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Chapter 1071 Do As You See Fit

Grey stood in front of the large gates leading to the Pyrmond Faction with some mixed feelings. Since joining the Faction, he rarely stayed there and has been going from one secret realm to another. Each realm had helped him advance by leaps and bounds, but he still needed to learn some things.

With a heavy breath, he walked towards the gates.

After showing his ID, he was allowed to pass through the gates.

He soon headed to his residence.

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The moment Grey entered the Faction group, the news got to a few people.

One of these people was the Old man from the same family as Foudre.

"Bring him here. I'd like to see the person who dared to kill Foudre." The Old man snorted.

The person who came to report rushed out of the building, heading straight for Grey's living area.

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In another place.

The Faction Leader opened his eyes with a long sigh.

"He's returned." He muttered to himself and vanished.

No one told him of Grey's return, he sensed it the second Grey entered the Faction.

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Unknown to Grey, his return had destroyed the peace of the Faction.

He soon got to Keith's living quarters, and to his surprise, Keith was not around.

He shook his head with a self-deprecating smile, "I tend to forget about this thing lately."

He brought out the communication device and soon found out where Keith was located. It didn't seem far from the Faction, but it wasn't close either.

'Maybe he's out on a mission, I'll go search for him when he returns.' He thought to himself as he went back to his place.

On getting to his place, he noticed something strange and turned around.

"Huh?" He looked at the person standing behind him, a little confused.

"Come with me." The Faction Leader grabbed him and disappeared.

Grey didn't even have the time to ask any questions before he appeared in the cave where he first met the Faction Leader.

The moment he appeared, another figure appeared in front of them.

"Bertram, what are you doing?" The Old man looked at the Faction Leader, before staring at Grey.

"Elder Archibald." The Faction Leader didn't expect him to move this fast.

"You must be Grey?" Elder Archibald looked at Grey curiously.

More Elders had already appeared at this time.

Grey was a little confused as to what was going on, but he still nodded. He didn't show any signs of fear, just staring at the old man in front of him. He could sense a great pressure from the man, even higher than the one the Faction Leader gave. But he wasn't afraid.

"Admit to your crime and cripple your cultivation." Elder Archibald said calmly.

"Crime? What crime?" Grey looked at the Elder in surprise.

He didn't know which crime they were talking about.

"You killed your fellow Faction members, a crime punishable by death. Since I'm in a good mood, I'll just cripple you and send you to the dungeon till the end of your life." Elder Archibald spoke coolly. He didn't even want to hear anything from Grey's side.

Grey's eyes showed a hint of understanding, he finally recalled that he had such an issue before leaving. Originally, he thought the Faction Leader would be able to help him sort it out, but from the looks of things, he can't.

'This Elder Archibald seems to be powerful.' He thought internally.

"I only killed the malignant tumors in the Faction." Grey replied coldly.

Elder Archibald raised a brow and looked at Grey, surprised he was able to talk back. Although no one noticed it, he used his aura to lock onto Grey. A normal Sage Plane Elementalist would not be able to breathe properly, much less speak. But Grey didn't seem to have any problems whatsoever.

'A treasure?' His eyes shone with a strange light.

"The rules of the Faction states that you're not allowed to kill anyone from the Faction. Much less the descendants of one of the Grand Elders." A middle-aged man on the side spoke up.

Looking at him, Grey noticed he was a little familiar. After connecting the dots, he realized Foudre had some resemblance to this man.

'They must be from the same family. Maybe he's his father.' He thought as he stared at the man curiously.

"He broke the rules first, I didn't see anyone trying to do anything to him at that time." Grey replied coldly.

"It's not your place to punish a descendant of mine." Elder Archibald snorted coldly.

"If he was stronger, I'd be dead by now. I'm stronger, so instead of him killing me, I killed him. What's wrong with killing someone who's a threat to your life?" Grey spoke unhurriedly.

"Grand Elder, he only did what anyone else would do. Foudre tried to kill him, but failed. Doing that alone already meant that he had broken the rules and should be punished accordingly. Grey can be said to be exerting this punishment on him." The Faction Leader replied.

"Bertram, it's not your place to tell this old man what is what in the Faction." Elder Archibald snorted.

"Looks like you've all forgotten who the Faction Leader is. I've made the decision, and I want to see who can touch him." The Faction Leader stood in front of Grey.

His motive was clear, I will protect him, what can you do?

"Bertram, don't force my hand. Hand over the boy." The aura of Elder Archibald soared.

This time, Grey felt a huge pressure. The first time, Elder Archibald was only trying to secretly intimidate him with the pressure, now, he was releasing his aura out.

Even with the pressure, Grey didn't lower his head as he stared at the Grand Elder. A Grand Elder was trying to bully him because they felt he didn't have a background.

'I wonder if you'll still be this proud if my father was here.' He thought to himself.

He wasn't afraid that the Grand Elder would kill him. All he needed to do was to tell them his identity and they wouldn't dare to kill him. Punishing him was even out of the picture.

"Elder Archibald, I've already made my intentions obvious, you can not have him." The Faction Leader stood firmly in front of Grey.

His previous ordinary aura had changed completely.

Grand Elder Archibald was irritated by the fact that the Faction Leader was actually going against him because of Grey. One has to know that although the Faction Leader was the leader of the Faction, the Grand Elders could be said to have a higher position. As long as he spoke with the other Grand Elders, they could strip Bertram of his position as the Faction Leader.

"Archibald, enough! We're already in this state, internal strife isn't something we want." A powerful voice spoke out.

"Bertram, come with the boy. Archibald, come along with your people. We'll settle this now."

Bertram's expression changed slightly when he heard this, while Grand Elder Archibald snorted coldly.

They soon vanished from the place.

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Deep in the Faction ground.

Three sage-like old men could be seen standing quietly. If one focused on them, they would think they were both real and ethereal at the same time.

Figures soon started to appear in the hall.

When Grey arrived, he looked around curiously. This was the first time he was seeing this hall.

Bertram stood in front of Grey once again, shielding him.

"Speak." The figures in the middle said.

"This boy killed my descendant, his fellow Faction member in the Lutra realm. According to the rules, he should be killed." Elder Archibald replied respectfully.

The old man in the middle turned to Grey, seemingly waiting for an explanation from him.

Bertram was about to speak up when the eyes of the old man turned cold. He knew he wasn't the one the old man wanted to speak so he kept quiet, looked at Grey and nodded.

Grey didn't shy away, he stepped forward and told him how everything played out. From his battle with the man from the Gnome race, to when he was unconscious and found by Nathan who didn't want to help him out.

After being taken away, Nathan instigated Foudre to try to kill him with the aim of him being shielded by his background. In the end they failed, and after waking up, he searched for them and took his revenge.

"So you admit to the fact that you killed your fellow Faction members?" The old man in the middle asked.

Grey nodded.

The old man looked at him for a while before turning to Grand Elder Archibald, "What do you want?"

