

Affinity 1161

Chapter 1161 A Different Breed

"You are hot in the market, even if I fail, someone will still kill you." The girl said with blood dripping from her mouth.

"I'll scale through, just like I've done today." Grey replied calmly and ended the girl. There was no remorse in his eyes.

"Hot guy, guess there will be more people who will be trying to kill you." Klaus joked.

"It is what it is. For some reason, the Gnomes genuinely want me dead, and the rewards are quite attractive." Grey said.

"Should I send your head over to them? I mean, it would be better if you let your friends get the reward instead of others." Klaus grinned.

"Given your attitude, the chances of you dying before me should be higher, you make far more enemies than I do." Grey retorted.

"Yes, but they are all within my level, you don't see me offending an entire race that almost wiped out the human race." Klaus said.

Reynolds and Ellis nodded in agreement to what Klaus said. Grey was most likely the only one who could make an enemy of such strong people. Klaus might be annoying, but he had always chosen his enemies carefully. He might become enemies with people stronger for the pressure, but not people that could easily overwhelm him.

"Why are you acting like I did it on purpose?" Grey complained.

"You made camp outside the portal that sends them in, almost killed one of the princes, and stopped them from sending in young geniuses because you had killed too many of them. If I were in their position, I would've threatened to start another invasion unless you were produced." Klaus' words immediately shut Grey up.

"Okay, I agree that I was a little impulsive." Grey agreed with Klaus' words, but then added, "They were hunting us, it was only right I did the same."

"They are the stronger of the two races, they naturally feel we shouldn't be able to compete with them, much less bully them to such an extent. You provoked them with your actions, and seeing how talented you were, they took you as a threat." Ellis commented on the conversation.

Grey and the others knew he was correct.

"I was too impulsive." Grey couldn't help but sigh.

He didn't think much about this when he was attacking them at the time, he only didn't want them to bully humans any more, and given his past experiences with them, he hated them. When the opportunity presented itself, he attacked them, making them hide. At the time, it was quite an impressive feat to be honest, and he was quite excited given the battles he had.

"There's no use regretting it now, what's done is done." Grey shrugged it off in a casual manner.

Klaus and Reynolds nodded, but Ellis couldn't help but take a glance at Grey. The fact that Grey was acting like it was ordinary was out of this world, anyone else would've been frightened, but the only thing Grey said was that he was too impulsive.

'He's a different breed.'

That was the only thought in his head.

The four of them left the place, Grey didn't forget to take the storage ring in the girl's hand, he knew that she must have taken the good things here, even though they might not be of much use to him, it wasn't a bad thing to have them.

When they came out, the others were heading towards their direction. The little girl who entered the place was with them as well. Ellis saw her a few minutes after the group left and decided to go in after them. Breaking through the seal wasn't too hard. After getting in he saw Reynolds and Klaus heading in the direction Grey was fighting with the girl and joined them. Since it might be dangerous, he didn't allow her follow them.

"Done?" Grey asked.

They nodded.

"We should leave then, I think we've been here for at least a month now." Grey suggested.

The others nodded, they were tired of this place. Some of them needed to digest the rewards they got here, while others needed to train. Not everyone was like Grey and Klaus who were lucky to almost always get all the good stuff, a few people actually needed to recover their strength.

The group soon walked out of the building. Conor left with those from the Dawson Family, telling Grey he was waiting for his next visit to the Dawson Family.

Grey waved them goodbye and while they were leaving, he saw a familiar figure. The young lady from the Syphilis Faction he almost killed. The moment the young lady saw him, she turned around and bolted out of the area.

Keith soon walked up to them, "I thought we would only see after we've left this place."

Unlike the others, he wasn't transported by the large throne, but the other smaller ones. So there was no way he would've been able to see them.

Seeing that Klaus, Reynolds, Alice, and even Kyle had broken through to the Elemental Venerable Plane, he couldn't help but feel slightly envious. He knew if he had gone with them, the chances of him actually benefiting too would've been quite high as well. Unfortunately, his talent was not high enough and he couldn't enter the same place as the others.

"I will have to leave now, someone's waiting for me." Gilbert said, his father was still waiting for him.

"It was fun traveling with you guys, I wouldn't mind doing it another time." He said before finally leaving.

Grey and the others waved him goodbye and turned to look at the enormous building once again. They've had a few experiences here, and a few of them had almost been killed, especially Grey, but they had also gotten some great rewards from the place. The real winner is none other than Grey who inherited the core techniques of the Twilight Faction.

Klaus got a few good techniques as well, also benefiting from some things. Reynolds learned a new form for his Elemental Warrior after being inspired by something he saw in the place. Alice broke through to the Elemental Venerable Plane, the same for Kyle.

"Let's get going."

The group started their journey out of the secret realm.

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Outside the secret realm.

The Heavenly Fate Faction.

In a secluded room in the Faction, the young lady Grey passed on the techniques to, as well as the Faction Leader of the Heavenly Fate Faction could be seen.

"Someone stole the entire inheritance from you?" The Faction Leader of the Heavenly Fate Faction asked the young lady coldly.

"I'm sorry Father, I tried everything but I couldn't break his defense. He was able to absorb everything in a matter of minutes and he didn't seem to feel any burden from it. If I were to fight with such a person, I might most likely die. However, he passed the techniques on to me." The young lady apologized with her head down. She knew her Father would be upset by the news but she knew it was only right she told him about it.

"Do you know how much I've sacrificed for this expedition?" The Faction Leader asked.

"I know Father, he had a special armor that could transform into a robe, and also dragon scales." The young lady explained.

"Are you sure he had dragon scales?" The Faction Leader asked after a moment of silence.

"Yes, Father." The young lady nodded.

"The Vaergahl Family, but what would they want with those?" The Faction Leader muttered to himself.

"Go, tell them to stop anyone from the Vaergahl Family from leaving, we will question them. I will go speak with the Elder that came with them." The Faction Leader said.

The young lady bowed and left.

The eyes of the Faction Leader turned slightly cold, with a cold snort, he stepped out.

The Vaergahl Family were one of the few who accepted their invitation, so they were staying in the Faction grounds.

It didn't take long before the Faction Leader saw the leading Elder of the Vaergahl Family. A few of the youths from the Family had come out of the secret realm.

"Can we speak, privately?" He said the moment he appeared.

Noticing the tone of the Faction Leader's voice, the Elder sent the youths away and went inside the building with him.

"A youngster from your Family took something that belongs to my Faction inside the secret realm." He went straight to the point, describing the person how his daughter described him to him.

"No one of that description came with us. You should know that not all the geniuses from my Family are able to get the dragon scales. The few who came with us don't fit that description. None of them has blue scales." The Elder said with a calm mannerism.

"You mean there's someone outside the Vaergahl Family that can acquire dragon scales?" The Faction Leader looked at the Elder, his eyes turning cold.

"There shouldn't be, but if there is, I would like to know who that person is." The eyes of the Elder also turned cold at this point.

Chapter 1162 Trouble?

Grey and his friends came out of the secret realm a few minutes after the Leader of the Heavenly Fate Faction went to meet with the Elder from the Vaergahl Family.

Grey had no idea his use of dragon scales had put the Vaergahl Family into the picture. Now, not just the Heavenly Fate Faction, but the Vaergahl Family were looking for him.

Of course, this wouldn't bother him since he knew there was no way they would think it was him. First off, other than the dragon scales, he didn't use any form of attacks, so the young lady didn't know how she could describe him other than the armor and scales.

The armor was something he didn't have prior to entering the place, this made him even more confident that he wouldn't be captured by others.

When they came out, he noticed the strange mood around those from the Vaergahl Family, they seemed to be somewhat annoyed because they were being held back by those from the Heavenly Fate Faction.

"What's happening with them?" Klaus pointed the strange situation out.

"Nothing we should involve ourselves in. We better get going." Ellis suggested.

He had some experience with the Vaergahl Family and knew it was best to stay out of their way.

Grey agreed with him and they soon left the area. Keith went over to meet up with those from the Pyrmond Faction, he came with them and it was only right he went back with them.

When the Elders from the Pyrmond Faction saw the few people that returned, they couldn't help but shiver at the thought of the danger within the secret realm. It was only after they heard from Keith how the Syphilis Faction went on a killing spree on them due to looking for Grey did they understand why the death rate was that high.

