

Affinity 1041

Chapter 1041 What Did You Feed Him?

These people didn't only want the secret realm, they wouldn't go to an all-out war against the Dawson Family just because of this, there was something else they wanted, something very precious in the territory. The Dawson Family didn't know of it yet, but they on the other hand had discovered it and wanted to use the excuse of the secret realm to enter the Dawson Family.

Originally, their plan was going well, then some years ago, Lucas who hadn't been seen for years suddenly returned. They stopped high-ranked battles after Lucas killed four of their strongest fighters, so they resolved to a battle of the lower ranks. At least, there was no way there would be another Lucas in the low ranks.

However, although Lucas was strong, he was not invincible, at a critical time, with some sacrifices, they would be able to kill him, their only problem was that if he escaped, then they would be done for.

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Back on the battlefield.

The order had gotten to those there and more Peak Sage Plane Elementalists rushed in Grey's direction. They've received the order to kill Grey, and some of them who had been holding back rushed after Grey, wanting to kill him.

They were all promised enticing rewards, some of them were people who had almost no hope of breaking through to the Elemental Venerable Plane, but with the help of supreme experts, there was hope. Once they get to the Elemental Venerable Plane, they might even be able to break through to the Elemental Sovereign Plane as well.

With so many people going after Grey, there was a clear distinction on the battlefield. Some Peak Sage Plane Elementalists on the side of the Dawson Family tried to rush over to help Grey, but they were unable to free themselves from their opponents.

The few people who were still fighting against two people were left with only one as the others rushed in Grey's direction.

"Stay back, I'll be fine." Grey said to the others.

He didn't want them to rush over and make things difficult for him. He was freer when he was fighting alone, once he had to help others, he wouldn't be focused any longer.

The few who were trying to rush over hesitated, but they still focused on defeating their opponents, if they were able to defeat them in time, then they would rush over to help him, regardless of what he wanted.

Grey looked at the over fifteen Peak Sage Plane Elementalists that were currently chasing after him. He took them outside the original battlefield to ensure that the impact of their battle doesn't affect others.

"One, two, three..." He counted them as if he wasn't even bothered with them, when he was done counting, he said, "Fifteen, I thought there would be more."

They looked at Grey before one of them said, "Aren't you a bit too arrogant, even if you're stronger than one of us, do you think you stand a chance against all fifteen of us?"

Grey smiled before nodding his head, "Yes, yes I do."

The men scoffed and attacked. Only three of them attacked first, the others were waiting for when Grey would try to dodge the attack and then attack him at that time.

Grey already knew the strongest one, so without further delay, he switched places with him. This old man was standing close to five Peak Sage Plane Elementalists, so the moment Grey appeared there, he attacked.

They didn't notice the switch, so when Grey attacked, they were unable to block.

The old man was unable to defend himself, so he was bombarded by attacks from the three Peak Sage Elementalists.

Of the five people Grey attacked, two died instantly since they were the ones closest to him, and the other three were injured, of three of them, only one of them had a light injury, and the others had heavy injuries.

Within a brief second, Grey had taken six people out of the fifteen people that attacked him.

When those watching saw this, their eyes expanded. They had all underestimated Grey, even those who felt they had a good understanding of Grey were shocked. Grey's strength was beyond belief.

The difference between two Peak Sage Plane Elementalists shouldn't be this large. They should've at least had a chance to block or even counterattack, but they were being killed like they were not even Sage Plane Elementalists.

Grey didn't stop, he immediately continued his attack, directly killing one of the trio who attacked him. He was faster than they were, and with the old man who was killed by the attack of the trio, he had no one else to be scared of. Some of them could still put up a fight, but none of them would be able to exchange more than ten moves with him if he went all out.

Presently, only eight of them had their complete fighting strength, in the space of about a minute, Grey had killed four Peak Sage Plane Elementalists, and three of them were injured.

Now the other understood why he said they were not enough.

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On the wall.

Lucas, Martha, and the old man were all stunned. They didn't expect anything in this manner. There was no way they would believe it if they heard that there was someone who could do something like this. It wasn't the fact that Grey was able to defeat them that shocked them, it was the speed at which he did it.

If a genius fought for a long time, some of them might be able to achieve this, even Lucas could when he was at the Peak of the Sage Plane, but there was no way he would be able to do so in such a short time.

"This kid, what did you feed him?" The old man looked at Martha, she was the one who took care of Grey till he got to fifteen or so he heard, so seeing him display such strength amazed him.

Chapter 1042 An Assassin

"So strong!" Martha exclaimed.

She didn't have any time to answer the old man's words, she herself was stunned beyond words. Not just her, even Lucas was speechless.

"Isn't this a bit too much?" He muttered to himself.

Even though he knew having all elements would make Grey powerful, this was beyond his expectations. At most, he felt maybe Grey would be able to fight against five people on the same stage as himself. Although having more elements meant he was more versatile, it didn't change the fact that the people he was fighting against were all at the Peak of the Sage Plane, the same stage he had forcefully increased his strength to.

The old man looked at the shocked expressions of his son and Martha and knew they had no idea Grey was this powerful.

He paused for some time before saying, "Stay on guard, don't let them act against him."

The more brilliant Grey was, the more he would attract the ire of their enemies. At this moment, he started to regret his decision in sending Grey here. Such a genius should be hidden and only a few people should be aware of his combat strength. If too many people knew, it wouldn't be too good for him.

The Dawson Family had too many enemies, but with Lucas around, they didn't have anything to fear. If their enemies were to find out that Grey was even more monstrous than Lucas, they wouldn't be able to sleep in peace. They would definitely search for a way to kill Grey. The threat should be removed while it was still young.

"I know, Father." Lucas replied in a serious tone.

Since Grey started to fight, he was keeping a close watch on those from the enemy camp, if an Elemental Venerable were to step into the battlefield, he would instantly attack them, disregarding everything else. Others could die, but his son could not.

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On the enemy camp.

The middle-aged man was short of words, he didn't know what to say. At present, from Grey's performance he already knew no matter how many people he sent forward, as long as they were still in the Sage Plane, Grey would be undefeatable, much less being killed by any of them.

"This is bad. Now I know why the Gnomes wanted him dead." He muttered to himself.

He looked around and his gaze fell on a young man, "Do you think you're capable?"