"He should cripple himself and head to the dungeon for the rest of his life. I'm being lenient since he's a Faction member, and I heard of how he helped us win the competition. If not, I would've killed him on the spot." Grand Elder Archibald said.

"Grand Elders, it's clear that Grand Elder Archibald is only favoring his family in this case. If words go out, who would dare to join our Faction again. Oppressing others because you're from one of the Grand Elders' lineage." Bertram said.

The man in the middle thought for a while before staring at Grand Elder Archibald, "Do as you see fit."

Elder Archibald smiled and threw a fist at Grey.

The second the fist was about to hit Grey, a cold snort resonated in the area.

Chapter 1072 Did You Kill Him?

"Bertram, are you going to go against me?" Grand Elder Archibald sneered.

When his attack was about to hit Grey, Bertram blocked it, although, he was pushed back in the process.

"I see no reason why an elderly like yourself would want to bully a junior." Bertram replied.

He was prepared to go against Elder Archibald.

"If it were before, you would've had some right to speak to me, but now, you're still lacking. The boy dared to kill someone from my lineage, I'm already showing mercy by not killing him." Grand Elder Archibald looked calm.

He was an expert in the Half God Plane, what right did Bertram, someone who was still an Elemental Sovereign have to go against him?

"So he can be killed but those from your lineage can't be killed?" Bertram said coldly, "You should know the rules of the world, those who dare to kill someone should be ready to be killed as well. Since Foudre couldn't kill him, then he's dead. So what? He's weak. The Faction doesn't need biased people."

While Bertram was speaking, he glanced at the three Grand Elders as well. He wasn't only speaking about Grand Elder Archibald's lineage, but those from the other Grand Elders and Elders' lineage in the Faction were also taking advantage of their background to bully some people in the Faction.

Bertram has been looking for a way to settle this issue for a while now, but he hasn't been able to get an audience with these Grand Elders. They've always been in seclusion, cultivating.

"As I said, it's not your place to teach this Old man the rules, neither is it his place to punish those from my lineage." Grand Elder Archibald snorted.

The area was dead silent as the Grand Elder faced off with the Faction Leader. Although the Faction Leader was weaker, he was still standing proudly. It was clear that he valued Grey greatly.

Grey looked at the figure standing in front of him, feeling a little touched.

'How can a Grand Elder be so petty?' Void asked internally.

'Some of these Old men put a lot of significance to their reputation. He feels me killing Foudre or whatever he's called is a blemish to his reputation.' Grey understood this.

He also knew that the only reason the Grand Elder was doing this was that he felt he didn't have an overly strong background.

Grand Elder Archibald looked at Grey, seeing his expression, he felt annoyed and attacked once again. This time, he didn't hold back.

Bertram tried to block the attack but he was sent flying this time.

Bang!

He slammed into the ground, but quickly rushed forward, in a bid to stop Grand Elder Archibald from attacking Grey.

But to someone as powerful as Grand Elder Archibald, he didn't need a lot of time to take care of someone as weak as Grey.

After sending Bertram flying, he stretched his hand at Grey.

Grey wanted to move, but his body was rooted to the ground, and he saw the hand of Grand Elder Archibald enlarge and cover his entire body.

He looked at Grand Elder Archibald defiantly, and to the shock of everyone, he exploded out with a powerful attack.

In front of someone as powerful as Grand Elder Archibald, no matter how powerful Grey was, his strength was nonexistent.

The Grand Elder's hand didn't even shake as he grabbed at Grey.

Just when he was about to hold Grey, a shocking scene took place.

His hand was pushed back by a gentle force before a figure appeared before Grey. The figure didn't look to be real and seemed to be made of spiritual energy.

"Huh? It hasn't even been long and he's already in danger?" The figure muttered.

He looked around and saw Grey's face and smiled, before turning around.

"Pyrmond Faction?" He raised a brow.

The figure who appeared was none other than the legendary figure in the Aurora Continent, Lucas Dawson, Grey's father.

"You're Lucas?" The Old man in the middle of the three other Grand Elders asked.

"I'm Lucas Dawson, Senior. Can I ask what crime my son committed that warranted a Half God attacking him?" Lucas' voice was soft, he didn't even glance at Grand Elder Archibald since he appeared, only focusing his gaze on the three Grand Elders.

The other Grand Elders were stronger than Grand Elder Archibald, and they were older as well.

When the others heard the name Lucas Dawson, their heads almost exploded, a few people contemplated if Grey was truly from the Dawson Family, but after they encountered Conor, their thoughts died. Some of them secretly asked if Grey was from the Dawson Family, but Conor denied it. Not just that, but given Grey's talent, the Dawson Family wouldn't risk sending him out alone to gain experience.

But now, they found out that Grey wasn't just from the Dawson Family, but he was the son of the legendary genius, Lucas Dawson. One has to know that although Lucas was powerful, he was also very easy to talk to, the person they are more afraid of is his wife, Martha. She was known to be overbearing and unreasonable. Her strength however was there for all to see, she was weaker than Lucas, but she might not lose out against Grand Elder Archibald.

"He's your son?" The Grand Elder asked again, pointing at Grey.

Lucas looked at the Old man but nodded.

"This is between them." The Old man pushed the blame on Grand Elder Archibald.

They've been curious about Grey's identity when they sensed the strength of the person guarding him.

This could be said to be an opportunity to know his identity, hence they left Grey to Grand Elder Archibald. If he wasn't from a top force, then he could die. He was a genius, but he wasn't the only genius.

Grand Elder Archibald's expression changed and he looked at Lucas, his expression changing repeatedly, but being an expert in the Half God Plane, he spoke up, "He killed someone from my lineage, I'm only punishing him."

"Did you kill him?" Lucas turned to Grey.

"Yes, he wanted to kill me, but he was not capable, I killed him in return." Grey didn't hide it and spoke up.

"Good." Lucas nodded in satisfaction.

"You can see who's right and wrong, what do you plan to do now?" Lucas looked at Grand Elder Archibald, his eyes still calm.

Chapter 1073 Settled With A Few Words

Grand Elder Archibald was caught in a dilemma, he didn't know what to say. He wanted to cripple Grey, but with such a powerful father, he didn't dare to even voice it out.

Grand Elder Archibald might be older than Lucas, but in terms of strength, he knew he was not a match. He couldn't even exchange a few rounds with him, much less fight against him.

If he said he wanted to cripple Grey, Lucas and Martha might flip out and charge here. They dared to do so, he knew all too well how bold the duo were. Martha was even more brutal, so he didn't want to offend such a figure.

Seeing the hesitation from Grand Elder Archibald, Bertram revealed a mocking look. It was clear that the Grand Elder only knew how to bully the weak and feared the strong.

"Alright, since you're offended by his behavior. I'll apologize on his behalf. You can send those in the same Plane as himself to try to kill him. If they succeed then I'll accept that my son is incapable, but if the person is more than three stages above him, I'll come here, and you will give me an explanation." Lucas looked at the Grand Elders, his words domineering.

He didn't stop them from trying to get revenge on Grey, but as long as the person was three stages above Grey, he would come there and seek an explanation.