A few of the Elders looked at Grey, they didn't know what to feel about him. However, when they looked at the side of the Syphilis Faction and noticed of over fifty people that went in, only around eight people made it out, they couldn't help but clean their eyes.

Keith told them of Grey's act of hunting those from the Syphilis Faction and killing them with ease. The Elders felt gratitude when they looked at Grey, at least with this, they knew he still placed the Faction somewhere in his heart.

After finding out that he was from the Dawson Family and even the son of such a famous figure, most of them didn't think he would want to associate himself with the Faction, but to their surprise, he came back after a long trip. Although he left soon after, he fought for the Faction when the people were being slaughtered, although some might say he was the cause, technically, the Syphilis Faction had always tried to kill those from the Pyrmond Faction with any opportunity they could find.

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Grey and his friends went back to the place they gathered when they first arrived.

"Why don't we go for a short stroll before everyone goes back to their Factions?" Reynolds suggested.

"That's the best thing I've heard you say for a while." Klaus chuckled and said.

Reynolds smiled and replied, "Thanks."

He suddenly paused after speaking, he looked at Klaus who had burst out laughing, along with the others.

Embarrassed, he yelled angrily, chasing after the already running Klaus who was about to exit the tavern, "What the hell?! Come here, I'll kill!"

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Five months went by in a flash.

The entire Aurora Continent seemed to enter a state of quietness, it was like after the last expedition to the Twilight Faction, there was a moment of break.

Grey and his friends went back to their separate Factions. Contrary to what most from the Dawson Family felt, Grey didn't go back with them, rather, he went back with the Pyrmond Faction.

Ellis continued his exploration of the continent. He originally came out to train, alongside the young lady with him. Since Grey and the others were going into secluded cultivation, he followed his initial plans.

The Pyrmond Faction.

Grey was in his building when he heard a knock. He opened his eyes and left his place of cultivation, walking over to the door.

When he opened it, he realized it was someone from the Faction's mission hall.

"That time again?" He asked.

The young lady could only give a wry smile and nod. Although the Grand Elder from the Family Foudre came from wasn't openly causing trouble for him, he had made sure Grey went for more missions compared to others.

There had been multiple times during the history of the Faction when missions were assigned to a specific individual, so it wasn't the first time something like this was happening, but it has been the most frequent in a year.

Grey sighed, "Let's get this over with."

He came out with the young lady and headed to the Elder's Area. Apparently, missions of this level are not dropped in the Mission Hall, rather, it is a personal request from a top individual in the Faction.

The moment Grey and the young lady appeared, the Elder motioned for the young lady to leave and tossed a scroll at Grey.

"Grey, you're here. Here's the mission, I want it completed within a week." The Elder said.

Grey took the scroll and left.

When he got to his place, he sighed. He had broken to the Third stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane, due to spending too much time on missions, he hadn't been able to advance much, even with the new techniques he got from the place, he had only been able to learn a few new techniques.

After accessing all the options with him, he learned the techniques he felt were better.

Since his return, Keith, who didn't benefit too much from the last expedition they went together, had been out of the Faction for a long period, he headed to his building but he hadn't still returned.

Void and the bunny leader sat excitedly on his shoulders, they hadn't seen anything interesting to do for almost a month now, when Grey left the place of cultivation and went out, they knew he must have been assigned a mission.

"I'm tired of these things. I'll be leaving soon." He couldn't help but complain when he walked outside the Faction.

"What's the plan this time?" Void couldn't help but ask what the mission was.

"I don't know what populates that area yet, I'll have to go out first." Grey replied.

"Alright." Void said.

Grey and the others left the place and headed for the forest around them. The Faction is covered by a large area of mass and it was filled with Magical Beast, and whenever most of the top dangerous missions were assigned to the people from your Faction, Grey has no way of finding out the mission he was assigned was dangerous.

Only after he headed to one of the areas does he know that it is dangerous.

He was unfortunate to travel for a journey a year ago, so he knew the days he would be able to leave without facing any issues.

Grey, Void, and the bunny leader left. Grey had just recently learned a new technique from the ones he inherited, so he was trying to get used to it.

When he got to the place, he noticed that the enemy in the place was two stages ahead of his current stage.

After five months, he only broke through a stage, the Magical Beast he had to face was only in the Fifth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

Grey could fight against these five people, although they were still in the Fifth stage, they were not stronger than other geniuses in the Fifth stage.

He was able to learn all the new techniques he had in mind with them, while also getting used to his new strength. In a matter of days, he was already accustomed to going with his seniors on a mission.

He was still in the Third stage when he went with his seniors in a mission that was in the Sixth stage. He tried to trick a group into making his missions easier since that group wasn't a top group, they tried to always make sure he was assigned a mission that it was among the top Factions.

Grey would have to go with only two people that were in the Fifth stage. This was a mission that was regular to his seniors.

On this mission, Grey was shocked when he noticed that the people waiting for the mission were not the last ones. He knew this mission was not going to be like the last one.

He looked at the others that were looking at the mission.

"Do you think it will be easy?" Someone from his regular group for missions asked.

"Not entirely. This mission will be harder than the last." Someone said.

Chapter 1163 A Fool's Dream

Grey watched this group of new people, although he wasn't too social, even with the last group of people he usually travels with, he had gotten used to going on the missions with them.

He couldn't help but give a sigh and accept his fate. These people were only a stage above the people he usually travels with.

"We should get going." He said, seeing the trio weren't showing any signs of moving.

"We want to accept a mission close to where your mission is going to be carried out. More points for us." A young man from the group of three said with a smile.

"I'm not helping out with that, I'm not interested in doing any other missions." Grey was as straightforward as ever. If these people felt they would get him to help in their missions, they were obviously dreaming.

He had zero interest in the mission he was assigned, much less that of others. The only reason he wanted to go with them was because it would make his mission easier, and it wasn't like he was hoarding the rewards since he would be sharing it equally with them.

The others nodded. Everyone knew of Grey's personality, so none of them took offense from what he said.

Grey was pleased with how they took the situation and left with them.

Just like most of the missions the Grand Elder had assigned for him, this one was still in the forest surrounding the Faction. However, they would have to venture deep into the forest.

Grey knew for a fact that the deeper he goes into the forest, the more danger he would come across.

When the group got to the edge of the forest, Grey told them of the mission.

"Our mission is to bring back the core and corpse of a Three Headed Deer." He looked at the trio with him.

When they heard him say Three Headed Deer, their expressions changed slightly. These were incredibly rare Beasts, encountering one was purely by chance, yet, they were sent to go and search for it.

These Beasts don't like socializing with other creatures, so they are usually solitary and keep a very large territory. They are extremely territorial and will fight to the death in most cases if they feel someone or something is trespassing on their territory. As they grow older, they seem to develop a hatred for humans, and would occasionally kill them whenever they cross paths.

Grey didn't care about these things, all that mattered to him was completing the mission within the space of a week. Locating the Beast was the hardest part, but there had been sightings of the Beasts from those who had ventured into the forest for a mission in the past few months.

"Our first target is the western part. That is the part that has the most sightings of them. If we're lucky, we might complete the mission within a day or two." Grey gave them a briefing on what he had found about locating the Beast.

The trio nodded and the group walked into the forest.

During the first parts of the journey, all they needed to do was to release their auras and the Magical Beasts around would run away at the sense of how strong they were. But the deeper they went, the stronger the Magical Beasts.

Before long, they had gotten to the point where there were occasional Rank Seven Magical Beasts. These Beasts were in the same Plane as them, although they might have a higher cultivation stage, these Beasts are not scared to cross blows with them.

A Beast soon attacked them, this Beast was in the Mid stages of Rank Seven.

Grey and the trio worked together and quickly killed it. After killing it, they kept the corpse.

Seeing that they were staring at him, Grey let them take the corpse. There were other things he was more concerned about.

The trio showed their gratitude to him for giving them the corpse before they continued on the journey.

One after another, Magical Beasts kept coming their way and they would kill all of them.

Grey couldn't help but frown when another Magical Beasts appeared. It was a Golden Spotted Fox. These were shy creatures that rarely attacked people, yet, this Fox had a somewhat enraged eyes as it charged at them.

