

## **Affinity 1231**

### Chapter 1231 A Deal With The Voice

"How are we going to get to him?" The son of the Dawson Family Head asked, irritated by the creatures.

They might be stronger than the creatures individually, but with the collective number of the creatures, they were at a disadvantage. They could barely keep the area around them safe since the creatures were just too much.

The likes of Grey, the golden robed man, the son of the Dawson Family Head, and the others in the Ninth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane had been the ones who took up most of the workload, the others were just trying to make sure they were alive.

The man Grey accused could not be removed from the picture as well. He was stronger than a regular Eighth stage Elemental Venerable. His strength was equal to someone who had just broken through to the Ninth stage.

"Who knows which path that guy took?" The golden robed man asked after sending another batch of creatures back.

The others shook their heads, none of them knew which path this man took. Apparently, of the group he went with, he was the only one that they can confirm is alive, the rest of them could be presumed dead or still in search of treasures.

The group all exchanged glances when they saw that there was no way to find this person.

The voice was still yelling angrily. It was very obvious that the coffin was something that was quite important to the voice. The voice might just be a remnant piece of consciousness, but it was very upset with the man who picked up the coffin.

The others were unfortunately facing the brunt of the anger.

"We aren't the ones who took it. Let us go and make him drop it."

Grey suddenly spoke up. Since the voice could feel anger, he felt there might be a chance that he could reason with it. As long as it could be reasoned with, then they would be in a good position. For now, they had to face the brutal attacks of the creatures.

Grey had even used his inscriptions to fight off the creatures. Four inscriptions surrounded Cori, forcing back any creature that goes close to her. He couldn't always be close to protect her, and he was still hoping to keep Void and the bunny leader hidden, after all, there's a good chance that they might take a few things from a few people here.

First off, he didn't like the man the phantom attached itself to, and he saw that he had a good item. The treasure wasn't all that important to him, but it would be good for Klaus, and he wanted it.

Most of the treasures he had been acquiring were for his friends. Klaus was the only one he rarely got anything for, the reason being that it was Klaus. Of all his friends, Klaus was the luckiest, even without his help, Klaus would grow at a frightening speed.

Reynolds was still good, Alice as well, but getting them treasures to boost their strength wasn't a bad thing. There was still Keith, Ellis, and even Cori who was here with him.

He wanted to make sure everyone associated with him grew stronger. For some reason, he could feel that there was unrest, even while in the Chaos Battlefield, he felt the unrest more intensely. From the few things he had heard, he guessed it had something to do with the Gnomes, but he wasn't a hundred percent certain.

The others looked at him as if he were a fool, none of them thought of even reasoning with the voice because all it had said so far was to drop it.

The main reason Grey attempted to communicate with it was simple, it showed them the coffin and who took it. He felt the consciousness saw them dropping their items and felt it needed to clarify what needed to be dropped.

Just as some of them were about to speak up, they heard the voice once again.

"Help me retrieve it and you would be rewarded."

Shock appeared on the faces of everyone present.

Before Grey could say anything, he felt a powerful suction force, and without hesitation, he grabbed Cori. There was no way he would leave without Cori. Void and the bunny leader could fend for themselves. Of course, the duo would never let him go without following.

They all vanished from the spot. The creatures didn't stop attacking the others who wore flabbergasted expressions.

"He can do that?" The son of the Dawson Family Head was shocked by Grey's intuition.

The golden robed man and a few felt aggrieved that they weren't the ones that were transported out of this place. Fighting against these creatures and fighting against just one person were two different things and most of them in the Ninth stage would prefer the latter rather than the former.

They were still fighting when Grey appeared on the screen.

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On a large tunnel, Grey appeared in front of the man who was running with the coffin.

"Stop, drop it." Grey said calmly.

The man paused when he saw a figure appear in front of him. Seeing that it was Grey who was in the Seventh stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane, he snorted in disgust.

"Get out of my way kid, I'm not going to say it again."

"You don't understand, you can't leave this place even if I decide to leave you." Grey wasn't pressured by the man.