Grand Elder Archibald's facial expression was complicated, even though Lucas gave them the go-ahead to try to get revenge on Grey, did he dare to try it? He didn't, even if he was forced he wouldn't dare to make a move on Grey.

It could be said that Lucas was still reasonable, Martha on the other hand was a lunatic. If anything happened to her son, she would definitely flip out and attack them. She wouldn't even consider if they were the ones who did it or not.

At this moment, Bertram looked at Lucas, a little shocked. Lucas just threatened the Grand Elders subtly, and even forced them to take Grey's safety into account at all times.

The meaning to his words were simple, if anything happens to my son, I'll come for you people. I said you can take revenge, but do you dare?

No one would want to enrage this frightening genius.

He might be younger than most of the people present, but he used a few words to put a few in their places. In the end, strength was all that mattered. The strong were feared, while the weak can only cower before them.

Take Grand Elder Archibald for example, he wouldn't have gone against Bertram previously, even though he was stronger, the difference wasn't large. But the moment he broke through, he directly came to look for trouble with him.

"Alright, cultivate well kid, I'll come pick you up if I need you." Lucas smiled at Grey, after giving the Grand Elders a meaningful look, he nodded at Bertram and drilled into Grey's body.

Grey was shocked, he didn't even know when his father placed a spiritual clone in his body. This was something only top experts can do. One has to know that the Grand Elder was stronger than the Faction Leader which should make him a Half God, yet his father's spiritual clone managed to push his hand away.

Of course, that wasn't the full strength of Grand Elder Archibald, but this still showed that Lucas was terrifyingly powerful.

The Grand Elders looked at each other before one of them chuckled, "I never expected you to be his son."

"Dismissed." The Old man in the middle said and they vanished.

Bertram grabbed Grey and vanished. Grand Elder Archibald stood on the same spot, embarrassed and flustered. He never expected that after breaking through to the Half God Plane, he would be treated in this manner. Half Gods were those at the top of the world, of course there was a difference in their strength, it didn't mean that he would be treated in this manner.

He stood in the same position for a long time before disappearing.

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"Haha, I never expected that he was your father." Bertram laughed in spite of himself, he was given a huge shock today.

"I only found out recently as well." Grey replied.

"I see, looks like he was planning to keep you hidden for a while." Bertram said.

Grey didn't explain anything to him, after staying for a while he left.

He was excited that his father was so powerful, he couldn't help but curse internally. If he had grown with his father, his life would've been easier. But after some thought, he knew that wouldn't be good for him.

If he stayed in such an environment, he would've grown faster, but he wouldn't be the way he currently is.

"Come, your father is powerful, why don't we go and cause some trouble?" Void suggested.

"Do you believe me if I tell you my mother will beat me up?" Grey said.

Void shook his head, he had heard of how fearsome Grey's mother was, but he didn't really think that she would beat him up.

Grey couldn't be bothered with him.

His issue in the Faction could be said to be settled as it stands.

'Alright, time to cultivate.' He thought internally.

'What do you want to focus on?' Void asked.

'I guess I'll learn to control my strength.' Grey said.

When his father's spiritual clone appeared, the attack he used to block the attack of Grand Elder Archibald was shocking. He didn't sense any ripples from it, but it still possessed powerful strength. He felt like if he could get that kind of control over his strength, his attack power would increase. He would also gain a better understanding of his strength.

'That? It's not easy.' Void replied.

'I know, that's why I want to train it.'

'I guess I'll train with you as well.'

Chapter 1074 Caught After Some Years

Two months went by in a flash.

Grey was still focused on training to control his power. He had improved during this time, reaching the Peak of the Sage Plane at the time.

Void had left, training was too boring, so he left when Keith returned. Keith was already in the Mid stages of the Sage Plane, and he had been going out for multiple missions lately.

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Grey wasn't the only one who was in seclusion, all his friends were also in seclusion.

Klaus was once again trapped in the Moonlight Faction. Alice and Reynolds both decided to increase their cultivation stages since that was what they lacked at this moment.

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While this was happening, two figure entered the Western Continent.

If Grey were to see this person, he would be surprised.

"Do you think he's the one?" A feminine voice asked.

'Definitely. He's the only one I can think of being able to cause so much trouble.' Another feminine voice replied.

Looking at the two figures, one of them was female, while the other was surprisingly male. The male was none other than Ellis, the young man Grey became friends with back at the Azure Continent.

Grey had the intention of wanting to visit him, but thinking of the distance, he gave up midway. He planned to go after he was stronger.

"He helped father the last time, father gave us a gift for him." The young lady beside Ellis said.

The young lady looked to be around twenty years old and had a porcelain face, which jade like skin. She was stunningly beautiful.

"Hehe, to think that he provoked one of the strongest forces in the world. Well, they aren't even from our world. How did he even do it?" Ellis felt a headache.

Grey seemed to have a knack for troubles. For someone who was avoiding trouble, he always seems to get in trouble anyway.

"I heard he joined the Pyrmond Faction, it will take a long time to get there. Let's continue our journey." Ellis said calmly.

Coming here, he wanted to warn Grey about the death order, and also hand over a gift to them.

His father found out that Grey and Void took the dragon's blood, so he wanted to give him something that would compliment it and allow it grow well. Ellis didn't know how his father found out, and how his father even thought that it would be possible for Grey to absorb it, nor did he ask about it. He only wanted to carry out this task.

With his current strength, it would take them a while to get to the Pyrmond Faction. Of course, he got essence stones that he would use whenever he got to a teleportation array.

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A month and two weeks went by in a flash.

Unlike when Grey was heading back from the Middle Continent, Ellis was much faster. He didn't take any detours, nor did he get into any troubles. He went straight and before long he was standing in front of the Pyrmond Faction gates.

Ellis was stopped outside the Faction gate, after telling them of his purpose, he was told to wait outside and someone went over to inform Grey.

Ellis was someone they didn't know, so they couldn't allow him enter the Faction grounds.

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"Ellis O'Brien?" Grey asked, raising his brow.

He recalled Ellis, but he never thought that he would come in search of him. This was beyond his expectations.

The person who came over nodded respectfully, he was only in the Origin Plane, in front of an expert like Grey, he had to be respectful.

"Send him in." Grey said.

"Is... is it appropriate to allow a stranger in?" The young man hesitated, but still asked.

Grey thought about it and felt that he had a point. If he allowed Ellis into the Faction ground, some people might cause trouble with him.

Grand Elder Archibald's lineage seemed to have targeted him, while he was in seclusion, they've sent people over to question why he hadn't done any missions.

Thinking about it, when he journeyed to the Middle Continent, he didn't do too many missions.

'I'll just use this opportunity to complete some missions.' He thought to himself.

Void was currently nowhere to be seen, but he could still sense him.

"Tell him I'll arrive soon." He stood up and headed to the mission hall. He wanted to accept three or four missions.

Over the past months, he had always been busy. So now that he stayed indoors for over three months, he was starting to get a little restless.