"Strange." He muttered as he dodged the sharp claws of the Fox.

The trio worked with him and the Fox was on the verge of dying in a matter of seconds when Grey received a voice transmission from Void.

'Don't kill it.'

Grey paused for a slight second but reacted accordingly, pushing the Fox from the incoming attacks of the trio.

"Wait! Don't kill it." He said.

"Why?" The leader of the trio asked, ready to attack. This was the most benefits they had made in a long time, and he didn't want a free Rank Seven beast core to go just like that.

"Haven't you noticed more Magical Beasts are attacking us? I've frequented these areas during the past months, and although there are Rank Seven Magical Beasts all around, they rarely attack people in this manner. I know most of the routes, so I'm sure we're not in any of these Beasts' territory, yet they keep attacking." Grey explained in a calm manner.

He wasn't in a hurry, the Fox tried to attack, but it was put down with a casual wave of his hand. The Fox was already severely injured, it was no match for Grey's physical strength.

Grey's cultivation isn't the only thing that had advanced these past months, his physical strength had also gone from being level with the explosive strength of someone in the Fifth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane to someone in the Sixth stage, edging closer to the Seventh stage. This Fox only recently broke through to the Mid stage of Rank Seven, it was no match for him, physically.

The trio looked at how easy it was for Grey to push the Fox away, but they still thought about his words. They were also quite shocked by how often they were being attacked, but due to how many free high level cores they were gaining, they weren't thinking about it.

"In most cases, Beasts tend to act like this when there's something good in the area." One of the trio said, licking his lips.

Whenever natural treasures are born into the world, especially in forests like these, Magical Beasts would swarm the area. In these times, people would encounter more Magical Beasts when exploring that area of the forest during the time the treasure is about to be born.

"Yes, but don't put your hopes in getting it. There are Rank Eight Magical Beasts in this forest. I will not want to encounter any one of them just because I was clouded by greed." Grey's words killed the thoughts in the heads of the trio.

"The four of us should be able to deal with a Rank Right Magical Beast." The youngest of the trio suggested.

Grey chuckled but didn't reply, there was no use in reasoning with someone who could bring up such a suggestion. Even a Peak Rank Seven Beast shouldn't have too much of a problem dealing with all four of them, yes, Grey included, yet, this young man was suggesting they attacked a Rank Eight Magical Beast, one they didn't even know if it's in the Early stage or Late stage.

"Come on, if we can get that treasure, we will advance faster." Another one of them urged.

"I'm not interested in that. You can go if you want." Grey replied as he started to go through the map of the forest he had created in his head.

At present, his plan is to avoid the area where the treasure should be born.

"This thing will definitely attract Three Headed Deers to the area, this will make your mission easier. Think about it, such a treasure would attract all the Magical Beasts in the area, right?" The leader of the trio said, stopping Grey's thoughts.

"Yes, even if we're not going there for the treasure, we can just wait there and a Three Headed Deer would come to us."

Grey couldn't refute their words, although he wanted to avoid that place, he also knew that with such a treasure, a Three Headed Deer will surely appear there, so long as it's in this forest.

Seeing Grey's expression, the trio knew that they had been able to convince Grey.

"Just to be clear, if an opportunity presents itself for any of us to take the treasure, first to get it, own it." The leader of the trio said.

Grey nodded, not even bothered about it. Why would he want something a Rank Eight Magical Beast has set its sights on?

He didn't try to stop these guys from daydreaming. Fools were allowed to dream.

The trio all had plans of getting the treasure, Grey on the other hand, just wanted to complete his mission and continue his training.

Chapter 1164 Instant-Kill

Grey naturally knew the plans of the trio, but he felt they should get the picture since he had already made it clear to them that other than the mission, he wasn't going to involve himself in anything else. As long as whatever they had plans of doing was not in line with the mission he had in mind, then he was not interested.

It didn't take long to track the place the treasure was going to be born, all they had to do was to go to the area with a higher concentration of Magical Beasts and they would be able to get the general knowledge of the place.

A few days passed while they were waiting for the treasure to be born before the Three Headed Deer appeared. The one that showed its face was shockingly in Rank Eight.

Grey wasn't stupid enough to try to fight the beast, he still had around three days before the deadline for the mission. As long as he was able to complete it, even if it was a day after the deadline, he should be able to maneuver past it. The Grand Elder was trying to be fair with his acts of trying to get Grey killed, so he would be able to deal with him being a day late.

One of the trio couldn't help but ask, "There the beast is, why don't we take it down?"

"You believe we are enough to take down a Rank Eight Magical Beast?" Grey took a glance at the young man.

The young man nodded in reply to Grey's question.

Grey took a peek at the others and saw their reactions, he chuckled internally and said, "The mission required a Rank Seven Magical Beast, not a Rank Eight one."

The young man looked at Grey, a bit displeased by his words. He looked at the others and seeing their reaction, he knew he might have overestimated their capabilities. With a snort, he looked away.

Grey couldn't help but sigh.

'This is why I liked the old group, they already know what to do.' He said to Void.

'This guy wouldn't last long if left alone.' Void evaluated the young man who was trying to get them to attack the Three Headed Deer. Only a fool would believe people in the Mid stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane would think that only four people would be able to defeat a beast in the Eighth Rank. Even if all four of them had Grey's abilities, they would barely stand a chance against it.

The group waited another day and Grey was slowly starting to feel like they might not be able to see a Three Headed Deer here, he was already having the thought of suggesting they leave, but he halted the thought and decided to wait till nightfall. If a Three Headed Deer doesn't appear in the night, he would leave the next morning.

Later that night.

Grey was watching most of the beasts coming into the area, he sent Void and the bunny leader to different positions since he wouldn't be able to get a complete view of all the beasts that were coming into the area. The trio that came with him were also stationed in different places.

He was about to give up when one of the trio, the young man who was originally trying to get him to attack the Rank Eight Three Headed Deer appeared.

"I saw one entering the area, it's in the Mid stages of Rank Seven, well within your abilities." He reported.

"Alright." Grey called over the others, as well as Void and the bunny leader.

They came up with a tactic to attack it. One has to know that this is an area completely filled with Magical Beasts, as long as the slightest ripples of a battle spread out, they would attract so many Magical Beasts that it would be difficult for them to escape, much less completing the mission.

By the time they completed the plan, a few more minutes had gone by. Grey didn't trust the young man, so he decided to send Void ahead to check out if the beast was as the young man said. Sending Void ahead of them wasn't only to check if the beast was within their power, but to also set up some array points.

Void was somewhat proficient in arrays, although he rarely tried it out, Grey occasionally teaches him a thing or two. All he had to do now was to set up the preliminary array for Grey. That way, once Grey appears, all he needed to do was to set up the main array in the middle and enclose this area from others.

Grey soon got the word from Void that the young man's words were accurate and he had set up the array, awaiting their arrival.

Void had no issues with fighting against the Three Headed Deer on his own, he was also in the Mid stages of Rank Seven, and he had a superior bloodline. His superior bloodline, however, is the reason he can't fight against it. Once the Rank Eight Magical Beasts in the area sense it, they would want to devour him.

His bloodline might be higher than theirs, and he might have some certain advantages over them, but he can't cover the sheer advantage they had over him when it came to their cultivation stage.

Grey and the others appeared in the cave where the Three Headed Deer was residing, and the moment they appeared, Grey instantly made the last symbols, setting up the array.

The symbol he created silently flew into the sky and merged with five other dim lights that had been positioned in different locations.

The trio looked at Grey, amazed by his efficiency. They thought it would take a while before he completed the array, but he completed it almost immediately they arrived which came as a shock to them.

"Get to work. It can't keep the ripples from the Rank Eight Three Headed Deer, it will only delay it. We have to take it down as soon as possible." Grey urged them when he saw them standing in the same place.

They nodded and quickly surrounded the place.

Grey was going to be the main attacker, he would also be the one that would enter the cave to fight against the Deer, the others would wait outside and attack when the Deer comes out of the cave.

Inside the cave.

The cave was quite large, and it was also quite deep. Grey rushed inside, Void and the bunny leader were by his side. He has already activated his dragon scales at this time.