The young man his gaze fell on was at the Peak of the Sage Plane, he looked at the battlefield for a long time before saying, "In a one-on-one battle, I'm not his match, but as long as they can delay him, I'll assassinate him without a doubt."

"Go, try to hide your face, you must kill him before 'he' can make a move." The middle-aged man said.

The 'he' the middle-aged man was referring to was none other than Lucas. If another Peak Sage Plane Elementalist were to enter the battlefield, Lucas might not give it any thought since he felt they wouldn't be able to kill Grey.

The young man stood up and bowed, "Yes, My Lord."

With that, he stepped out and charged towards the battlefield. The direction he was headed was the place where Grey and the others were fighting.

He had a mission to carry out, and he would complete it no matter what. When he got there, he didn't make a move the instant he got close, rather, he started to lie in wait.

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Grey sensed the new arrival even though the young man tried to hide his aura, and after noticing that the person didn't make a move he focused on the people before him.

After killing a few of them at the start, the others were wary and didn't group together, nor did they carelessly attack. They were all trying to present an opportunity for themselves, as well as the others.

According to what they were told, no matter who killed this person, as long as they were all involved, they would be rewarded.

Grey couldn't help but shake his head when he saw how cowardly they were all acting. At this rate, as long as he willed, he would be able to kill a few of them. All he needed to do was to explode out at a time they didn't expect and he would be able to kill one of them.

Grey continued blocking their attacks while also counterattacking. He wasn't attacking as ferociously as the first time, deciding it was best to save energy.

When the group noticed that Grey wasn't too bothered with them any longer and seemed to be only trying to delay them, they felt he was creating an opportunity for those fighting against one opponent from the Dawson Family. If these people could kill their opponents, then they would be able to help him.

Originally, they were powerful, so these people didn't dare to fight against them one on one, even when fighting three against one, these people from the Dawson Family didn't fall to the disadvantage, although they were being pushed back, it wasn't like they were on the verge of death.

Now that they had to fight one on one, even though they were injured from the previous battle, they were still more powerful than their opponents.

Thinking about this, they all started to get anxious. If one or two of them came over, then they would not be able to kill Grey, instead, they would be the ones who risked getting killed.

"Don't hold back any longer, kill him." One of the older men amongst them yelled.

The others exchanged glances before gritting their teeth. Some of them regretted coming to fight Grey, but they didn't have any option as things stand.

Grey chuckled when he saw this, initially, that was his plan. Void was secretly interfering with the battle. With him being the main focus, others wouldn't take note of the slight changes in the battle as Void stepped in.

'I thought they would stay back a little longer.' He shook his head in regret.

Chapter 1043 Divine General

Grey blocked the attacks coming his way and inscriptions lit up in the sky. Since they wanted to fight now, then he would fight them with all his might.

Three inscriptions appeared in the sky, all of them were made up of the fire element. This was his strongest element, hence he didn't hesitate to use it.

After bringing out his inscriptions, an array lit up in a large area, covering a three hundred meters radius around him. This array was there to increase the strength of each of his elements and it was rapidly absorbing elemental essence.

While the others rushed him, his earth elemental essence spread out and the gravitational force field appeared, taking down the unsuspected Peak Sage Plane Elementalists who were rushing him. Of the eight who were left, five of them fell to the ground, and three of them were Earth Elementalists, so they managed to hold out for a while.

Grey couldn't be bothered with these three, he vanished and appeared where one of the Peak Sage Plane Elementalists fell and attacked.

The person hadn't been able to get a grip of himself, even before he fell to the ground, he was already dead due to Grey's attack.

Grey vanished, but the time he spent killing the previous person gave the others the opportunity they needed to adjust themselves and run to where the others were. They couldn't take the risk.

Just as they were rushing to where the other three Earth Elementalists were, the old man who told them to attack previously seemed to recall something and yelled, "F*ck! Don't gather, scatter!"

The others were already within ten meters of them when he said this, before he could even complete his statement, one of them blinked and in the blink of an eye, Grey was the one standing in the position of this person. The second Grey appeared, he attacked.

His target was the old man, he might not be as old as the first Peak Sage Elementalist he killed after they surrounded him, but he seemed to be the next person.

The old man's pupils constricted, and with a powerful shout, his entire body was covered with earthen armor, even his eyes were not exempted. He didn't dare to underestimate Grey's ability.

Grey, who was already rushing towards him, quickly changed his target. He was a decisive person, he knew for a fact that with the defense the old man just set, it would be impossible to kill him, but the others were different, they didn't react as fast as the old man.

The Earth Elementalist by the right side of the old man was the one he targeted, and without taking a long time, he managed to strike.

The Earth Elementalist tried to defend himself, but with the help of the array, Grey's attack was on another level.

After Grey's attack died down, the laughter of the Earth Elementalist came out, "Hahaha, you can't kill this old man."

He was still laughing when he suddenly went silent. Behind him, an array appeared and struck him. He was already injured from Grey's initial attack, so being attacked again when he wasn't even able to set up a defense was the last straw and he died without even knowing how he died.

The old man who protected himself stared at the corpse of the Earth Elementalist that was falling to the ground, he made up his mind and to the shock of the others, he turned around to flee.

There was no aim in fighting Grey, although he wanted the benefits since they might help him break through, only those who were alive could break through. It was better he waited for a chance to break through on his own than to die in Grey's hands. Grey was ruthless, too ruthless for his age, and he had the power to back himself, as long as an Elemental Venerable didn't come, Grey was invincible, this, he was certain of after the short exchange.

With fifteen people, they couldn't kill one Peak Sage Plane Elementalist, what was worse was that these fifteen people were all at the Peak of the Sage Plane as well. He couldn't believe his eyes, even though he was present, he still had a hard time believing it.

A Peak Sage Plane Elementalist? Who were they deceiving?!

Grey was definitely someone in the Elemental Venerable Plane, at the thought of this, he felt deep hatred for the generals. If they didn't order them to try to kill Grey, he wouldn't be in such a sorry state. Although he wasn't the target of any of Grey's attacks, he knew if he were to fight against Grey, he would die.

Just when he was escaping, he heard a voice in his ear, not just him, but all the Peak Sage Plane Elementalists fighting against Grey.

"If any of you dare to run, then don't blame this Sovereign for taking action."

A cold snort followed the words.

The old man shivered, he couldn't help but turn to look at their camp with a helpless expression.