'I can't believe I'm starting to feel like them.' He chuckled to himself.

He had always felt that Void and Klaus were psychopaths for not wanting to live in peace, but lately, he had been involved in too many battles, and had come to like the idea of always being involved in something. Sitting and doing nothing was not his style anymore. Besides, he had been cultivating for a while, it was time to try out his new skills, practically.

After going to the mission hall, he picked three missions that required strength of a Peak Sage Plane Elementalist before heading out.

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Outside the Pyrmond Faction. Although Ellis and the young lady were waiting outside, they were sitting by the side, taking tea that was offered to them by the young man who went to inform Grey of their arrival.

Grey soon stepped out of the Faction, he was wearing a leather long sleeve with black trousers. His hair was neatly combed and he wore his usual look. If not for his stunningly beautiful face, he wouldn't be different from normal people.

"Ellis, I never expected to see you here." He smiled as he approached them.

"It been a while." Ellis shook his hand before turning to the person by his side.

"This is Aelia, my sister." He introduced.

"You have a sister?" Grey was taken aback.

"I have multiple family members." Ellis replied.

Grey guessed what he meant, Aelia was not the child of Ellis' parents, but she was someone from a relative.

'Guess they're close.' He thought to himself.

After exchanging greetings with Aelia, he turned to Ellis, "How's Uncle?"

"He's doing great now, thanks to you." Ellis replied, he couldn't hide the admiration and gratitude in his eyes. Even though he was older and stronger than Grey, he still somewhat looked up to him.

Grey was a freakish existence.

"Huh! You're already at the Peak of the Sage Plane?" He was shocked.

When Grey left the last time, he was still at the Peak of the Origin Plane, how long has it been? And Grey had already gotten to the Peak of the Sage Plane.

It shouldn't even be up to three years now.

How did Grey cultivate?

This was the only question in his head right now.

He was already in the Elemental Venerable Plane, and in the Mid stages. But he was close to the Peak of the Sage Plane at the time Grey left, now, he was in the Fifth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane and it was already seen as being very fast, yet Grey seemed to be shattering his logic.

Seeing his reaction, Grey laughed.

'I wonder how he would react if he sees Void.' He thought to himself.

Void was already in the Second stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

To Grey, Void, and even his friends, they were all advancing at unimaginable paces. If not for Grey, the other three would've been regarded as once in a thousand years geniuses, but Grey trumpled them, so there wasn't much to say.

"You're in the Elemental Venerable Plane, the Peak of the Sage Plane can't be compared to that." Grey said nonchalantly.

Ellis felt like beating Grey up when he saw how he was acting nonchalant.

'Why are you showing off in front of me?' He thought to himself.

"What brought you here?" Grey asked.

He knew Ellis wouldn't come without any reason.

"Father said I should ask if you absorbed the Dragon blood successfully." Ellis looked at Grey, scrutinizing him.

When Grey heard of this, his expression changed slightly.

"So you really took it?" Ellis was stunned.

He couldn't believe the Dragon blood that made the Vaergahl Family almost fall out with theirs was actually with Grey at that time.

"It's not my fault, it was in one of the storage rings." Grey replied, scratching his head in embarrassment.

Ellis was stunned, but he still proceeded to ask, "Did you absorb it?"

Grey nodded. He had already absorbed it, so there was no use in hiding it.

"Father guessed you would. He said even if others can't, you can. He gave him something to pass on to you. He said it would help you completely assimilate with it and bring out its true power." Ellis explained.

"Uncle's awesome! He even knew I could absorb it." Grey sighed, shaking his head.

Chapter 1075 Innate Ability?

Grey never expected that Ellis' father would send something like this to him, so he was pleasantly surprised. Of course, he was a little embarrassed that he had to cause small trouble for the O'Brien Family, but it wasn't really a big problem.

After some time, he couldn't help but think that other than making his physique stronger at that time, he didn't really get anything much from it.

Originally, he couldn't be bothered with it, but now that Ellis' father brought something to help with it, of course he would see if he could add it to his strength. At the moment, he wanted to grow stronger.

If this would help, then he would definitely use it without a second thought.

"Well, the only issue is that it might cause a clash between you and the Vaergahl Family. They would sense the Dragon blood in your body, so it would be best if you restrain it whenever you're in their presence." Ellis said, with an embarrassed smile.

Although it would help Grey, it might also cause some trouble for him in the future.

"Oh, are you from that Dawson Family?" He asked.

"Yes, Lucas Dawson is actually my father." Grey replied.

When he saw Ellis' expression, he couldn't help but smile.

"No wonder. In that case, you don't have much to worry about." Ellis replied.

He was scared that the Vaergahl Family might find trouble with him, but with Grey's background, it wouldn't be a problem if he said his father forcefully took the blood essence of a Dragon.

Even in the Continent Ellis was from, Lucas Dawson was a popular figure. After all, a genius of his caliber rarely appears.

The Vaergahl Family might be overbearing, but they wouldn't want to offend such a figure just because of the small amount of blood essence Grey absorbed.

Grey understood what he meant when he said that he shouldn't be worried and laughed.

It was just like the case of Grand Elder Archibald, he wanted to bully him, but when he realized who his father was, he restrained himself.

Although he still occasionally sent people to trouble him, he couldn't do anything personally to him. Even the Faction wouldn't want to offend Grey at the moment.

Grey took the item from Ellis before asking, "What does it do?"

"Oh, you'll be able to use some special powers of the Dragon race. Exude their aura, and if you're lucky, you might even be able to obtain one of their innate abilities when you break through to the Elemental Venerable Plane." Ellis replied.

Grey's eyes widened when he heard this. He was stunned.

Thinking of the innate ability Void gained after breaking through, he couldn't help but be excited. Ellis' next words though, made him frown slightly.

"Remember, if you're lucky. In the Vaergahl Family, even with their long connections with the Dragons, only a few of them have been able to get this. It's a matter of luck." Ellis felt he should remind Grey, when he saw his excited face.

"It's nothing. Hopefully, I'll be lucky enough to get it." Grey said optimistically.

Even though he said this, he didn't put his mind in it. It was better not to expect anything than to be disappointed in the end. He would deny the fact that he wanted it, but if he didn't get it, he wouldn't want it to affect him.

Being able to release a true Dragon's aura was already a good thing. One has to know that Dragons are generally related to royalties and their auras always have this royal feel to it. It makes one want to prostrate before it. If he could have this, then he wouldn't need to fear Magical Beasts.

Dragons were at the very top when it came to Magical Beasts, except for a selected few, and the abnormal Void, the others wouldn't dare to attack him, even when they have a higher Plane than himself.

"It's good, the few things it can give him isn't bad. I can scare people with the aura whenever I'm fighting. That will give me some time to attack them while they are confused." Grey smiled, showing a happy expression.

"I'm glad you like the gift." Ellis replied.

"I'm going out for some missions, it's not really in your league, but you can tag along." Grey said.