His body was giving off a faint golden glow, this was one of the new light element techniques he learned from those techniques. It helps with almost instant-healing him whenever he gets hurt. It was a good skill to have when fighting with the physical body. Against a Magical Beast, he would almost always want to use his physical strength to overpower it.

After walking for a few minutes, Grey saw the Three Headed Deer lying on the ground, seemingly resting.

Grey was a master at masking his aura, there was no way a Rank Seven Magical Beast would be able to sense him, except a select few.

'A one shot sneak attack?' Void asked.

Grey nodded, this was the plan. The reason he didn't take the others with him was because they might not be able to hide their aura as well as he could.

'I'll use my bloodline to intimidate it, while you attack from behind.' Void said.

Grey nodded and went to the side, just as he was about to attack, he saw a smaller Three Headed Deer. He systematically froze, unsure of what to do.

This Three Headed Deer had a calf, if he were to kill it, it means he had to kill the little one as well.

'I'll keep it for now, I'll think of what to do later.' He sighed to himself.

This was his chance to complete the mission, he would not give it up for a small Deer, at most, he'll take it with him and give it to someone.

Thinking about it, he felt it was the perfect Magical Beast to give the little he left with the triplet. Her brother was still in a coma. Since leaving, he hadn't been able to check up on them.

Grey positioned himself behind the Deer. As if it sensed Grey, the Deer opened its eyes and was about to turn around when Void stood in front of it.

Void's aura exploded out and the Deer froze, the smaller one passed out from the pressure.

The Deer was still trying to hold on when a large spear made of the space element pierced through its head, killing it in an instant.

The Deer didn't even have the time to react before it was killed by the duo's cooperation.

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Outside the cave.

In another part of the forest.

The Rank Eight Three Headed Deer seemed to sense something and opened its closed eyes, it looked in the direction Grey was located and its eyes turned cold.

Chapter 1165 Stopped From Leaving

Back in the cave.

"Oh crap! It sensed it!" Void exclaimed and headed for the exit of the cave.

Grey didn't need to ask what Void was speaking about, with his reaction, he knew for a fact that it was a Rank Eight Magical Beast. If the beast meets them here, they would be in danger.

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Outside the cave.

The trio were waiting to attack the beast, seeing Grey rush out of the cave, they looked behind him, but didn't see any beast chasing after him.

"Is it too strong?" One of them asked hurriedly.

"It's dead, leave immediately. A Rank Eight Beast is coming." Grey warned them.

When they heard Grey's words, they froze at first. It hadn't even been more than a few minutes since Grey entered, and they didn't even sense any aura of a fight, yet he said he had killed it.

But they snapped back to reality when they recalled the last part of his statement... A Rank Eight Magical Beast was coming their way.

Grey was running this fast, it showed that he was not joking around.

They ran after Grey when they heard a powerful roar getting close to them.

Void and Grey had hid their auras, trying to move as subtly as they could.

'This is why I like traveling alone. I will not take any other missions.' He sighed.

If he was alone with just Void, he wouldn't have to worry about the safety of others and would've easily found a place to hide and wait until the beast was gone, but now, he had to take the safety of the trio into account.

As they ran through the forest, they encountered more beasts, but Grey and Void made them retreat in a flash.

The sound of the beast's roar was getting lower and lower. The duo didn't leave any signs of the battle. Luckily, he killed the Three Headed Deer with one clean strike, so there was no way others would know about it even if they entered the place, with the exception of a few powerful individuals.

After running for about thirty minutes or so and confirming their safety, Grey stopped. The trio stopped as well, all gasping for air.

They were not as fast as Grey, and flying in a situation like theirs was not the best option, so they had to move on their feet.

"It stopped chasing us over twenty minutes ago." One of them complained while catching his breath.

Grey took a glance at the person and didn't respond, if not for the beast's roar, the trio would never have realized they were being chased by a Rank Eight beast. Void was the main reason he was aware of it, he only sensed the beast after coming out of the cave.

While they were running, he lost track of the beast's aura, luckily, Void was with him. Void was able to locate it and tell him the beast was still chasing them.

If the trio had been alone, they would've most likely died under the claws of the beast by now.

"I hope you weren't lying when you said the Three Headed Deer was dead." Another one of them spoke up later on.

A large beast appeared beside them, and the dead Three Headed Deer was lying there quietly. Of its three heads, only one of them had a hole in it, the others were untouched.

The fact that Grey could kill it with such ease shocked them.

They inspected it and found out it died from just this one attack. After exchanging glances with each other, they nodded to Grey.

Grey was a quite famous figure in the Faction, and his stories about his strength were widely spread in the Faction, but not everyone acknowledged him. This trio were skeptical about his strength, but now, they completely believed him.

"What's the plan now?" The young man who had eyes for the treasure asked.

To be honest, given how scared he was when running away just now, he had killed the idea of even seeing the treasure, much less taking it.

Grey thought about it and decided to help them out with their mission. He would be leaving the Faction soon to try to see if he could help the young man with the triplet, and given how these guys had been acting, they would most likely die if left alone here.

When they heard that Grey was willing to assist them with their mission, they were ecstatic.

Their mission didn't take as long as Grey's mission and they completed it within the next few hours.

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Some days later.

Pyrmond Faction.

The Faction Leader was staring at Grey, feeling some sort of headache. He knew all about the Grand Elder's missions for Grey and had even confronted him a few times, but the Grand Elder didn't seem to care about it.

Grand Elder Archibald looked at Grey with a cold gaze, he still recalled how he felt when he knew who Grey's father was, and in all honesty, he hated both Grey and his father.

"You're not allowed to leave the Faction ground without going out for an official mission." Grand Elder Archibald said.

When Grey tried to leave the Faction some days after handing over the items, he was stopped. Apparently, the Grand Elder placed people at the gate to stop him from leaving the Faction.

Grey took the matter to the Faction Leader and the Faction Leader summoned the Grand Elder.

"Since when was that part of the Faction rules?" Grey looked at the Faction Leader.

The Faction Leader shook his head, "It's not. However, a Grand Elder or Faction Leader can stop an individual from leaving the Faction if they feel like it. It's something that rarely happens, but it does happen, occasionally."

Grey raised a brow, stunned by what he was hearing. He couldn't believe they were actually telling him that they wanted to keep him in the Faction.

"Boy, stay in your building peacefully, I have a mission you wouldn't want to miss." Grand Elder Archibald laughed lightly.

"Your mission will have to wait, Grand Elder, I have assigned Grey to a mission and he will be leaving in a few minutes." The Faction Leader said calmly.

"What do you mean you've assigned him a mission?" Grand Elder Archibald's tone turned cold.

The Faction Leader tossed a ring over to Grey and replied, "He will be helping me deliver something private."

"I want him back within a week." Grand Elder Archibald said.

"Do I look like a toy to you?" Grey felt irritated with the way the Grand Elder was treating him.

He knew the Faction Leader only assigned him this mission so he could leave, and he was grateful to him for that. If not for the Faction Leader, he wouldn't have returned to the Faction after the last incident, but he knew the Faction Leader genuinely cared for him, so he returned.

Grand Elder Archibald left a little annoyed with the Faction Leader.

"What will I be delivering?" Grey asked after the departure of Grand Elder Archibald.

"There's a rare gem there. I was supposed to hand it over to my sister the last time I went out, but I forgot about it. Now, I want you to help me with this. You should be able to complete the mission within a week at most if you travel with teleportation arrays..." The Faction Leader told him the location of where he was headed and the mission.

Grey thanked the Faction Leader for his assistance with the Grand Elder and left. This time, he was lucky to find Keith just arriving.

"Oh, you've broken through." He was a little amazed that Keith had broken through to the Elemental Venerable Plane.

He had to admit that Keith was a genius, although not on the level of him and his friends, Keith was quite hardworking, this made up for his lesser talent.

"I was fortunate during my return and got a treasure in the forest a few days ago." Keith replied with a smile.

"What part of the forest?" Grey couldn't help but ask. During his mission, he knew of the treasure that was about to be born, but he didn't want to involve himself with a potentially dangerous battle, so he refrained from going for it.

Keith thought for a while before replying, "In the northern part, there was also the corpse of a beast close to it."