The voice he just heard was from their divine general, an Elementalist at the Peak of the Elemental Sovereign Plane, even normal Elemental Sovereigns wouldn't dare to go against his words, much less mere Sage Plane Elementalists like themselves.

With gritted teeth, he turned around. At least against Grey, he still had a chance to fight, but against the divine general, he wouldn't even be able to lift a finger before he died.

When Grey saw the old man returning, he knew something must have happened. He happened to see the change in the faces of the people against him, and although everything happened in an instant after he killed the Earth Elementalist, he still noticed it.

The old man was about to attack when he suddenly froze for a brief moment before smiling, he rushed at Grey, this time, he didn't have any fear.

The others also seemed to have been invigorated and attacked.

Chapter 1044 To Take The Risk Or Not

Grey was taken aback by their sudden action, but he didn't hold back and attacked as well. With his strength, what did he have to be afraid of? Not just that, his father was watching from the side, with someone regarded as one of the strongest experts in the Aurora Continent, it was impossible for someone in a higher Plane to attack Grey without him interfering.

With a punch, the old man who was charging at Grey was forced back, the others were forced back by a fire ring that surrounded Grey and started to expand.

They couldn't get close, but the fire ring was occasionally sending out fireballs. The inscriptions were also attacking at this time, making things difficult for them.

The old man who was pushed back by a punch rushed back once again.

Grey suddenly noticed the change in the eyes of the old man and couldn't help but wonder what gave him such confidence. From wanting to run away to wanting to kill him at all costs, even if he risked dying.

'Something's wrong.'

It didn't take long for Grey to understand that things were not as they seemed. He was alerted and he made sure he didn't make any rash moves, even when an opportunity presented itself in front of him to kill the old man, he didn't attack, instead, he continued to attack the others.

On the ground, hidden amongst the corpses around was a young man whose face was closed. He opened his eyes and looked at Grey and couldn't help but curse.

'Why isn't he trying to kill him, is there something wrong with his brain?' He thought to himself.

He had been trying to search for an opportunity to kill Grey, and the best chance was when he was attacking, trying to kill someone. He had communicated with the old man to give Grey such an opportunity, not just the old man, but the others as well, but to his surprise, Grey placed a ring of fire around him and hadn't left the center of the ring of fire.

Compared to his previous fearless self, he seemed to be holding back.

'Could it be that he sensed me?' He felt a bit confused. For a moment, he wanted to escape, but then his eyes opened wide, an opportunity had presented itself right before him.

Even though Grey didn't leave the ring of fire, he had been forced to get close to him, and he was flying above him. As long as he waited for the perfect time, even with Grey's space element, it would be impossible for Grey to dodge the attack.

After waiting, Grey was flying directly above him and he couldn't bear to hold back any longer, shooting out with unbelievable speed. He was using both the lightning and the wind elements to boost his speed.

Within a split second, he was already behind Grey, and with his hand covered with lightning, he stabbed it at Grey's head. He was still moving, so after stabbing Grey's head, his figure would pass through.

However, he felt no resistance.

"Uh?" He was confused by how smooth things were.

His figure passed through Grey's body, appearing in front of him.

Just when he was about to escape, Grey's hand grabbed him on the neck, and with a vicious tug, he dragged him back.

The young man screamed in pain as a large fire blade passed through his chest, opening a large wound.

The young man fell to the ground, before his figure hit the ground, he shot forward with his last strength, he wanted to escape. Grey was stronger and sharper.

Even some Elemental Venerables might not be able to react that fast, Grey not only dodged the attack, but he also counterattacked. This was a shocking thing, and he knew against such an opponent, he stood no chance.

For someone that was trained in assassination, once the attempted assassination failed, he would escape, especially after being injured by the other party.

The old man saw this as his cue, so when Grey was attacking the young man, he attacked Grey from behind.

The attack reached Grey the moment Grey's fire blade pierced the young man's chest.

Grey was forced to turn around, unable to chase after the young man.

Originally, the old man was the one who was supposed to be attacked by Grey, but now the situation was reversed, it still didn't change anything, as long as Grey died, it was fine.

Grey blocked the attack, but he was met with other attacks from behind.

He covered himself with an earth dome, blocking all the attacks simultaneously.

The earth dome soon shattered, revealing Grey who was hidden inside.

The old man was the main attacker as he joined forces with the others, trying to kill Grey. They all had a tacit understanding of what they were doing, so Grey was forced into the defensive for the first time since the start of the battle.

Grey didn't panic as he blocked each attack sent his way, even when some of them pushed him back, he didn't make any rushed moves, he didn't attack, only focusing on defending. As long as he defended well, he wouldn't have to fear that they would be able to defeat him.

The old man sensed how things were, but there was nothing he could do, Grey's defense was just too strong. He wanted to run away, but he knew he couldn't.

'If we group together and he uses that move again, it'll be difficult to predict who he would switch positions with. It will most likely be me. To take the risk or not?'

The old man was in a dilemma, one of the Peak Sage Plane Elementalist from the Dawson Family was on the verge of freeing himself from his already injured opponent, once he was free, all Grey needed was a slight distraction and he would take control of the battle again.

"Gather!"

The old man gritted his teeth and said. He transmitted his voice to the others, telling them his plan. They had to take the risk or they would all die in the end.

Chapter 1045 Too Cunning

There were still six people left, and the old man was an Earth Elementalist. If they were able to plan carefully, then there was a large chance that they would be able to defeat Grey.

The old man's plan was to guess who Grey would change positions with and attack the person just when Grey was changing positions with them.

Before they gathered, he placed earth particles on each of them and gave them all access to it. The second they sense the slightest sensation of one of the earth particles disappearing, then they should attack that place.

When they all grouped up, they started to attack Grey. Their combined attack was powerful so Grey was careful, but seeing all of them gather, he couldn't help but start to think.

If he were to change positions with one of them, he would be able to kill one more person, or even two people. But from his understanding, he knew that the old man knew of this skill of his, especially after the last when Grey tried to kill him. He was the one who told them not to gather in one area, now, he was saying the opposite.

'Hmm... could they be plotting against me?' He thought to himself.

Taking the risk to appear there might be worth it if he killed some people, but if he was injured in the process, it wouldn't really be worth it.

'Delay, I'll delay them.' He concluded.

Since they wanted to plot against him, then he would wait until one of the Peak Sage Plane Elementalist is free and come to assist me.

He stayed in his passive position, only blocking. He even stopped attacking.