Fighting against Sage Plane Elementalists was below Ellis' current standards, hence the reason he said it wasn't in his league, it was below him.

Ellis smiled and nodded, "I can't go back immediately after delivering this, so it's best I hang out with you."

"Since you're here, I believe you already know of the kill order?" He looked at Grey with a strange expression.

"Haha, I know about it. Those bums are trying to get rid of me. I killed so many of them that they are scared of me. Even the necromancers don't dare to face me." Grey laughed as he explained.

"What did you really do?" Ellis was curious.

"Are you sure you want to know?" Grey asked, amused.

Ellis nodded.

"I learned their secrets, and now, I know their weaknesses." Grey didn't say much, but Ellis' expression changed drastically.

He couldn't believe his ears.

Grey learned the secrets of the Gnome race and necromancers and knew their weaknesses. That was a huge thing!

Most people at the Peak can't even deal with necromancers, yet Grey could not only deal with necromancers, but he could deal with Gnomes as well.

Almost everyone from a top Family knew of the battle that happened years ago. So they knew the Gnomes were the ones who introduced necromancy.

Doesn't this mean that Grey could kill most of them?

"Just that?" Ellis didn't believe the Gnomes would want to kill him at all costs just because of this.

"There's a secret realm in the Middle Continent that Gnome and the Giant Race enters with us, I blocked the portal to the Sage Plane realm and killed whoever stepped in." Grey said nonchalantly.

Ellis knew of the portal Grey was speaking of and he couldn't hide his shock.

One man stood at the portal that led to the Sage Plane realm, and killed anyone who dared to step in.

Overbearing, domineering, bold, maniac. These were the only words he could use to describe Grey.

Who would dare to do something like this? Probably only Grey!

Chapter 1076 Necromancers, Again

Aelia who was walking with them couldn't help but feel shocked.

Grey was more amazing than how Ellis described him. He was carefree, but from his words, it was easy to see that he was a ruthless and cunning character as well. Not just that, but his father was none other than the legendary Lucas Dawson. Who didn't know of Lucas Dawson? Literally no one! Unless they had been staying in a cave for over a hundred years.

"I've been staying in the Faction for a while, I need to see if I've improved in my abilities." Grey commented casually.

"Why did you stay in the Faction? You have a top Family who are strong and can groom you." Ellis was confused.

Take him for example, with the strength of his Family, they weren't necessarily any weaker than these top Factions, much less one that was on the decline. The Dawson Family was stronger than the Pyrmond Faction, so why would Grey want to join the Pyrmond Faction? It just didn't make sense.

"Remember I was searching for my parents? I really didn't expect that they were from that Dawson Family. A lot of people had confused me for someone from that Dawson Family, but I've always said I'm not." Grey explained.

"I see." Ellis nodded.

Looks like only after joining the Pyrmond Faction did he find his parents. And after being independent for so long, he wouldn't be comfortable in the Dawson Family.

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Three days later.

Boom!

A figure fell on the ground, dead.

"Trash." Grey muttered in disappointment before turning around.

A group had been kidnapping some people lately. He took the mission and found out that the leader was just in the Mid stages of the Sage Plane. He didn't even use much of his strength and the man died instantly.

Grey turned to look at the others, since the leader was dead, then the group could be said to be destroyed.

He didn't waste any time and handed the others to the guards in the nearest city.

"We should head to the next place. Luckily, I picked places that are close. We'll meet up with Void after I'm done with the missions." Grey sighed.

From the looks of it, there would be nothing exciting in this trip.

Ellis' mouth was twitching as he saw how Grey casually dealt with the man. Even though Grey had a higher stage, it didn't mean that he should be able to kill the other party with nothing more than a casual attack. He knew Grey was stronger than most of the people in the same stage, but he felt that would've reduced after Grey broke through to the Sage Plane, who would've thought that it didn't change much.

Aelie on the other hand was stunned. He couldn't believe that Grey was this strong. She was close to the Late stages of the Sage Plane, but she was still in the Sixth stage. This meant that Grey would still be able to casually kill her as well.

Ellis and Aelie followed Grey and before their shocked gazes, he killed Sage Plane Elementalists like he was killing chickens. None of them could fight back, the difference in strength was beyond their expectations.

Even during the last mission, Grey was fighting against two Peak Sage Plane Elementalists and overpowered them. He killed them in a short time after that.

'Void, where are you?' Grey asked.

'Underground.' Void replied.

Grey currently had the tracking device with him and noticed they were in the same place, but he couldn't see the others.

'Is there a passage around?' Grey asked.

He didn't see the place leading to this place.

'Just teleport here, why are you searching for a passage?' Void said disdainfully.

Grey was a little embarrassed, but he grabbed Ellis and Aelie and vanished. They soon appeared underground.

"Keith, what's the situation?" Grey asked when he appeared.

"There's an array blocking the entrance. It took us a long time to track it. But Void can't open it." Keith said.

Void glared at him with an annoyed expression.

'Why didn't you open it yourself?' He thought, irritated.

Grey looked at the array for some time before frowning.

"Even you can't open it?" Keith was a little surprised.

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He knew how obsessed Grey was with arrays. Even Ellis was surprised.

"Who says I can't, I'm just staring at it for some time." Grey walked closer to it, after observing it a while longer he opened his mouth, "It's a decoy, this array doesn't lead anywhere."

After saying this, Grey tapped on the array before making some hand seals. The array broke apart and they saw the empty wall.

Grey made another hand seal and the array appeared again.

"What are you doing?" Ellis asked curiously.

"Once this array is broken, they will sense it. It's connected to another array. That's the real one. If I didn't sense it on time, we would've messed up." Grey said.

The others couldn't help but sigh. Grey truly was an array genius. Even some of the old grandmasters might not necessarily be better than him.

Grey's expression soon changed, "Crap!"

With that, he grabbed Ellis and Aelie and vanished.

Void reacted even faster and disappeared with Keith.

"F*ck! I thought you said you stopped it?" Void cursed when they appeared outside.

"I was a little late. I didn't sense it early." Grey rubbed his nose.

He was a tad late, but at least he still sensed it.

"What now? They'll escape." Keith was a little anxious.

This misison had taken a lot from him, so he knew he had to make sure that he completed it, unless he would've wasted his time.

"Don't worry, I sensed them. I can track them." Ellis said.

Grey and Void turned to Ellis.

Ellis looked at Void for a while.

"You can?" Keith turned to Ellis.

Ellis turned his voice to a deeper one since he couldn't speak with his usual voice, it was a bit embarrassing.

"Yeah, let's go." Ellis nodded and heading towards the west.

Grey and Void followed suit, seeing that he was going in a slow speed, they urged, "You can move faster, you don't have to worry about us. We'll catch up."

After hearing this, Ellis sped up and soon vanished.

Void followed suit, before Grey disappeared as well. He would appear in front of Ellis each time, shocking him.

'How's he so fast?' He thought.

Most Elemental Venerables in the same stage as himself wouldn't be able to catch up to him, yet Grey was doing it with such ease.