Grey couldn't help but click his tongue at Keith's luck. He not only got the treasure, but the corpse he saw most likely belonged to a Rank Eight Magical Beast, and that in itself was also a treasure.

"It's good you've broken through. I'm on my way out, I'm not sure I will return for a few months." Grey said to Keith.

Keith nodded, he knew Grey had been in the Faction since returning from the secret realm, given Grey's personality, he thought he would've left earlier.

Chapter 1166 Can You Deal With Them

Grey's current plan was to search for a way to heal Arya's brother who was still in a coma. He still hadn't asked his father if he could help, so his plan was to first ask him if he could help, only after confirming that he can't will he think of what to do.

He had been communicating with the triplet and found out about the current predicament of Arya's brother's condition. He recalled the last time he went there and had to fight a group of people using evil methods to increase their cultivation stage.

He promised to go back when he got help, but he still haven't been able to ask his father for help, and he had been very busy with increasing his strength and keeping himself alive.

His grandfather also promised him an opportunity when he returned, but he hadn't gone since leaving. Since he had gotten to the Third stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane, he shouldn't have too many problems with whatever opportunity his grandfather wanted to offer him.

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Just like most of the time he's on a long journey, Grey disguised himself and seemingly disappeared from the world. During his journey, there were a few times he sensed the aura of necromancers and even Gnomes, but he didn't try to have any contact with them, he knew doing so would not be good for him given the fact that he was being hunted down by them.

It had been three weeks since he left the Faction and he opted to travel on his own instead of using teleportation arrays, although that would make his journey faster, he enjoyed traveling by foot more.

Two more weeks went by and he finally got to the place the Faction Leader sent him to. It was a small town that didn't have any great sights, it was like most small towns. Locating the Faction Leader's sister was quite easy as well. Before leaving, he got a good description from the Faction Leader and also a way to communicate with her.

He got to a small house that was isolated from the rest of the town and before he even knocked, the door opened and a lady who looked to be in her mid thirties walked out.

"You must be Grey, my brother has spoken a lot about you." The lady said the moment she walked out.

She had golden long hair, a soft looking face, pearly blue eyes, and was just around 5' 7. She looked nothing like the Faction Leader.

Grey bowed to show his respect and she waved for him to get back up.

"I was just about to head out to pick someone up, want to come with me?" The lady asked with a soft smile.

Grey paused, unsure of what to answer. His original plan was to drop the item and leave immediately.

"Don't worry, it's just around the corner." The lady said when she saw him hesitating.

Grey nodded after giving it careful thoughts, although he was wary of her, he didn't want her to view him in a bad light. Besides, he would most likely rarely see her after this.

Seeing Grey nod, she took a step forward, grabbed him and they disappeared.

Grey was stunned when he realized what was happening, the lady didn't use the space element, rather, she used the light element.

He had always known that the speed of the light element was second only to the space element when it came to covering long distances, but for short distances, it was second to none.

The place they appeared was around three to four kilometers away from the town. And with the speed of the lady, they appeared there within two seconds.

Grey couldn't help but be shocked.

Seeing Grey's expression, the lady chuckled, "You don't have to be shocked, you have the space element, which is quite superior to almost all the elements. Of course, each element has their own advantages, but the space element truly is domineering."

She didn't hide her admiration for the space element.

Grey didn't say much and only looked around, they were on a hilltop, and he could vaguely hear the sounds of people, arguing.

"What are we doing here?" He asked again.

"Like I said, I came to pick up someone." The lady headed down the mountain.

Grey followed her, not asking anymore questions. He was quite curious why she decided to take him along.

As they got closer to the ground, the voices got louder. Before long, he could see silhouettes of multiple people.

There were around ten people present, and they surrounded a figure. When Grey got closer, he got a better view of the person that was surrounded, it was a young lady who looked almost identical to the Faction Leader's sister, but younger, around Grey's age range or so.

"That's my unruly daughter." The lady said when she saw Grey looking at the young lady.

"Oh..." Grey nodded and watched the scene.

Apparently, these people wanted to rob the young lady.

"Why don't you listen to me and drop everything you have, including your clothes." One of the men surrounding her said with a lewd smile.

"Yes, drop your clothes first, we'll take the rest later on." Another one of the men said.

Hearing what they were saying, the young lady spat on the ground in disgust.

"You think you can do anything to me? Leave if you know what is good for you." She warned.

"Haha, the little lady is threatening us."

"We don't like it when we're being threatened, especially by little girls like house."

The voices of some of the men turned cold.

"Hold her down, I'll make sure she doesn't forget this day." A handsome man among the group said while licking his lips.

The young lady looked at the young man as she was approaching, her eyes cold. She was prepared to fight with them.

Just when they were about to get close to her, they heard a voice from behind them, berating someone.

"Eleanor, I told you not to go out, right?"

They didn't know who the person was or how the person even got there. The young lady on the other hand, had an expression of someone who had been caught doing something bad.

"I only wanted to see if it's still here." She said in a small mosquito-like voice.

"I'll punish you after dealing with these miscreants." The voice of the lady said again.

The group of ten turned around and saw two figures, Grey and the lady.

They had walked within a few meters of them without any of them even sensing it. One has to know that a few of them were in the Elemental Venerable Plane. Even among them, two had managed to get to the Fourth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

The lady took a glance at Grey, she had hidden her aura, and since she was well stronger than these people, there was no way they would be able to sense her aura, Grey on the other hand was only in the Third stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane, yet they were unable to sense him too.

'Looks like brother wasn't wrong, this kid is special.'

She thought about it for a while and asked, "Do you think you can handle them on your own?"

Grey looked at the group, they wouldn't be too much trouble to him, especially given their numbers.

"No problem." He replied and his figure flashed.

The next second, he was standing on the spot the young lady was previously standing on while the young lady was standing in the place he was standing, next to her mother.

As Grey appeared on the spot, his aura exploded out and an orb appeared. It was a Fusion orb that had more space elemental essence inside of it.

During the past six months since he left the secret realm, he had mastered the ability of quickly creating a Fusion orb like this one. This was not the only variant he created. Having multiple elements, he experimented with all his elements and realized after the space element, the darkness element was the most destructive.

Not too many people knew of his darkness element, so he preferred using his space element.

The power of the attack was beyond the expectations of the lady and seeing how other than the five in the Elemental Venerable Plane, the others disappeared like they never existed in an instant.

The explosion had just started to spread out and five people had vanished after coming in contact with it.

The lady felt the power was only so strong, but when it came in contact with those in the Elemental Venerable Plane, only the two who were in the Fourth stage survived, the other three who were in a stage below Grey disappeared into thin air as well.

If the lady wasn't strong enough, she would've thought they were teleported to another location, but she saw how everything happened and she was beyond amazed.

Chapter 1167 You Or The Family?

"Who's that?" Eleanor asked her mother, she was still comprehending how fast she switched places with Grey before Grey attacked the men.

A group of ten people, with Five in the Elemental Venerable Plane, had reduced to just two in a matter of seconds, and the two left were both missing an arm. It was evident that they had to sacrifice it just to survive the attack.

"He's Grey, your Uncle spoke about him during his last visit." The lady said.

"Oh, so he's the genius Grey." Eleanor looked at Grey in a new light.

She and her Uncle spoke a lot about a certain genius making waves in the Continent during the past year or two. Although Grey doesn't know it yet, his fame was already widespread across the entire Continent. For even the Gnome race to give out the kill order and offer such great things as reward for an individual in the younger generation, it was evident how talented the person was.

The lady looked at Grey, still in awe of his abilities. She was praising the space element a few minutes ago and Grey had just shown her why she was doing that. The space element is the most overpowered element there is at the moment and as long as a Space Elementalist can use it to its best, then that person can be said to be unstoppable among their peers.

Taking a look at how Grey not only got Eleanor out of danger but also took out eight people in one fluid sequence, it was obvious this wasn't the first time he was doing something like this.

The two people left from the group of ten looked at Grey, frightened. They were literally shaking from fear, each of them lost one arm, and they didn't even understand how it happened. What was worse was that it was like the arm was never there. They lost it without being able to fight back.