The old man's expression changed slightly, he could tell what Grey was doing, but he couldn't believe it.

'I thought youths are hot-blooded? What the hell is wrong with this one?! You're a young man, right? Why the hell are you acting like a thousand-year-old man?!'

The old man was on the verge of going mad. If Grey didn't attack impulsively, then his plan would fail, and they will undoubtedly die when another Sage Plane Elementalist comes.

"I thought you were powerful, or could it be that your strength has started decreasing?" The old man said.

This was a very valid point, they all knew that Grey's strength increased with the help of a secret technique, so there might be a chance that he was weakening. If that was the case, then there was a chance that they could kill him now. He couldn't wait for another Sage Plane Elementalist to get in on the battle or they would die.

"Forget everything else and kill him, I'll take the first blow, just make sure my sacrifice isn't in vain, and rescue me in time." The old man changed his plan and charged forward.

Of all of them, he was the strongest, and even though there was another Earth Elementalist, he still had the strongest defense. If he was entangled with Grey at a close range, he would not die from a single attack, that was enough for the others to attack and even injure Grey.

Grey, seeing the old man charging at him didn't panic, with a smile on his face, his position changed with the other Earth Elementalist, leaving only the four Elementalists who didn't have any strong defensive elements. The four only had attacking elements.

The old man's expression changed when he saw this.

"Damn it! Stand and fight like a man!" The old man was virtually on the verge of crying.

Grey was cunning for such a young man. Even such an old man who was very experienced couldn't trick him, rather, he used their situation to his advantage.

The old man and the other Earth Elementalist looked at each other, ruthlessness flashing through their eyes and they turned, rushing to where they were previously located.

Grey didn't waste any time, the moment he appeared he attacked. The person closest to him was a middle-aged lady who was a Lightning Elementalist.

The lady covered herself with lightning and tried to run away.

Grey didn't give her the chance she wanted. His gravitational force field spread out and the speed of the lady reduced drastically. He moved closer and he made a slashing movement with his hand.

All four of them were standing in a straight line, so when he made the slashing motion, he hoped to kill all of them with a single attack.

The lady sensed the danger and with a powerful scream, she exploded out with lightning shooting out. Even if she was not Grey's match, she wouldn't die without putting up a fight.

The other three did the same as well. One of them was a Darkness Elementalist, he covered all of them with his darkness element, trying to corrode whatever attack Grey sent their way.

A large gash opened up in the darkness-filled area, followed by blood-curdling screams.

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On the wall.

"He's cunning and ruthless. Lucas, you're no match for him." The old man said after some time in a matter-of-fact tone.

With their strength, they could tell what was happening on the battlefield. When the young man who wanted to assassinate Grey appeared, they originally felt maybe Grey would be injured, but to their surprise, from when the young man appeared till he attacked, Grey was aware of his arrival.

When the old man wanted to group up and place elemental particles on the body of the others to sense Grey, they also noticed it.

The old man was curious as to what Grey would do, but to his surprise, Grey didn't rush out. He was certain that Grey didn't sense the earth particles, so he obviously made his decision based on some assessments.

Lucas couldn't refute it, instead, he laughed in delight. Having such a son was something to be proud of. Grey was not strong because of the orb, but because of himself.

There were people who were geniuses, but they were not on the same level as the current Grey. His thinking and the way he fought were miles ahead of others his age. Even some old men might not be smarter than he was.

Chapter 1046 Where Are They?

They had been watching Grey since the start of the battle, and when the young man who wanted to assassinate him appeared, they felt he would make a mistake, but to their surprise, he didn't.

Sensing the young man wasn't as hard as sensing the elemental particle the old man placed on the body of the others. The fact that Grey would be cautious in such a state showed that he was not a newbie.

He must be used to planning, and his decision-making was also top-notch.

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While Lucas and Martha were shocked by Grey's insane abilities, Grey was taking advantage of his chances.

After killing all four at the Peak, he was left with only the two Earth Elementalist. The old man was beyond depressed, he was devastated. From what has happened, he knew his chances of surviving this were below five percent. Grey was just too strong.

The old man looked at the other Earth Elementalist, "We'll have to fight with our lives on the line, technically, it is on the line."

The other Earth Elementalist looked at the old man, he also heard the voice of the Elemental Sovereign who gave them orders, if they dared to withdraw, then they would most likely die. What was worse was that the Sovereign didn't give them a chance, threatening them with death.

Grey would kill them, and the Sovereign would also kill them, against Grey, there's a chance of survival, against the Sovereign, there were zero chances of survival. Even an Elemental Venerable was at the mercy of a Peak Elemental Sovereign, much less a Peak Sage Plane Elementalist.

Grey didn't know that they were threatened by an Elemental Sovereign, nor did he care. The people he killed were people who had killed multiple people from the Dawson Family, some had even killed Peak Sage Plane Elementalist, so even if they died, it had nothing to do with him.

Seeing the two Earth Elementalist, he said, "Just give up, you're no match for me."

The Earth Elementalist gritted their teeth but still tried to attack Grey. They were on a sure-death path, so why not try to live a little longer?

Those at the Peak of the Sage Plane tend to always want to live longer, especially when said person was as old as the old man.

They attacked Grey, their life and death on the line.

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Some minutes later.

"Kid, you're stronger than I thought." The old man from the Dawson Family said.

Grey, his father, his mother, and his grandfather were standing on the city wall.

With Grey's appearance, any battle below the Elemental Venerable Plane was futile. The leader of the war soon told his people to hold back, if they hadn't, then humanity would've wiped them out. Well, more like Grey single-handedly taking care of it, but it wasn't appropriate.

The Sovereign in charge of the battle called for his army to withdraw after Grey killed all his opponents. The old men at the Peak of the Sage Plane didn't give him an easy time, nor did the other Earth

Elementalist, but he managed to kill them even before the other Peak Sage Plane Elementalists from the Dawson Family could free themselves, going out to help them.

"I was lucky." Grey said humbly.

He wouldn't try to act all high and mighty in front of his parents and grandfather.

"No need to be too modest, at your age, you're unparalleled." The old man said.

Grey smiled but didn't reply. To him, he felt he was only so-so. If he encountered an Elemental Venerable in the Mid or Late stages, he would die without a doubt. This was why he didn't feel happy about his achievement.

"Let's head back. It's best if you go to the realm, I have some plans for you." The old man said.