Unknown to him, Grey marked him the last time. Since the distance was not too great, he would be able to catch up to him within a second.

After almost one hour.

They stopped in front of a mountain.

Looking at the mountain, Grey's expression changed slightly.

"Do you sense it?" He turned to the others.

They shook their heads.

"Necromancers." He uttered slowly.

"Necromancers?"

"Yes, necromancers. Even though I can't sense it clearly, I'm sure of it." Grey affirmed.

"Do you know if there are any strong people?" Ellis asked, his expression was serious.

If there were necromancers here, then they couldn't take the risk of heading inside. Or else they would endanger themselves.

"There's a large array here. Void, I can open up a small hole so you can sneak in. But I'll close it immediately so they won't sense anything." Grey turned to Void.

Void could easily hide his aura just like Grey, so it would be easy for him to sneak in.

Void nodded and Grey went to work.

Before Grey came in contact with necromancers, he didn't even know of them. After he was marked, he was consoled by Sylvia who said necromancers were quite rare and rarely made moves. But since then, he had been seeing necromancers multiple times.

It was shocking how many times he has come in contact with them.

After opening the hole, Void sneaked in. Some seconds later he reported.

'Four Elemental Venerables, six Peak Sage Plane Elementalists, and multiple in the Late and Mid stages.'

Grey turned to Ellis and reported the news to them.

When they heard of how many people were there, they felt a bit dispirited.

"How many can you handle?" Grey asked.

Ellis replied, "I don't know their stages..."

"Of the Four, two are in the Fifth stage, that's their highest stage. The others are in Second stage. Void can deal with them." Grey interrupted.

"I'll deal with all the Peak Sage Plane Elementalists and the others in the Late stages. I can also assist Keith and Aelie while they fight against the others." He added.

When Aelie heard Grey's words, she was stunned.

Grey wanted to hold off over twenty people alone, that was shocking. Keith wasn't too surprised, nor was Ellis. But Aelie didn't know much about Grey, so she didn't know if he could do something like that.

"Alright, let's go. I'll be able to hold them off." Ellis replied.

Keith gritted his teeth and nodded.

Now they all turned to Aelie, if she didn't agree to it, they would leave her here and go and fight without her. It wouldn't change much even if she disagreed.

Chapter 1077 Five Against The Necromancers Camp

"I can manage, but I'm not that strong." Aelie replied after a while.

"Good, let's go." Grey nodded before turning to Void.

'Seal this place, I'll be making an array that will also help, in case your domain isn't enough.'

"Guys, later on, you'll be getting a boost from my array, don't resist." Grey said and soon got to work.

They needed to act fast before they were noticed.

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Inside the mountain.

The necromancer's camp was built inside the mountain, a large space was opened up inside.

Two Elemental Venerables looked at the person who just rushed over to tell them that the array that was placed in the town some kilometers away had been destroyed. This was one of their ways of entering the place.

But they made a false one, once touched, the other will explode immediately, destroying the main one.

"Should we move out?" The Sage Plane Elementalist asked respectfully.

"Since it's destroyed it means they don't know where we are. Just lay low in the meantime. We'll go check it out in a while." One of the Elemental Venerables said nonchalantly.

The Sage Plane Elementalist bowed and then left.

"What do you think?" The other Elemental Venerable asked.

"Those morons made a mistake. They must've allowed someone to know of the entrance. Luckily, we made plans for this long ago." The First Elemental Venerable replied.

Just as they were speaking, he froze and looked off.

"Huh? Did I sense it wrong?" He muttered while staring outside.

He sensed a ripple from the array, but it was so faint that it was almost negligible. There had been times he had sensed ripples like this, but since this happened a few minutes after the other teleportation array was located, he still decided to check it out.

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Outside the mountain.

"I'm done. We should... crap! They found out already." Grey said before getting into battle state.

Although he tried to hide it, they still sensed it when Void entered. Luckily, there was a slight delay.

Since he had successfully made an array around the place, there was no need to hide any longer.

Void was the first to explode out, he wanted to kill as many low-ranked Sage Plane Elementalists as he could.

After exploding out with his fire and space element large-scale attacks, Void also used his second domain. His domain of darkness.

This was something he rarely used since he favored the space element more and whenever he was fighting, he rarely fought those weaker than himself.

Now that the domain of darkness spread out, all those with weaker strength started to feel their bodies corroded by the darkness domain. Some of them died on the spot while a few of them managed to struggle.

Since he had to cover a large area, those with strength in the Mid stages of the Sage Plane and above weren't too affected.

Everything happened within a second, not just the Elemental Venerables from the necromancer camps, even Ellis and the others couldn't react to what they were seeing. It was a massacre, and Void still had a nonchalant expression on.

He was a Magical Beast, so he naturally didn't feel too bothered with killing so many people with weaker strength.

"You animal!" One of the Elemental Venerables finally reacted and roared in anger, before attacking Void.

All the Elemental Venerables' puppets stepped out of their coffins as well, as well as those in the Sage Plane.

After Void's massacre, there were still close to fifty people present. Four Elemental Venerables, six Peak stage Sage Plane Elementalists, over fifteen Late stage Sage Plane Elementalists, and the rest were in the Mid stages.

"Time to play." Grey laughed and rushed over.

He didn't destroy the links now since there were just too many of them. What he wanted to do now was to sneak attack them. Whoever he was fighting against, he would sneakily cut off the link and kill them before the others would realize what was wrong.

After charging into battle, Grey didn't use the Fusion State since his strength had already gotten to the Peak of the Sage Plane. Using the Fusion State against these people was more or less a waste.

He attacked all six at the Peak of the Sage Plane simultaneously, using the lightning element to attack.

'Void, remember, lightning is very effective against them.' He reminded Void as he fought.

The fifteen in the Late stage of the Sage Plane wanted to attack Keith and Aelie when Grey suddenly turned to them, attacking them as well.

"Hmph! Overconfident. Five of you come so we can kill him soon, the others, kill those two." One of the Peak Sage Plane Elementalist said.

From their first exchange, Grey easily sent their puppets flying, while also attacking their physical bodies with the lightning element. There were six, yet they didn't seem to be the other party's match. It was shocking.

Unknown to them, Grey was silently messing up with the puppets so they weren't as strong as they usually were. The only puppets he didn't dare to touch were those that belonged to Elemental Venerables, he knew they would be able to sense it.

The six at the Peak were already sensing some threat from him, so they wanted to kill him soon.

Void and Ellis were doing their best, holding back two people at the same time.

They didn't fall to a disadvantage even though they were outnumbered. Although they were not as freakish as Grey who could fight against many opponents, against two or three people in the same stage, they wouldn't have a problem with it. They could even find the chance to win.

Void was even more fearsome since with the space element, he was able to shorten the distance at any time when fighting. Not just that, but he also had fearsome attacks as well.

When he unleashed his large-scale space element attack, it was like the space there was broken and space cracks appeared all over. Those who were too weak were instantly dragged in and their bodies were destroyed in a matter of seconds.