"Who... who are you?" The young man who seemed to be the leader of the group asked with a shaky voice.

"I'm Grey, you?" Grey replied casually.

The young man wanted to speak but he froze from fear when he heard what the lady said.

"There's no use knowing who they are, just kill them and be done with it."

"No... no... you can't kill me! My father will not let this go if you do." The young man warned.

Grey took a glance at the lady.

The lady saw his gaze and chuckled, "You're the son of the greatest genius the Continent has produced in hundreds of years... hehe, I might have to change that in a few years." After derailing from what she wanted to say, she continued, "You don't have to be afraid of his background."

The lady looked at the young man, moving her gaze away from Grey, "I know you, you're that Mayor's son, correct?"

The young man nodded vigorously, it was as if he had seen a ray of hope. Since the lady knew he was the son of a Mayor of the largest city around this region, she would definitely leave him alone. His father was an Elemental Sovereign, a top expert as well.

"Wait here." The lady vanished before her voice died down.

The duo who had lost an arm clutched onto the rest of the arm, still in shock. They looked at Grey who was standing there casually, not saying a word.

The young man who was in the Fourth stage sensed Grey's cultivation and was stunned when he found out it was only in the Third stage. Thinking about the attack Grey used, he felt it might have been a one time talisman.

"We can take him on, the only reason he was able to harm us is because he took us unaware, I don't believe he can use that attack again." The young man whispered to the other man with him.

He didn't want to know what the lady wanted to do, but he felt it might not be good for him. Since that was the case, he wanted to see if he could leave before she returned.

Eleanor was in the First stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane, when she overheard them, she looked at Grey, a bit worried. Even though she had heard of how brilliant he was, he still had to go against two people who were a stage above him and he wouldn't have the chance to attack them unaware anymore.

The duo stood and stood on either side of Grey, prepared to attack.

Grey didn't show any reaction to their movements and looked at Eleanor, "Take a few steps back."

Eleanor nodded and did as told.

After she took two steps back, the area was instantly enveloped by lightning and the duo screamed in pain. They started convulsing from the shock they got from the lightning.

"She said you should wait." He said after the duo fell to the ground.

He took a step closer and an array appeared in the area, sealing their elemental essence.

When Eleanor looked at her feet, she realized she was standing only a step away from the array. She soon understood the reason Grey told her to take a step back.

'How did he create an array in such a short time?' She was once again blown away by Grey's abilities.

She suddenly got curious about what he looked like. Grey still had his cloak on, which covered most of his face. Even his mouth which should've been visible was covered by a mask.

"Can you show me your face?" Eleanor said.

Grey was about to reply when the lady returned with a figure in her hand. He took a look at the figure and realized it was an advanced man who looked to be close to his fifties. The man was dressed in fancy clothes so he suspected he was from a wealthy family.

When the young man saw the figure the lady brought over, his eyes opened wide.

"F...ather." He called out weakly. After having his essence sealed, he lost most of his strength, he could barely even stand.

The array Grey used was quite special. This was the reason he told Eleanor to take some steps back so she would not be affected by it.

"Oh, you immobilized them, good." The lady said when she saw the condition of the duo. It wasn't hard for her to sense the presence of the array.

"Mr Mayor, I would like to kill your son, do you object to it?" She turned to the man by her side.

The Mayor had been staring at his son with an enraged look since he arrived, when he heard the words of the lady, his figure froze.

"My lady, please, for my sake, can you spare his life? I'm willing to destroy his cultivation right now." The Mayor went on his knees.

He was infuriated at his son, however, he couldn't just watch as his son was going to be killed.

"He tried to do stupid things to my daughter, do you still think I should spare his life?" The lady asked.

The Mayor only noticed Eleanor when the lady said this. Now he understood what happened. For some reason he felt a wave of sadness hit him. The fact that the lady brought him here meant that she was already prepared to kill his son.

"Why did you bring me here if you already made up your mind?" He asked, depressed.

"I don't want you thinking of what happened to your son, and according to him, you would know if he's killed. My young friend here would've ended him a long time ago, but it wouldn't be good for him to make an enemy of you, so I brought you here. At least this way, you would know why your son dies and not try to do anything foolish." The lady said.

She knew the thought running through the head of the Mayor, but she could care less. If she had killed the young man on her own, she was sure the Mayor would start searching for her, although she was not afraid, she didn't want to go through the hassle.

The Mayor sighed, he turned to his son, eyes filled with disappointment, "Why did you do this?"

"Father, you're going to let them kill me?" The young man asked, stunned.

"You, or the whole family, choose." The Mayor's reply made the young man speechless, he couldn't help but take a look at the young lady again.

He only came out for hunting, but then encountered Eleanor. She was a beautiful young lady and he felt he could get her for himself, he tried approaching her but she didn't give him any chances. Seeing that he was stronger, he decided to take advantage of it.

This was not the first time he had done something like this, hence the reason the people with him were so experienced at it.

Chapter 1168 This Little Guy Is A Jealous Type

Grey, the lady, and Eleanor returned to the small town. Under the Mayor's plea, the lady decided to keep the body intact. At least, unlike the others Grey killed, there was nothing left to even remember them.

"I'll be leaving now, I have something I have to do." Grey didn't want to waste any more time with them.

He had accompanied them on a short trip, now it was time for him to leave.

"Why the hurry? This place is not that bad, I can show you a few places." Eleanor suggested.

"I'm sorry, but it's quite important." Grey rejected her offer.

The lady sighed and said, "You can leave. Tell my brother not to be late with it next time."

Grey nodded and left, the Dawson Family awaits.

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The path he took to deliver the Faction Leader's item was coincidentally the path he used to head to the Dawson Family from the Pymond Faction.

Grey didn't know if the Faction Leader guessed his plan was to head to the Dawson Family or not, he just took it as a coincidence.

Days went by in a flash and he trained while heading there. By the time he got to the Region the Dawson Family was situated, he had broken through to the Fourth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane after being in the Third stage for a long time.

It couldn't be said that he was stuck in the Third stage, but given his usual cultivation speed, it did feel like he spent a great deal of time in the Third stage.

One of the things about Grey was his shocking speed in advancing in stages. A typical Elemental Venerable should spend around a year or so in each stage. Geniuses advance in a shorter time, spending around six to eight months in each stage. Grey on the other hand seemed to be advancing every three months or so.

This time when Grey got to the gate of the Dawson Manor, he wasn't stopped by the guards there, rather, they bowed and opened the gate for him. He couldn't help but recall the first time he came here, although he didn't think too much of it, but he still felt a slight feeling of awe just looking at the manor. The manor is not the biggest he had seen, but there was a certain majestic feeling it gave.

Void soon appeared on his shoulder, looking around with shining eyes, the bunny leader appeared on Grey's other shoulder.

"Don't even think about taking anything." Grey warned.

"What do you mean? It's from your family, which is basically the same as mine. We can take whatever we want." Void said matter-of-factly.

"What do you mean by the term 'our family'?" Grey raised a brow, even if he was from the Dawson Family, he couldn't really say he had fully accepted being part of the family.

Grey and Void were conversing as he walked further into the compound.

It didn't take long before Grey saw a familiar face, it wasn't Conor, rather, it was the son of the present Family Head. The first time Grey visited the Dawson Manor, he was warned to abolish the Dawson name by this young man. He never thought he would find out that he was related to him.

The son of the Family Head looked at Grey coldly. Grey had his mask off and his cloak wasn't covering his face, so the young man recognized him with a glance. It was quite hard to forget Grey's face, even though he only saw it for a short time.

"Brother, you're here." He smiled and made a motion of wanting to hug Grey.

Grey saw his smile, took a step back and stretched out his hand for a handshake. Unlike these people, he had always been bland, never wanting to feign ignorance in things like this unless he wanted to mess with people. The first thing he saw in the eyes of the young man was killing intent, the only thing was that the intent only flashed through and didn't linger in his eyes.

With Grey's superb intuition, there was no way he would not be able to sense it when someone has malicious intentions towards him.

The young man gave an awkward smile and shook Grey's hand. While holding his hand, a few of those from the younger generation who were walking past stopped and looked at them. They could somewhat sense the tension between the duo.

