since everyone involved might be too focused on the new forms of crafting.

That wasn't a bad thing though. A lot of chances for improvement and by the time he checked in Walker could learn something new as well.

Closing his eyes for a moment, Walker sensed the light mana flowing through the one and only bridge actually within the territories of Genesis. It was easier since it was closer to them but he wasn't at all surprised to see that a denser figure of light mana awaited him near the bridge.

"I feel like all of the true sages were given instructions to handle travelers. It might be quests but that's fine." Walker saw Midnight looking away. "If you want to go and find two elder dragons who can venture in to the light and then one to the dark elemental planes that would be helpful." She was off with eager excitement just with that simple ask from Walker.

Otherwise, Walker bid the crafters farewell before heading out. For him, getting to the bridge was like taking a few steps. He could move much faster than he used to be able to but also using spatial mana he could move greater distances in those faster steps.

Besides all this, he found that the true light sage was taking a fairly solid humanoid shape using the golem they had created. It appeared that the true light sage attempted to make the golem more comfortable of a shape and size for the races who might see them. A kind action.

"I am glad you came quickly. I have many matters to discuss with you in behalf of the light king." These words alone made Walker understand that this was neither a small nor a quick matter. He would need to focus on more than just travelers and opening travel now.

"Then I will give it my full attention. I have matters to speak with you about as well." Walker made it clear he had some concerns as well.

#### Chapter 2600 Traveler's Choice

The true light sage gestured for a moment and a denser light gathered around them. It was an odd sensation but it felt like the true light sage had used the golem they were communicating through to create a small bubble of space that was their own. Like a piece of the light elemental planes was brought here in to the world.

This made Walker understand that the level of control over elemental manas would be able to reach an even higher level. One that allowed for him to be able to gather enough in one place that space itself made it a small temporary area. Not necessarily an elemental plane but something above a domain.

The fire dragon or other elemental domains were just parts of the world as it was wreathed in their mana and made perfectly from and for their affinity using their manas. That was just a potent and powerful way for them to stand in the best possible terrain for a battle or whatever they needed.

Any other race with such a skill would have the same benefits since it was tailored to them. But for a space like this to be generated, one that mimicked the elemental light plane itself, well, that was beyond a domain for sure.

"This will make things more comfortable and show you what I must." The true light sage seemed a little more defined as more than just white light was being used to create the golem they spoke through. However, there was also more. Various other races were being depicted using the multiple forms of light mana. The colors were forming their shapes like pictures on a wall.

"There are many races that you would struggle to count under my care. The light king wishes to see some of them venture in to the world to begin understanding the relationship which will exist from now on."

The elemental kings were powerful enough that they were the will of an elemental plane embodied in to a being. They were closer to the will of the world and the will of existence than what Walker could tell they were to any race, maybe the origin race, but that was its own conversation to have.

"There are several races I can allow to venture here. The four armed race is one that would be able to help you improve the weaving of light magic. There are the rising sun lion race that desires to be the first to show you the pride of light you may lack, and the radiant elf race wishes to see where their roots were born and what may remain."

Each seemed to be for the race's benefit. Walker did not miss that each race had their reasons, the four armed race described didn't tell Walker much, however, the comment about weaving the light magic made it clear that they had some deep connection with light mana in terms of magical strength. They may wish to share their light magic and teach it to keep spreading the knowledge. That was nothing unusual from a mage.

The rising sun lions might be a race that focused on pride. Lion monsters and demi-humans always had their own unique pride and arrogance. If they wished to travel here they could wish to show the greatness of light. To stand as the pinnacle of light within a palace they believe is not entirely pure in light mana as it should be. There might be more negatives here than what he would wish to deal with.

Then again, he could focus that desire to be the pinnacle of light and make them closer to the dragons who would challenge them. Would put them in their places when it came to the world's order and how learning and caring should be done. The dragons had improved immensely in those respects.

It was the radiant elf race that Walker was stuck on. He had not imagined that there would be a branch of the elven race that grew and developed within the light elemental planes entirely secretly from the elves of the world. Their separation would need to be very very far off before the world had split and even before the high elves with their natural mana based bloodline had split up. Potentially being some of the first elves to branch out at all.

There was a lot more that he could think would make this a challenge.

The radiant light elves clearly focuses entirely on light mana. So much that they might have taken things to a greater level than any of the elves with light affinity within the world.. That alone would make things a challenge for when the two races met.

The radiant light elves could be called elves but they were surely not at all the same kind of elves as the world's elves. It would be an insult to call the two the same to both of the races,

Besides this they wanted to see their roots. Meaning that the radiant light elves might be looking at the current elves and for the past that they had left behind however many years ago. That could be an important part of why they ended up being able to move forward as a race, or they were doing so just to see what they had once been and how grand they were now.

Elves were not necessarily a peaceful and happy race. Like any other. They had their own downsides. The elves when Walker had first met them were very distrusting and arrogant in some ways. They believed that their affinities and way of life was much better than even the other elves who lived across the world and had different affinities.

These radiant light elves might think the same or even more dramatically bloated. It would cause issues if that was the case.

However, he had to consider the fact that he had to bring them together. There were aspects of the radiant light elves that might teach and nurture the unified elf race who were gaining more and more awakened members every day. Those who awakened the ancient high elf bloodline that they praised as the originators of their race. Theoriginalsourceis

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The growth in more high levels would be a spectacular possibility that even Walker wished he could imagine clearer.

"I want to travel to the elemental planes to grow as well. There are some, who are being selected to safely venture within the elemental planes and work closely with the true sages and follow the rules as needed. That will have to be the same for anyone that wishes to come to the world from the elemental planes. We can not have anyone breaking our laws and harming the world or the races within."

This was something Walker did not have to even wait for a response for. He knew that the true light sage agreed and that the light king would also agree with it as well. This was part of the overall balance between the elemental planes and also the world.

"I wish to see how the relationships can grow and develop through our travels. I have given some quotes and even welcomed in one of the water elemental planes beings. It is a shard golem but it is learning to bring information back so that they can learn and grow. It is a bond that I will help flourish. I wish for the same with the light elemental plane. We need to learn from one another more and more as time goes on to unite even more closely."

Walker was not hiding his goals. Knowledge and growth were the focus on the entirety of Genesis right now. To say that there were any other grand overarching goals would be a lie. The only other would be safety and that was an agreement everyone had without speaking it.

"Then we will begin this trade of knowledge and building of relationships. I will assign one of the more powerful beings at my disposal to protect the one you send to my plane." The true light sage was taking governorship clearly and quickly. "I will send the radiant light elves. Twenty of them will arrive within the hour."

It was also clear Walker had not hidden his face when he contemplated the races. Clearly the true light sage understood which race would be the most advantageous to send and the radiant light elves had managed to be that race.

That was something Walker would need to improve for when he met the other elemental kings. They would need to see him as an equal for him to manage their relationships. Also, to manage their connections to the elemental planes and how they may act of the will that created their very existence. For the moment though, he had radiant light elves approaching.