Chapter 1078 Necromancers Nemesis

Roar!

An earth-shaking roar sounded out and a large figure appeared.

The two-headed snake that had been with Keith appeared out of thin air and directly crushed a few people that were in front of it. It opened its mouth and swallowed a few people as well.

Keith also continued attacking, at this time, he couldn't be careless. He could feel the increase in his strength and knew it was from the array Grey spoke about.

Aelie was also fighting fiercely, she didn't dare to be careless. This was the first time she was fighting such a battle, and she had been injured a few times, and if not for Grey's timely assistance, she would've been severely injured.

She was a Dual Elementalist, having the wind and fire elements, so she was using both to complement each other, making each of her attacks stronger.

When Grey saw things, he decided it was time for him to attack with all his strength. He hadn't used his inscriptions yet since he was waiting for the best time, but as it stands, there was no use in waiting.

Five inscriptions lit up in the sky, all of them of the lightning element. And they struck the backs of the Peak Sage Plane Elementalists he was fighting against, leaving just one.

That one was about to attack when he was suddenly dazed. Before he could react, Grey was standing before him and he slapped down.

Grey's palm enlarged, and before long, it crashed down, destroying the body of the Necromancer.

The other five were attacked by the inscriptions from behind, so they were unable to stop Grey.

After killing one, Grey vanished and appeared close to Aelie.

A Late stage Sage Plane Elementalist that was about to attack her was sent flying.

After doing this, Grey secretly attacked those in the Mid stages, against the powerful Grey's attack, they were helpless and could only watch as his attack struck them. The speed was beyond their expectations.

Aelie used the opportunity to kill three of the people who were injured by Grey's attack. This wasn't her fight time killing people, so she didn't feel strange about it.

After doing this, she looked in Grey's direction, admiration in her eyes. Even when fighting against so many opponents, he still had the time to not only come to help her, but he seriously wounded five people, giving her the chance to kill three, and he also killed the Seventh stage Sage Plane Elementalist that he previously sent flying.

Grey appeared in the presence of all those Peak Sage Plane Elementalists and attacked once again.

This time, he transmitted his voice to Void and Ellis.

'I'll cut off their links with their puppets, putting them in a dazed state, take advantage and kill them if possible. If not, injure them. We must kill all of them!'

Ellis was shocked when he heard this, this was the first time he was going to see how Grey can deal with necromancers. To be honest, he was quite curious about this.

Grey was fighting when he suddenly sent out five tendrils made from the darkness element from his body, and they all shot into the bodies of the puppets of the necromancers, he also sent one at one of the Peak Sage Plane Elementalists in front of him.

Bam!

He was hit by an attack, and blood dripped from the place. Luckily, his defense was strong, if not, this attack would've been troublesome.

Just when he was calming down, he sensed the darkness element trying to wreak havoc in his body and snorted. The miasma in his body spread out and covered the darkness element, directly consuming it.

At the same time, he forcefully cut off the link of those Elemental Venerables puppets, giving Void and Ellis a chance to attack.

Void slashed out with a powerful attack, and a large spatial crack appeared, enveloping one of the necromancers.

"Ah... He's Grey! Run!" The Necromancer regained himself shortly and screamed in pain.

He knew that after entering this place, it would be difficult for him to escape alive. But he wanted to warn the others.

They've done their research on Grey and found out that he could cut off their links to their puppets. Well, they only found out from the Gnomes since almost anyone who faced Grey when he used this is dead. Ellis attacked as well. He was a Water Elementalist, and after Void attacked and directly killed one of them, he didn't want to lose out.

A blizzard started and a long ice arrow congealed in the sky, before long, it shot into the body of one of the Necromancers. The Necromancers was just about to regain himself when he froze, before he knew it, an ice arrow entered his head, bursting it apart.

The headless frozen body fell to the ground.

Ellis heaved a sigh of relief before facing his last opponent. When fighting against two he was not facing a disadvantage, now that one of them is dead and the other couldn't use his puppet because of Grey, he would be able to kill the other in a matter of time.

While the duo killed one person each, Grey also attacked another Peak Sage Plane Elementalist. He had cut off this person's link with his puppet, so he used the opportunity to kill him.

The second he killed him, he spat out a mouthful of blood. He was attacked from behind while he was attacking this person. He couldn't stop, so he forcefully took the attack head-on.

In the space of merely two to three seconds, two Elemental Venerables were dead, and one Peak Sage Plane Elementalist died as well.

The faces of everyone soon changed when they recalled the scream they just heard.

"Grey? That Grey?"

The second they thought of this, they lost the spirit to fight and immediately turned around to escape. Against someone who their puppets were useless against and were even turned into a weapon against them, they didn't dare to fight against him.

Chapter 1079 A Plot

In a secret hideout.

An ordinary-looking middle-aged man frowned after receiving news of one of their camps getting attacked by Grey, someone who the Gnomes released a death order for.

"Necromancer's nemesis, no wonder the Gnomes attached so much importance to him." He said after some time.

"What do we do now?" Another person asked.

Although some necromancers are strong on their own, most of them depended on their puppets to grow and fight. If they can't even use their puppets any longer, then they would be in trouble.

"No need to worry too much. We just need to know the method he uses to cut off the link. Once we can get it, we can deal with him." The middle-aged man replied calmly.

"The problem here is that we don't know the method, and other than the Gnomes who survived, the others he has faced have not been able to survive. How are we going to fight against something we know nothing about?" The other person said.

"Hmm, troublesome. We can't go out in full force since that would expose our whereabouts. I'll get someone to test him. He's from the Pyrmond Faction right?" The middle-aged man asked.

The person standing beside him nodded.

"Looks like we'll have to use one of our spies." The middle-aged man said.

"He doesn't make friends easily." The person beside the man understood what he wanted to do and said.

The fact that they knew of Grey's personality already shows how much research they've done on him.

"That will be a problem. We'll think of a way to sort it out. If not, we'll have to sacrifice a few more people." The middle-aged man was calm.

The only good thing about Grey's current ability was that he was the only one who could use it, so they didn't have to worry too much about it.

"If we can kill him it'll be better. But I don't think it will be easy to kill the son of Lucas and Martha. If he were to die in the hands of someone in the same stage, it'll be possible, but who can defeat him in the same stage?" The middle-aged man contemplated.

They also knew that Grey was Lucas' son. Being the son of such a powerhouse, if anyone that was far stronger than him were to attack him, then there will definitely be something or someone who will be protecting him. The main problem with Grey now was that he can forcefully raise his stage to shocking levels, that makes it even harder to kill him in a fight if the person fighting against him didn't completely overwhelm him.

"We can try to impersonate one of his friends." The person beside the man suggested.

"Hmm, we can try." The middle-aged man nodded.

If things don't go as planned, then he wouldn't mind sacrificing an Elemental Venerable or even Sovereign to kill Grey. If Grey was allowed to grow, it would put them in danger. This wasn't something they wanted.