One is the son of the current Head of the Family, while the other is the son of the greatest talent the Family had ever produced, and who was also supposed to be the Family Head but refused.

From the personality of the young man, they had always felt a conflict might arise between the duo, and this encounter has proved to them that their thoughts were right.

"Grey, you're here." Conor's voice came from the background, easing the tension.

Grey naturally wasn't feeling anything, he only shook the hand of the young man, he didn't care about anything else.

The young man let go of Grey when he heard Conor's voice, before leaving he said, "Welcome to the Family, when I come back, I'll take you on tour around."

"Thank you for your kind offer, but I wouldn't be staying long." Grey replied while walking in Conor's direction.

The young man smirked but didn't say anything else.

"Aunt Martha has been waiting for you." Conor said when Grey got close to him.

Seeing the two Magical Beasts on Grey's shoulder, most of the youths were staring at him oddly. They felt maybe he liked cute little beasts just because he looked handsome.

Void was a cute little beast with his pure black fur and small size, the bunny leader was also the same, small, white, cute, other than the mischief in its eyes, it would've been far cuter than Void. Of course, it doesn't change the fact that it was still cuter than Void, after all, it's fluffy.

Grey didn't care about the looks he was getting, he continued conversing with Conor, "You've broken through to the Second stage, nice."

"I can't be mentioned in the same breath as you, I can't even sense your current cultivation stage." Conor replied.

Grey recalled he was hiding his cultivation stage, so he released it and Conor sensed it.

"The fourth stage, you're advancing too fast." Conor could only sigh.

"I only broke through a few days ago." Grey said.

The duo continued speaking and before Grey knew it, he had walked deeper into the family compound and to an ordinary looking building.

"That's your parent's house. Uncle isn't around now, but Aunt Martha should be inside."

Conor led him into the place and the visage of Martha coming from one of the rooms appeared before their eyes.

"Grey, you came." She said softly.

"Yes, mom." Grey's reply was just as soft.

Martha could hear the tiredness in his voice. When they first reunited, she didn't see this part of him, maybe it was due to the way they reunited. However, this time, just from what he said, she could tell that he had gone through a lot.

Conor saw them and didn't say anything, leaving in silence.

Martha opened her arm and Grey walked into her embrace.

"It's okay Grey, everything is alright." She caressed Grey's hair while he was in her embrace.

Grey was already slightly taller than her, but to her, he was still her baby.

After a few minutes of silence, she let go of him.

"Come, tell me everything."

Void and the bunny leader were at the side, looking at them. Neither of the duo could understand what Grey or his mother were feeling at the moment. Void was only attached to Grey and he had almost always been with him, the bunny leader on the other hand didn't really feel any emotion for anyone.

Grey sat down beside Martha and started telling her of everything, from the day he left her back in Red City till now.

Martha didn't stop him even though she knew about some of these things. By the time he was done, it was already late in the night. Lucas was present at that time as well.

"You've gone through a lot, luckily, you haven't been alone." Martha said after some time.

"You've grown. A little impulsive at times, but you've grown up to be a fine young man." Lucas commented.

"Void, I heard you like shiny things, you can have this pearl. It's a defensive treasure I found a few years ago, I have no use for it, so you can keep it." Lucas tossed a pearl at Void.

Void caught it with a single leap and his eyes glowed with intense light.

"Do you have any for this little guy? He's very jealous." Void pointed at the bunny leader.

The bunny leader moved its nose in annoyance from how Void addressed it. From what it recalled, Void wasn't with Grey the first time it saw Grey. So technically, it saw Grey before Void did.

Chapter 1169 Chaos Battlefield

Dawson Family.

In a room.

"He's back, Father." Lucas bowed to an old man.

"Alright, tomorrow I'll send him there." The old man replied, after some time he chuckled, "He came at the perfect time."

"You're sending him there?" Lucas asked curiously.

The old man looked at him and replied, "You don't have to be worried, he will be fine. I'm quite curious how well he will perform."

"It's a shame I won't be able to see him." He added.

Lucas sighed, "He has been through a lot, let him stay a week before you send him there."

"He's being hunted, you should already know how dangerous it would be for him in a few years time. The faster he gets stronger, the better for him." The old man wasn't moved by Lucas' statement.

Lucas dropped his head and said, "Father, a week."

"Fine, he's your son." The old man finally agreed with Lucas.

Lucas heaved a sigh before leaving the room.

"Sentiments will take him nowhere. The boy needs to grow, everyday is important for his growth." The old man muttered to himself after Lucas left.

If not for the fact that Lucas was already stronger than he was, he would've gone ahead and send Grey to the place he wanted to send him to tonight. However, there was no one in the manor that could get close to Lucas' building without him knowing, much less take Grey from his watch.

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Grey stayed with his parents for the entire week, not even training. He enjoyed the time he spent with them, and he was able to connect with his father.

He didn't forget to ask about the opportunity his grandfather wanted to give to him. Lucas couldn't help but shake his head when he saw how eager Grey was to take the opportunity. He knew this was the way Grey grew this strong over the years. After Grey's repeated inquiry, he told him he would leave in a few days.

The days went by in a blink of an eye and it was finally time for Grey to leave.

"Oh, Dad, I forgot to ask..." Grey brought up the issue of Arya's brother to Lucas before leaving. He had been too preoccupied with hanging out with them that he even forgot about the second reason he came to the Dawson Family.

Lucas listened to him and furrowed his brows, "It will be difficult. When you return I'll accompany you there and see if there's anything I can do. For now, I'll search for a few treasures that should be able to help."

Grey thanked him before leaving with his Grandfather.

They disappeared from the Dawson Family, however, they were not alone. There were other youths who followed them, the young man who was the son of the Family Head was one of them.

Most of the youths that followed them were in the Mid stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane and above. Had Grey not been in the Fourth stage, his Grandfather would still take him along since he knew Grey's strength couldn't be judged by his cultivation stage.

"Where are we going?" Grey asked when they appeared in a desolate forest.

"Have you heard of the chaos battlefield?" The young man was the one who asked Grey this, not giving his Grandfather the chance to respond to Grey.

Grey shook his head, he was unaware of this place.

"This was a secret realm that was created during the times of the Gods. During the great war, most of the battles between the top experts took place here. It's currently a treasure vault given the number of experts who died here." The young man explained.

Grey was about to speak when he heard his Grandfather add to what the young man said, "And a tomb. It's both a treasure vault and a tomb."

"It's expected, danger comes with wealth." The young man laughed, not concerned by the fact that he hid that information from Grey while telling him about the place.

"This is not my first time going to places like this, although none of this caliber, but at least, I've had my fair share of adventures with these places." Grey said to his Grandfather.

From his Grandfather's eyes, he knew he was trying to warn him about the young man, but he could care less about someone that was in the Seventh stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane. Even without his physical body, there was no way this young man could kill him, even if they gang up on him.

The only way they could hold him down was if they used an array, and unfortunately, that was one of the things he was very good with, so escaping from them would not be an issue. He was used to having people close to him trying to kill him, and just like always, he was quite confident in his abilities to run.

His Grandfather saw the confidence in his eyes and didn't speak any further. Since Grey was this confident, then it meant he already had his plans.

They soon got to a temple, at the middle of the temple was a teleportation portal, and it was well protected with seals.

Grey's Grandfather made a couple of hand gestures and the portal opened up for them. There was no one visible at the moment, but Grey knew there was no way a portal like this would be unguarded. At most, the people are hiding and are well above his cultivation stage, so he couldn't sense them.

The young man was the first to head into the portal, the others followed him in. Just when Grey was about to go in, he was stopped by his Grandfather.

After everyone else had gone in, his Grandfather looked at him with a serious expression, "No matter what happens, don't kill him in there."

He had seen that Grey was a decisive person, if he were to decide to kill the young man, then he would most likely succeed. He didn't want any issues in the Family at the moment, they already had enough problems at the moment, if Lucas and the Family Head were to have a conflict, it would not be good for the Family as a whole.

"Don't worry, Grandfather, I'm not as impulsive as I used to be. Of course, I don't usually spare people that show any intents of killing me, I'll teach him a lesson or two, just to put him in place." Grey smiled and replied confidently.