"Heh! You think it would send you to stop me if it knew I wouldn't be able to leave?" The man said mockingly before adding, with the coffin firmly on his shoulder he said, "This is the key, with it, I can't only leave, but I can return whenever I want."

"Oh, that was unexpected." Grey was taken aback when he heard this.

"Let's leave together kid, I will give you some treasures. I know you're strong, but do you really think you can win against me?" The man asked.

"It promised me a reward, I don't know what it is, but it would most definitely be better than whatever you have to offer." Grey replied, he looked at the man and his eyes turned cold, "Drop the coffin and leave."

Chapter 1232 What Are You?

"Kid, do you think I'm afraid of you?" The man asked coldly.

Bang!

He dropped the coffin from his shoulder as he stared at Grey.

He was already in the Ninth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane. The only reason he offered to give Grey something was so that he wouldn't be kept here while fighting with Grey. If Grey thought he was afraid of him, then he was dreaming.

"You should be. I'm not like anyone you've ever encountered." Grey chuckled.

"I know, but you're still no match for me." The man replied and his expression turned serious.

He knew Grey was not like others his stage or age, he was very strong and also seemed to make the right decisions in most cases, except this one.

Grey took another glance at the coffin, "Are you sure this is worth your life?"

"You want to kill me?" The man asked with a playful smile.

"Oh, you don't want to kill me?" Grey realized the error in his words.

"Oh, I do, I really do want to kill you. Especially if those things catch up to me." The man replied.

Grey heaved a sigh of relief, "Why didn't you say so initially? I was worried I was the only one taking things too seriously."

The man looked at Grey but didn't reply, rather, he took a step forward and his aura changed. The pressure he released was stronger than it previously was and Grey knew that he had improved his strength.

The man didn't want to waste any time and quickly entered his strongest state. He unleashed a powerful lightning bolt at Grey.

Grey immediately used his domain and was able to easily block the attack. He used the icy fire domain, and before the lightning bolt got to him, it froze.

The man looked at him and snorted, he attacked once again. This time his target was Cori who was standing behind Grey.

Grey, seeing this was a little infuriated and quickly stood in front of Cori, blocking the attack.

Due to not being well prepared to take the attack, he was forced back by the impact of the attack and his hands felt numb. Even though he used the ice element to create an ice wall, he was still strongly impacted by the attack.

He looked at the man and his eyes turned cold. If he only wanted to kill the man due to his mission before, now, he really wanted to kill him.

After blocking the attack, he didn't give the man the chance to unleash the next attack, he vanished and appeared close to him, but just as he was about to attack, he was sent flying by the attack of the man.

The man managed to sense where he would appear and attack before he even appeared.

Everything happened within a second, and the man reacted very fast, sending him flying.

Before Grey hit the ground, the man attacked once again. I think you should take a look at

Although Grey was in mid-air, he flipped and got his balance, staying in the air for a while.

When he saw the attack coming his way, he acted quickly, dodging it.

The attack hit the walls, but there was no visible damage to it.

He attacked with a fire arrow, but the man was able to block it. The man attacked once again. As Grey tried to block it, he was pushed back.

Even with Grey's powerful attack, his attack power still can't be measured with a powerful Ninth stage Elemental Venerable. The man was quite powerful even in the Ninth stage.

Grey tried taking the attack but he was pushed back.

His pupils dilated when he saw the man attacking Cori once again.

Since he still didn't have any plans for others to know the abilities of Void, especially the son of the Dawson Family Head, he was forced to block the attack again. After blocking it, he waved his hand and Cori was sent further behind him.

He didn't say anything about the man trying to attack Cori, it might be an underhanded tactic, but all is fair in love and war.

He made two inscriptions that packed a powerful attack and unleashed them at the man.

While doing that, he also created a fusion orb that he sent to the man.

This was the first attack that made the man worry.

Being distracted by the inscriptions, he didn't sense the attack early. When he sensed the attack, without a second thought, he retreated as fast as he could.

Grey took the opportunity and decided to use his physical strength. His figure suddenly faded. Unlike when using the space element to teleport, his figure didn't vanish instantly, rather, it showed signs of fading, an afterimage.

He appeared in front of the man while the image of his figure still standing in his previous spot was still there. Without holding back, he punched out.