The fact that he was already attacking a necromancer's camp already shows that he has some sort of hatred toward them. The Gnomes handed out a death order for him, maybe it's time they took it seriously.

They didn't take it too seriously since they didn't really believe it, and neither had they been able to confirm it. Although the Gnomes seemed like their leaders, that was not the case, they are just working together for mutual benefit.

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While these people were thinking of how to deal with Grey, Grey just killed the last person on the Sage Plane.

Void and Ellis had also fully suppressed their opponents.

When Grey wanted to help, Void chased him away, telling him to search the rubbles, there was someone still alive.

The mountain had been destroyed by their battle, even the large array couldn't protect it.

Grey grumpily went back to check it out. To his surprise, there truly was someone, not just one person, but a few people. They seemed to be protecting one person.

'He's communicating with the higher-ups?' Grey looked at them curiously.

"Hmph! Hateful!" Grey attacked.

Before long, they were all dead. Unfortunately, the second the person communicating with the higherups died, the device fell apart as well.

Grey figured out that it was connected to the life force of the person. As long as this person's life force was extinguished, then the communication device would be destroyed.

He didn't think too much about it. By the time he was done, Ellis and Void had already killed their opponents.

"Nice, it's been a while since I fought such a battle." Ellis sighed.

He rarely got to fight such battles. Most of the time, he was always only sparring with geniuses of his level. Of course, he knew that they were stronger than these people on the same stage, but these people were regular fighters, so they were more experienced.

Although they won, they were all injured. Aelie was the one who suffered more injuries, she wasn't familiar with such battles, fighting against people who risked their lives, and she was caught off-guard

most of the time and suffered injuries. But she managed to survive, largely thanks to Grey's timely help and her strength.

"We really won, against such a large group, we won." She said in disbelief.

It's not that she didn't believe she can't fight against multiple opponents, but the number of people they were fighting against was staggering. The fact that they won such a battle with only some not too severe injuries was beyond her expectations.

Grey chuckled and said, "Of course, if I don't have confidence, I wouldn't have started a battle."

"My mission can be said to be accomplished. I'll have to tell those people in the mission hall that there was more to the mission than what was written." Keith said angrily.

If not for Grey and Ellis' help, they wouldn't have been able to complete the mission. Void was strong, but against such a large group, all they could do was run away.

Grey nodded before turning around. His control over his strength had increased, this not only made him stronger, but he could also maximize his energy when fighting.

This was something only top notch experts could do. He was naturally nowhere near the level of his father, but he still had a lot of time to continue improving, so he wasn't worried.

Chapter 1080 Preparing To Breakthrough

The group headed back to the Faction. Grey decided he would use the treasure given to him by Ellis' father when he starts his seclusion once again. He had completed some missions, so he would have some time to himself and not have to worry about Grand Elder Archibald making trouble with him.

They soon got back to the Faction and Ellis told him of his plan to stay on this Continent for a while. There was nothing interesting going on in his Family, so he wanted to take some time out. Also, he wanted to train Aelie as well.

Grey had no issues with that and after sorting out a few things, he headed into the Faction with Keith and Void.

They both went to report the completion of their missions.

Grey left immediately after he was done, heading straight for his place. He wanted to focus on cultivating now.

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Time flew by and the region was quite settled. Grey was cultivating and hadn't been seen in months, other than a few battles, there wasn't anything important going on.

Klaus and the others were all focused on cultivating as well. They couldn't be bothered by what was happening outside at the moment, they wanted to grow stronger, and fast.

Three months into his seclusion cultivation, Grey was preparing to break through to the Elemental Venerable Plane when he got a piece of information.

Every fifty years, a competition will be held across the entire Aurora Continent to determine the top geniuses in the Continent.

They would all be separated into different parts, the Elemental Venerable Plane was the highest, and then the Sage Plane. Those in the Overlord Plane would also get a chance to compete, but the real main characters of the competition are those in the Sage and Elemental Venerable Plane.

The news quickly spread across the entire Continent. Youths started to cultivate so they could show their might in the competition, while others went out to train their practical combat skills.

The competition would take place in another five months, enough time for all of them to see some major improvements in their abilities.

Pyrmond Faction.

Grey decided to step out for a bit. He wanted to break through to the Elemental Venerable Plane and he knew doing that in the Faction might not be a good thing for him. He knew how often he tended to cause commotions when breaking through, there have been times when he even caused a commotion while breaking through to a minor stage, much less a major Plane like this time.

When he came out, he saw Keith preparing to go out as well. Keith could be said to be advancing pretty quickly as well.

"Did you hear about the competition?" Keith asked when he saw Grey.

"Yeah." Grey nodded.

"Will you take part in it?" Keith looked at him curiously, given Grey's strength, it wouldn't be a problem for him to dominate whichever part he joins in the competition. There's a high chance that he might be able to break through to the Elemental Venerable Plane before then, at that time, he would only battle with others in the Early stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

"We'll see." Grey didn't show too much optimism.

Over the course of a few years, he had participated in way too many competitions. He had won so many that he was starting to get numb to the feeling. To be honest, he wasn't too interested in the so-called title of the greatest genius of the current generation.

This doesn't mean that he would not like to attend the competition, if something were to come up at that same time, he would most likely opt not to go for the competition.

"Alright. Headed out?" Keith asked.

Grey nodded and continued walking forward.

Void appeared on his shoulder lazily.

'Looks like you're at your limit.' He commented.

Grey had used the treasure given to him by Ellis, and his strength increased once again. Originally, his physical strength had not gotten to the Peak of the Sage Plane. But after he absorbed that treasure, his physique saw a boost and now he was at the Peak with both his cultivation stage and his physical body.

Void found the treasure quite mysterious, how could something be able to bring out the true potential of the Dragon blood essence so easily?

It must be something rare, if not, there would've been more people like this.

'Yeah. I'll be going to see if I can temper my body a little bit before breaking through.' Grey replied.

Grey's body was at a limit, but he felt he could still increase it a little further. Unlike most people, he didn't really feel too much of a bottleneck. There are some people who have stayed at the Peak of the Sage Plane their whole lives.

Other than the time he stayed at the Peak of the Origin Plane for so long, he had been breaking through without a hitch so far. Before he got to the Peak of the Origin Plane, he was also breaking through quite easily as well.

The duo continued chatting as they headed out of the Faction.

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Some days later.

Grey decided to go far away from where the Faction was located just to be safe. After leaving, he also used his space element to teleport a few times, while also using some of the teleportation arrays he had set up in multiple places. He didn't dare to be careless.

If others find out the secret hidden in his body, he would be in danger.

"This should be safe." He muttered as they appeared in a mountain range filled with Magical Beasts.

"Not entirely, there are multiple powerful auras here." Void said as he looked around.

His senses were sharper than Grey's, so he could tell if there was danger.

"Should we leave then?" Grey asked.

"No need, none of them are in the Elemental Venerable Plane. My domain should protect you for some time. The only thing is that after you break through, it wouldn't be of any use. But during your breakthrough, you should be fine." Void reassured.