When his Grandfather heard him saying he would put the young man in his place, he couldn't help but laugh lightly. He couldn't deny it, Grey's confidence was something that was amusing.

The young man was already in the Seventh stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane, while Grey was only in the Fourth stage, that was a different of three stages, and there was a little major gap from the Mid to Late stage, yet Grey was telling him he would teach him a lesson to put him in his place.

"Alright, go. I expect greater things from you. Also, be wary of the waters there. There is a certain race that lives there. If you're not careful, they can manipulate your emotions." He warned.

Not just that, but seeing things, he transmitted a few information about the place to Grey. The others already had knowledge of the place, so they wouldn't have any issues with exploring and avoiding certain places, Grey was a complete noob, he had zero knowledge of this place.

After Grey sorted the information in his head, he walked into the portal.

His Grandfather was the only one left in the temple.

A voice came from the void, "Lucas' son?"

His Grandfather nodded.

"They both talk big, hahaha." The voice in the void laughed.

"He's better than my son, I've seen him in action, Lucas can't even hold a candle to what this boy is capable of." Grey's Grandfather said.

A figure materialized in the temple, "High praise coming from someone who has always been proud of his son."

"He's my grandson, so technically, he's still my offspring. Unlike you, I gave birth to generational geniuses." Grey's Grandfather laughed.

The figure that appeared soon showed its face, it was an old man who looked almost identical to Grey's Grandfather.

The face of the old man who just appeared turned slightly sour, "My son is the current Family Head."

"No need to continue competing like kids. War is coming, how are things going." Grey's Grandfather shut him up and changed the topic.

'He always changes the topic after showing off.' The old man gave a sigh before answering the questions he was asked.

"It's worse than I feared. Looks like the time we have is shorter than we thought." Grey's Grandfather's face showed helplessness.

"Hopefully the kids can grow stronger before then, if not, they will all die." The old man said calmly.

"Grey would, I wonder how that brat from your gene would do." Grey's Grandfather laughed and just as the old man was about to reply, he vanished.

Chapter 1170 Chaos Battlefield II

Chaos Battlefield.

Grey appeared in what could be said to be a wasteland, the sky was reddish like it was sunset, but he knew otherwise, there was a great smell of death lingering in the air and he felt a bit oppressed the moment he stepped foot into the place.

He was currently standing in a temple, almost similar to the one he used in getting into the place, but this temple looked like it had been built for hundreds of thousands of years, unlike the other one.

The youths from the Dawson Family who had entered the place were already heading down the temple.

The supposed forest that surrounded the hill the temple was situated on was burnt up, however, it didn't look like something that had been done within the past years.

Grey looked at it curiously, in his world, this forest would have already started to regrow after some time, but the trees were still in their burnt state and hadn't changed one bit. According to the information he got from his Grandfather, they had been like this from the time they started coming here, thousands of years ago.

"Hmm, I guess this trip won't be easy." He muttered to himself.

The son of the Family Head was not close by, so he guessed he must have left with the others. They could all tell that there was a small rift between Grey and the young man, so everyone felt it would be better if they were separated. Grey's Grandfather felt the same way too.

Void and the bunny leader appeared and looked around.

The bunny leader looked at the place with a long and desolate look, it seemed to be lost in thought as it saw the place.

"Let's go, there are a lot of places I would like to see. This world is such a big place and I have so little time." Grey started to descend the mountain.

The bunny leader was snapped back to reality when Grey moved and its eyes shown with brilliance.

The climb down was easy, he tried flying and noticed it was possible. His Grandfather had already told him of it, but he wanted to check if there were any restrictions. The reason people didn't fly here was simple: don't attract attention.

This place is home to multiple races, some had adapted to the place that even if they were to head back to their original world, they would be almost unrecognizable from the others. There are also humans here who have adapted to the place. It was a place of survival of the fittest, compared to places like the Aurora Continent, this place was far more brutal.

It could be likened to the Magical Beasts' kingdom where death is common due to the slightest conflict.

Grey and his two little companions could be killed here, after all, there are Elemental Sovereigns present in this place.

As dangerous as the place sounds, it was also home to tons of rare treasures. Before leaving, Grey's father transmitted a message to him, telling him there's a flower he can find here that might be able to help Arya's brother. He even told him the region the plant is commonly seen in the Chaos Battlefield.

Looking at the map he got from his Grandfather, Grey knew heading there was not the wisest choice for now. He had to get the general knowledge of the place first before taking any action.

'Let's go here.' The bunny leader pointed at a spot in the map while Grey was looking at it.

"Oh, is there something there?" Grey looked at the spot curiously. He didn't know much about the bunny leader and was quite curious about it.

It seems like the bunny leader had been here before given how it quickly pointed out the place they should head to. Of course, he can't be sure, but since the bunny leader could go from the Trial Land to the secret realm where the Twilight Faction was located, there is no ruling out the chances of it coming here too.

'There most definitely is.' The bunny leader nodded.

Grey didn't ask any more questions and headed in the direction the bunny leader pointed him. Void and the bunny leader were quite good with getting treasures, he still hadn't been able to get some of the treasures they took from the Twilight Faction from them, so he hoped to get some good things here.

The place they were headed was not by any means close to their current location, it should take at least two weeks or so before they got there.

This place was not good, so they were given a maximum of a year to spend there. After one year, they must leave the place, or else they too would start adapting to it. It's not a bad thing, per se, but it's not necessarily a good thing either. Once an Elementalist has adapted to this place, they would have difficulties with absorbing the essence from the natural world.

Their connections with the origin source will be destroyed, and once that happens, there is no going back. This is the reason why there are multiple races here, some got too greedy and refused to leave after seeing the treasures, while some were victims of circumstances.

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A few days passed in a blink.

Grey was currently seated on a tree branch, staring at the group in front of him.

They were like humans, but with pointed ears and a distinctive well-chiseled face, they had extraordinarily long hair, and tails, yes, tails. Not just that, but they were larger than humans, at least almost twice the usual size of a human.

This was the first time he was seeing such a race.

These people were speaking in a language he did not understand.

After studying them for a little longer, he left. Since communication would be hard due to the language barrier, it was best not to have anything with them.

Just as he was about to leave, he saw one of them weave certain signs with a golden light in his hand. The sign was turned into a large seal that shockingly turned into a large creature.

The creature seemed to come to life and moved around. The creature was like a snake, only it had legs, curved horns, and extremely sharp teeth.

Grey couldn't help but pause and marvel at the sight of it. If not for seeing it with his eyes, he would've thought it was a true Magical Beast.

He was quite curious about the golden light in the hand of the figure who made the beast. First off, he didn't sense anything from it other than its uniqueness. There was no form of energy on it, so he didn't think too much of it, it was only after the seal turned into a beast did he see the wonder the light possessed.

'I need to learn that!' He exclaimed internally.

He didn't even care about the language barrier at the moment, he wanted to learn how the figure did that thing. Not just that, but what power lies within the golden light.

Void couldn't help but sigh when he saw this, he knew with Grey's personality of always wanting to learn new things, he would not leave this place until he succeeds, unless something unforeseen happens, Grey was going nowhere.

The beast that appeared from the seal attacked one of the figures there and the figure looked to be male, well, Grey didn't know how to distinguish them since they all had the same body shape.

The figure fought vigorously with the beast and won in the end after creating a golden sword. Once again, it used the energy Grey was unfamiliar with.

'Could this have something to do with this world?' Grey thought to himself.

There was a huge possibility that this was unique to this world alone. If that was the case, then it would be difficult for him to learn it.

Nevertheless, he was not going to give up until he at least attempted it. Giving up on learning something so intriguing was not in his nature.

Void took the bunny leader and decided to explore the area around this place. This group they saw here only consisted of a few individuals, Grey wanted to know if this was all, of course, he was almost certain this was just a small batch of them.

A few hours later, he got his answer from Void. So apparently, the group only consisted of males, when he saw the females he realized it was easy to differentiate them. Just like humans, the females had notable features to separate them.

Grey started stalking the group he encountered, the only reason was because he sensed that they were only in the Sage Plane. The thought of capturing them had come to mind, but he decided against it. He knew nothing about them, and even the information provided to him didn't have anything on them. There was no way they would record all the races present. The information only told him about the notable ones to avoid.