"Father, he's not going to take the position of the Family Head." Lucas said straightforwardly.

"Do you think we have that time? It'll be a good thing if he can get to the Sovereign Plane, much less become the Family Head." The old man said.

Lucas paused, not expecting this from his father, "Oh that. You don't have to worry about him. He'll be fine."

"He's my grandson, don't think you have all the say about what he feels like doing." The old man snorted.

"Kid, I have some opportunities for you, I wonder if you wish to accept this old man's proposal." The old man turned to Grey.

"Grandfather, of course I will accept your request, but I'll have to meet up with my friends first." Grey replied.

The old man paused for some time, he knew of Grey's friends, and so did Lucas and Martha.

"Alright, I'll be waiting for you in the Family manor. Don't come here any longer, it's too dangerous. Not just them, but others are still looking to take care of you." The old man said.

"The Gnome race?" Grey asked, shocking the old man, Lucas, and Martha.

"How did you know about this?" The old man asked.

"I killed them, of course I'll know what they want to do." Grey said.

The old man couldn't help but shake his head with a chuckle.

Grey was more intelligent than he thought. Not just that, but he was also well-informed and knew the subsequent actions to take. If others knew that an entire race that seemed stronger than humans were trying to kill him, they would most definitely freak out, but Grey was fine. In fact, he didn't seem to care about that.

"Your friends, where are they?" The old man asked.

They didn't know too much about Grey's friends and wanted Grey to tell them about them. If their strength were not up to the task, then he would send Grey to the secret realm, regardless of his decision.

He had heard of Klaus, Reynolds, and Alice, but he didn't know much about them. After all, just like Grey, they appeared from nowhere. So they didn't know too much about them.

Chapter 1047 What Did You Hear?

Going out alone would be dangerous, especially after the kill order. But Lucas and Martha didn't object to it, nor did Grey's grandfather, so he left soon after he returned. His only friend in the Dawson Family was not around, so he didn't stay for long.

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Time went by and before Grey knew it, days had gone by.

He was currently waiting in Klaus' manor in the Faction Klaus joined. He wasn't allowed to roam since it was an all-girls Faction, so he was teleported there.

When Klaus came out to see Grey, he was shocked when he tried to sense Grey's stage. Even though he couldn't pinpoint it, he sensed that it was at least in the Late stages of the Sage Plane.

"What the hell man, how are you advancing so fast?" Klaus cursed and looked at Grey.

"I miss you too, Klaus." Grey replied.

He was already used to the way Klaus spoke, so even when he insulted new people, Grey didn't bother about it. At most, he would let them beat him up. According to what Lucas told him about Klaus, he was a thorn in the necks of the Moonlight Faction, but for some reason, the Faction Leader valued him a lot. According to what Grey's father told him, he was their lucky star.

"It's been so long!" Klaus exclaimed and hugged Grey.

It had been a while since he spoke or even saw Grey. Not just Grey, but the others seemed to have been occupied recently, so they didn't have much of his time. Even when he was free, he didn't cultivate much.

After so many months, he had shot to the Eighth stage of the Sage Plane. Grey was powerful and also lucky, Klaus on the other hand seemed to be the child of lady luck. He had risen to the Eighth stage of the Sage Plane and he didn't even go to a secret realm like Grey. Had he done that, then he would already be at the Peak of the Sage Plane, if not higher.

"Yes, you seem to be enjoying life." Grey said as he looked at the living environment here.

Even though he wasn't allowed into the main part of the Faction, they still sent him to Klaus' manor. It was quite large and had all the things he needed to live comfortably.

"Here? It's boring as hell. I want to go out and have fun with you and the others." Klaus couldn't help but say.

Joining a faction was both a blessing and a curse. He advanced faster, but he was also forced to stay in the same place. He couldn't even hassle over it. Being the only boy in an all-girls Faction meant that he was the one who had to occasionally go out for missions. With his status, he couldn't let those weaker than him take on these dangerous missions, so he was the one who took it.

It wasn't just because they were weaker, but because they were all young ladies.

When Grey took a good look at Klaus, he noticed that his skin was glowing, and it looked somewhat pale.

"What the hell have you been doing?" He couldn't help but ask.

"Missions." Klaus replied.

After seeing Grey's eyes, he knew that Grey was speaking about his skin. He laughed before explaining the reason for it. Staying in the snow and a cold environment for too long affected his skin and it turned paler. This wasn't useless, whenever he used the ice attribute, his body would increase the strength of the ice, making it stronger.

His flesh stored a large amount of ice, and whenever he was fighting, it would start to show its use.

"All the missions?" Grey couldn't help but ask.

"Yes, all missions." Klaus replied.

Before Grey could say a word, Klaus sank into the ground.

"So I'll take that as not all the missions?" Grey laughed.

"Yes, only a few of the missions." Klaus replied with a gloomy expression.

"Let's go outside, these seniors have a bad habit of keeping an eye, and ears on me." Klaus said.

Just when Grey wanted to stand up, Klaus' entire body sank into the ground.

He couldn't help but thank the heavens that he didn't say a thing about them. Klaus seemed to be suffering a lot. Well, given his mouth, it wasn't surprising.

Grey didn't even try to help Void and stood up walking outside.

Some minutes later, Klaus came out with an even gloomier expression.

'They are bullying me. One of the seniors approached me and I refused her.' Klaus sent a telepathic message to Grey.

At their current level, they didn't need to speak out, and could easily send telepathic messages to each other as long as they were within a specific range.

Grey raised a brow but didn't respond. He knew if an Elementalist was strong, they could even intercept telepathic messages, even when the people were so close.

Before Klaus could say anything, he was once again struck into the ground.

Grey burst out laughing.

"Damn it! How can a senior have such a habit of trying to get gossip?" Klaus complained.

Grey laughed before saying, "Let's head out."

He knew it wasn't safe to say anything here. Of all the people they encountered that day, the Moonlight Faction also had their eyes on him, so if he were to tell Klaus any secrets now, it would get to them.

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"Wait, what?!" Klaus almost spat out the wine he was drinking.

The duo were currently in a city not too far from where the Moonlight Faction was situated.

"Yes, you don't have to overreact." Grey said.

"What do you mean not to overreact? If you've heard of Lucas Dawson as much as I've heard about him, then you'll know that I have every right to overreact." Klaus said.

"Oh really, what did you hear about him?" Klaus asked curiously.

"A lot..." Klaus started to speak about all the things he had heard about Grey's father. Apparently, the current Faction Leader of the Moonlight Faction was in love with him, but he didn't spare her a glance, instead, he went for the more aggressive Martha Reile.

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Grey listened to everything Klaus was saying, he didn't interrupt him since he was also curious about his parents. He had heard a thing or two about them as well.

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'Mom's always been domineering.' He thought to himself when he heard about his mother.

From the time he spent with her, he knew she was not a soft person. But hearing of how she was able to fight against over ten people on the same stage and still didn't lose out, he couldn't help but shake his head. His parents were freaks of their generation.

"No wonder you're such a freakish monstrosity." Klaus sighed as he said.

Grey didn't know if Klaus was complimenting him or insulting him, he couldn't be bothered with it and decided to just take it as a compliment.

"I heard there's a kill order on your head." Klaus said.

"You heard of that as well?" Grey was a bit depressed. Almost everyone knew of his kill order and he was getting tired of it.

'That hateful race.' He cursed internally.

"Everyone knows." Klaus replied, before muttering, "The rewards are tempting, I wonder if I can get them."

Grey shook his head when he heard Klaus' first statement, on hearing the other part, he glanced at him.

"Hey, do you think there's a way we can trick them that you're dead? I mean, you know how to hide your aura, all we need to do is to put a scar on your face or something, and you're as good as unrecognizable." Klaus suggested.

He continued, "We'll give them someone else and say it's you. That way, you wouldn't have to bother about the people who want to kill you any longer."

"I don't think they will fall for a trick like that. Besides, I want them to know that they can't kill me." Grey said.

"Wait, what did you do to attract such hatred anyway?" Klaus couldn't help but ask.

Grey went on to tell him about his time in the secret realm.

"Damn! You should've taken me along! The Mistress wouldn't mind if I went to a place like that, at least there I would improve faster." Klaus said with a regretful expression on his face.

If he had gone there with Grey, he would've not only attacked the Gnomes, he would've messed with the Giant race as well. Given his personality, even humans might also want to kill him there.

Grey took a glance at Klaus and could already tell what was on his mind, "It's a dangerous place, but there are opportunities, it wouldn't be bad if you go. But as things stand, you're not far from the Ninth stage, before you know it, you'll enter the peak and naturally breakthrough."

"What stage are you now?" Klaus asked Grey.

"Ninth stage. Will get to the Peak soon enough. I'm not in a hurry." Grey replied.

Klaus closed his eyes for some time. For some time, he had almost always been ahead of Grey, especially whenever he managed to get some fortuitous encounters, but this time, Grey was ahead of him.

"I really need to go out. Staying in a single place isn't for me. It's too boring to only focus on cultivating. The Mistress doesn't even allow me to enter the secret realm." Klaus complained.

Grey laughed when he heard this. Klaus was just like Void, they hated peace. Whenever they were stuck in a place where nothing was happening, they would want to leave at all costs. Klaus was unlucky, Grey knew of his agreement with his Faction leader when he went to save the girl he was in love with. The Faction Leader seemed to be taking advantage of this.

Even after so long, although Klaus had advanced by a lot, he hadn't gotten the chance to go out as often any longer.

"Hey Void, what Rank are you now?" Klaus turned to Void who hadn't spoken a word and asked.

"Seven." Void said proudly.

"Rank Seven? That's the Elemental Venerable Plane, correct?" Klaus raised a brow.

Grey nodded. Klaus' expression changed lightly. He couldn't believe that Void would be the first one to become an Elemental Venerable.

He shook his head with a sigh, "Forget it."

He paused for a moment and asked, "Do you know of the seal?"

"What seal?" Grey asked.

"When the Gnomes attacked the first time, a senior from the True Dawn Faction sacrificed himself to seal the portal that the Gnome race used in entering our world." Klaus explained.

"True Dawn Faction." Grey seemed to be lost in thoughts, "Why does it sound so familiar?"

Grey felt like he had heard of this Faction before, not from a book, but he didn't know where.

"It's because you've been there." Klaus answered.

Grey's face changed, "Been there? Where is it located?"

"Azure Continent. The trial lands." Klaus' reply shocked Grey.

The highly respected True Dawn Faction was located somewhere as small as the Azure Continent.

He had read about the True Dawn Faction. Even though there wasn't much information about them in a public library, a top faction was different. When he joined the Lunar Faction, he read about the history of the continent and got to know about the war with the Gnome race. He didn't put the True Dawn Faction name to heart, and his mind didn't go to the trial land, so he didn't find anything to associate the two together.

Only after Klaus spoke of it did he recall it.

"What about the seal?" Grey asked after some time.

"According to what I heard from the Mistress and the Elders, it's weakening." Klaus replied.

Grey squinted his eyes and didn't say anything else. The famous war of Gods in the Azure Continent was referring to the battle with the Gnome race thousands of years ago. Those in the Azure Continent weren't too informed about this, or they were purposely led astray by the information they got. Only after coming here did Grey know that their world was invaded by people from another world, a different race.

These people brought necromancy to the Aurora Continent, such a hateful method.

"Did you find out how much time we have?" Grey asked.

"No, but I don't think it's long." Klaus said with a somewhat sad expression.

The risk of the Gnomes invading them was not something to be joked with.

Grey's expression was even more gloomy when he heard of this, "I'll kill them all. I'm their greatest nightmare."

"Huh? Why did you say that?" Klaus asked, when he heard Grey's words.

"I've been in contact with them, and I know a thing or two about necromancy. You should know I'm very curious, and tend to study a lot." Grey didn't go too deep in details, only telling him that he had a way that he could directly interfere with a Gnome's link with their puppets.

When Klaus heard this, he couldn't help but chuckle, "No wonder they want you dead."

Grey shrugged. Compared to others, the Gnomes felt he was more of a threat, hence they treated him like one. From what his father told him, some Gnomes in the Elemental Venerable Plane had even managed to sneak into the Aurora Continent thanks to the help of some of the top powerhouses in the Gnome race distracting the people guarding the portal.

The portal that was sealed was not the only portal that led to the Aurora Continent from the Gnome race, but it was the only one that could allow those in the Elemental Sovereign Plane and above to enter. If those below the Elemental Sovereign Plane came to the Aurora Continent, it was no different from a death wish. This was also the reason why although there had been times when a few Gnomes managed to sneak in, humans didn't think too much about it. Besides, they've almost always managed to kill anyone that steps out of the portal.

Just as humans were protecting their portal, the Gnomes were also doing the same. It would be a disgrace if a human came to their world and caused havoc. They've always felt that humans were below them, so they looked at them with disdain.

'Elemental Venerable. I wonder when I'll get to that level.' Grey thought to himself.

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He stayed with Klaus all through the day and they enjoyed their time. Klaus had a lot of stories to share, and Grey listened to all of them.

When the next day came, Klaus suggested they went over to meet up with Reynolds and Alice. It had been a long time since all four of them were together, and he missed it.

Grey had no objections to it, as long as Klaus was given the freedom to leave.

Klaus was surprisingly allowed to leave, Grey couldn't help but give him a meaningful look.

"What did you say?" He asked as they walked away from the city.

"I told them my sister is sick." Klaus replied with a grin.

"But you don't have a sister." Grey rubbed his head.

"Exactly."

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Grey and Klaus set out from the Moonlight Faction, heading in the direction of the Faction Reynolds was part of.

It didn't take them long, after a few days of traveling, they got to the Faction.

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Just like Klaus, Reynolds was highly valued in the Raiden Faction.

"You're lucky you came this time, I was about to head out for a mission." Reynolds said while taking a sip of his tea.

He encountered the duo on their way here and took them with him back to the Faction. Unlike Klaus' situation, he was more free and didn't have to bother too much about his friends who came to visit. His status was quite high, and he was already in the Sixth stage of the Sage Plane, but that was not where his true strength lies. His true strength lay in his Elemental Warrior that was already close to the Peak of the Sage Plane. The moment he breaks through to the Seventh stage, his Elemental Warrior would be at the Peak of the Sage Plane.

Its strength would not be comparable to an ordinary Peak Sage Plane, rather, it would be on par with those unrivaled geniuses. Not on Grey's level, but close to the Prince of the Gnome's race level.

"You've improved, no wonder you rarely have time to talk anymore." Klaus said with a cold expression.

Of all of them, other than Grey who was almost out of reach, the others were still somewhat reliable. However, some time back, Klaus and even Alice hadn't been able to speak to him as much as they did from the start. He already knew this would happen since they were all in different Factions, but he still felt a bit annoyed that he couldn't speak with his friends, just like before.

"When we reach the Elemental Sovereign Plane, then we can have all the time in the world, for now, we're still too weak." Grey commented.

"It's easy for you to say, you don't have to worry about not being able to step out of your own manor. I, on the other hand, can't even leave the cultivation ground. I don't know if this is a blessing or a curse." Klaus sighed in dejection.

Reynolds couldn't help but ask, "That bad?"

"He made a deal with his Faction Leader, he's only fulfilling his part of the deal." Grey said with a nonchalant expression.

Klaus felt even more aggrieved when he heard this, "It's already been so long. The Mistress is just taking advantage of me. If I was strong enough, I would've beaten her up."

"Stop whining. You're already advancing so quickly, what is there to complain about? Do you know how many people are praying for an opportunity like yours?" Grey looked at Klaus, speechless.

"Let them come and have it then, I prefer my freedom." Klaus replied.

Grey almost wanted to beat the crap out of Klaus. If others heard this, they would beat him up as well.

How could someone say that staying in a top Faction and being valued so much was a problem? He was even advancing at a fast pace, yet he was complaining because he couldn't go out.

Grey had encountered people who didn't think twice and directly killed people, using their blood and life essence in a bid to advance, yet Klaus had so many resources and was complaining.

"Forget about him." Reynolds didn't bother with Klaus anymore and turned to Grey with a serious expression, "There's something I need to talk to you about."

"Kill order?" Grey guessed what was on his mind.

"You know about it already?" Reynolds was surprised when he heard Grey ask about this.

Grey nodded and told him the general situation of things.

Reynolds couldn't help but feel regretful that he didn't go with Grey. If he had gone as well, he would've been able to advance faster and even enjoy his time there.

Grey sighed when he saw Reynolds' expression, it was just like that of Klaus, they all wanted to have fun. Although training was important, they felt that there was an opportunity to have fun in the process, so they didn't mind entertaining themselves.

Of all of them, Alice was the only one who liked training almost as much as Grey, although she couldn't compare to him, in front of Reynolds and Klaus, she was still better off. Void was even worse, all he did was sleep and he would advance his stages. He rarely even trained elemental attacks. He seemed to wake up to new abilities every day, just like Grey.

"Where are you headed this time?" Grey asked Reynolds.

Since Reynolds wanted to go on a mission, he didn't mind tagging along. It's been a while since they fought as a group.

"Yeah, where are you going?" Klaus also asked.

"Well, there's a group of Magical Beasts destroying some towns and villages. According to what I know, the leader of these beasts is at the Peak of the Sage Plane..." Reynolds explained the situation to them.

"Let's go then. I don't have anything to do in the meantime." Grey said.

Klaus nodded in agreement as well. He was just like Grey, a little different since he lied to come here, but he was free for now.

Reynolds didn't object to their proposal and readily agreed. He also wanted to spend some time with his friends.

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Two weeks later.

"I thought you said only the leader was at the Peak?" Klaus complained as he was sent flying by a flying Magical Beast.

This was no ordinary Magical Beast, it was a Winged Tiger. These beasts were not only powerful, but they were extremely difficult to deal with. That was not all, it was at the Peak of the Sixth Rank.

Klaus was only in the Eighth stage of the Sage Plane. How could he fight against a Magical Beast at the Peak of the Sixth Rank?

He was not the only one in a tough situation, even Reynolds was in a bad position as well. His expression didn't look too good.

'When I get back, I'll speak with the Elders. How can the information be so unreliable?!' He complained internally.

Luckily, he met up with Grey and Klaus, if not, he would've been in danger once he was crowded by these Magical Beasts.

He was fighting against two Rank Six Magical Beasts, one at the Peak, and another in the Ninth stage. Fighting against one at the Peak was already his limit, yet he had to fight against another one in the Ninth stage as well.

He was cursing whoever placed the mission there in the first place. Originally, he wanted to test out the strength of his Elemental Warrior, now, he was fighting for his life.

Grey was the one who was relatively more relaxed, although he was surrounded by two Peak Sixth Rank Magical Beasts and others who were also in the Late stages. He didn't lose out, but he couldn't gain the advantage in a short time.

One has to know that in terms of strength, a Peak Sixth Rank Magical Beast was stronger than its human counterpart in the same stage. If not for Grey's strength, he would've already died.

"Stop complaining and fight. Aren't you the one who said you haven't tested your strength yet, well, here's your chance." Grey said calmly.

"I didn't mean it against these guys. A Ninth stage Sixth Rank Magical Beast wouldn't be too bad." Klaus replied, he soon thought of something and said, "Why don't I bring this guy to you and handle one of those in the Late stages?"

"Dream on, I can still deal with two, three would be too much." Grey replied.

"Why are you holding back, do you want to see us dead?" Klaus couldn't help but complain.

They all knew how terrifying Grey was when fighting against multiple opponents, however, Grey was fighting against the Magical Beasts with his bare hands, not even using any elemental skill. This was the reason he was still entangled with them.

"What do you know?" Grey snorted, "I don't want to expose myself. What if someone's watching from the side?"

"You know there's no one... F*ck! I'll beat..." Klaus paused mid-sentence to curse when the Winged Tiger almost bit his head off.

He was scared silly. Even after fighting for so long, he was scared of death. It can't be helped, he didn't want to die this young.

"Stop complaining and fight, it's not like you're not able to hold on for long, you're just being lazy." Grey laughed when he saw Klaus' plight.

The Winged Tiger seemed to be stronger than the other two Peak Sixth Rank Magical Beasts he was fighting against, this made life difficult for Klaus.

Reynolds didn't even have the time to talk, focusing on the battle in front of him. He couldn't be careless like Klaus who was fighting against a single opponent.

Klaus felt like beating Reynolds up.

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Klaus continued complaining as the battle raged on. Grey and Reynolds stopped speaking to him and focused on the battle in front of them.

They couldn't be bothered with Klaus, this was his normal habit and they had gotten used to it.

Void was watching the battle with interest on the side. He didn't want to get involved with battles of those in lower Ranks. His head was held high as he looked at the others smugly. 'I'm already a Rank Seven Magical Beast, I can not be bothered with the likes of you.'

If not for Grey, he wouldn't even watch the battle.

The only thing that piqued his interest was Reynolds' Elemental Warrior. It seemed to have grown stronger compared to the way it usually was.

'Hey, did that guy use any treasures for his Elemental Warrior?' He asked Grey telepathically as Grey fought.

'Most likely, it's strong. Fighting against a Peak Sixth Rank Magical Beast isn't something most geniuses in the Ninth stage can do.' Grey replied, after some time he added, 'It has always had the ability of fighting against those in higher stages. I just didn't think it would continue even in the Sage Plane.'

Void didn't speak any further and looked at them as they fought.

Reynolds was vicious, trading blows with the other Magical Beast, even though he was getting injured, he didn't seem to care about it. Klaus was fighting cunningly. He knew he was no match for his opponent, and started to retreat as he fought.

A Peak Rank Six Magical Beast was already considered very smart, so it could understand all the curses Klaus was raining on it. It fought even more aggressively, trying to kill the hateful human in front of it.

Klaus was very slippery, he would use his ice ability to the extreme, making sure even a Peak Sixth Rank Magical Beast had difficulties dealing with him. His defense had increased a lot compared to before and it wasn't weak when compared to a Peak Sage Plane Earth Elementalist's defense.

If he really wanted to, he could hold on for a long time and the Beast would be unable to harm him. Unfortunately, his consumption was great. The heavy water was just too strong and it required a lot of essence.

Klaus was fighting and cursing, Grey was using his fists to fight against his opponents. Unlike the others, he was the one who had more opponents to fight against.

There were two Peak Rank Six Magical Beasts, and multiple Late stage Magical Beasts. If he was slightly careless, then he would be injured.

An inscription lit up in the sky and one of the Peak Rank Six Magical Beasts was sent flying. It didn't expect Grey to do something like this, so it was caught off-guard.

Grey wanted to capitalize on this and attack it, but the other one blocked his path, not giving him the chance he wanted.

Grey smirked and to the surprise of the Magical Beast, he moved to the side and directly blasted one of the Late stage Sixth Rank Magical Beasts to death.

The Magical Beast he killed didn't even know how it died. Grey hadn't used his elements to attack and only focused on his physical strength, but seeing how things were, he knew that if he delayed for too long, his friends might be injured.

Klaus' eyes lit up when he saw this and he condensed a thin ice that he shot another Late stage Rank Six Magical Beast in Grey's circle. Before the beast could react, the ice pierced through its head and it died, instantly turning to ice.

Roar!

Boom!

The Winged Tiger that was fighting with Klaus was infuriated. The puny human it had been beating up dared to launch a sneak attack against one of its subordinates and even killed it in its presence. This was a disgrace to its title and it wanted to kill Klaus even more.

Its aura spiked and the void shook as it moved. Its speed had exceeded what it was at the start of the battle as it charged at Klaus.

Klaus was frightened when he saw this, he tossed an ice orb behind him which started to make ice rain before running. He didn't forget to curse at the Winged Tiger as well.

Grey was impressed when he saw how Klaus was able to kill one of his opponents even when he was being oppressed by the Winged Tiger.

'He's grown fast, although he can't use his full strength, he's not to be trifled with.' Grey accessed internally.

The attack Klaus used just now was something that he didn't sense until the last minute. If he were the one who was faced with such attack, other than his space elemental technique that could make him phase through things, he didn't have any hopes in dodging the attack.

One of the most frightening thing about this attack was its speed. Even a Peak Sage Plane Elementalist might not be able to outclass it.

Reynolds was invigorated when he saw this.

'Damn it! They've killed a Magical Beast, and I'm still here.'

He wanted to kill one of the Magical Beasts he was fighting against, but he knew that if he acted carelessly, then he would be in danger.

Klaus laughed in delight and continued taunting the Winged Tiger. This time, he was going to make sure it suffered a loss if it dared to attack him again.

The Winged Tiger was already furious, seeing that Klaus was taunting it, it roared in fury and attacked.

Wind blades shot at Klaus.

Klaus hastily raised an ice wall, but after being struck by so many wind blades, it started to fall apart.

'Damn! So powerful!' He exclaimed in his heart.

He was not a match for the Winged Tiger, all he could do now was to hope that Grey or Reynolds took care of their opponents in time and rush over to help him.