The man crossed his hands in front of him and tried to block the attack. However, he felt a scrutinizing pain that made him scream uncontrollably.

The bones in his hands weren't the only things that broke, but some of his ribs broke as well. His chest caved in slightly and he coughed up a mouthful of blood.

One has to know that Grey's physical strength was above his cultivation stage.

The man didn't know this so when he tried to defend Grey's punch, even when using a bit of his essence to enforce his hands, he still wasn't strong enough to block the attack. Of course, it didn't mean that it didn't help. If not for that, his chest might've been blown away by Grey's punch.

"What are you?" He asked while catching his breath. He was in severe pain, but he couldn't help but ask this question.

This wasn't his first time fighting against a foreigner, but he had never had such an encounter with them. Grey's physical strength was on par with beasts which was a shocking discovery for him.

"I'm Grey, Grey Dawson." Grey replied with a smile and disappeared.

Chapter 1233 Fighting Against The Voices In His Head

The man and Grey's battle intensified. With Grey using his physical strength, he quickly took advantage in the battle.

The man was forced into a defensive state, but he was still barely able to fight against Grey.

Before long, he was left in a sorry state.

Grey looked at the man, he wanted to kill him, but after thinking about it, he decided to let him leave. If he was killed by others, then it was his fate.

"I'm not interested in killing you." Grey picked up the coffin and started walking in the direction the man was walking from.

"Fifty-fifty, we'll share it fifty-fifty." The man yelled.

"Do you think you're in a position to bargain?" Grey raised a brow, "The coffin is with me, if I'm interested in whatever is inside, I'll take everything and not give you any."

The man looked at Grey and said, "They will kill you. Don't go back."

"What?" Grey paused and turned to the man.



"Those things. They killed my partners. I'm begging you, give me just a little bit of the things there." The man begged.

Grey looked at the man and was a little confused.

'Why is he begging this much for whatever is in this coffin?' He wondered.

After walking a good distance away, he decided to check what was inside.

The second he opened it, he felt a powerful spiritual energy rushing into his body and an impulse to absorb the bones started to grow in him. At first, it wasn't big, but within a few seconds, it was starting to grow stronger. Before he knew it, he was standing in the same spot, thinking of what to do.

He wanted to return the coffin, but he felt indescribable greed toward the coffin and wanted to absorb the bones. In the coffin, there was nothing else other than bones.

"Are you okay?"

Cori asked when she saw Grey's sudden strange behavior.

"I'm good. Don't worry." Grey reassured her and continued walking in the direction the man came from.

Just when he was about to get to the door the man used to come out, the feeling got stronger and he paused, turned around, and took a step. For some reason, he didn't want to return the coffin, rather, he wanted to absorb the bones inside. He heard a voice in his head that said once he absorbed the bones, he would be the strongest person in the world.

"Aren't you returning the coffin?" Void asked when he saw Grey walking back.

"There's no need. That voice can't do anything to me here, that's why it sent me to stop that man." Grey replied in an almost robotic way, "With what's hidden here, I will become unstoppable and you can get all the treasures you want."

Void looked into Grey's eyes and knew that there was something wrong. Grey's pupils had dilated, there was a certain strangeness in them. He had been with Grey for a long time now and knew everything about it. Seeing Grey in such a state, he knew this was not the same person he usually speaks with. I think you should take a look at

"Grey, stop!" He called out.

"Void, stay hidden. I don't want others to know about you." Grey said, after a thought, he said, "Don't worry, you can come out, after this, no one can take you away without my permission."

"Grey, drop the coffin." Void said, his usual playful voice becoming stern.

"What's the matter, Void? Since when are you the one making the decisions?" Grey's face turned cold.

"Since you've lost your mind. Drop the coffin and let's leave this place." Void said. He could tell that there was something wrong with Grey, and it started when he opened the coffin.

Now he understood why the man attacked them when they wanted him to leave the coffin. Also, after they defeated the man, he stopped trying to fight with them. He felt there was a reason for that. As long as Grey refuses to leave the coffin, he would not understand this.

"Lost my mind?" Grey scoffed, "If I remember correctly, you're the one who keeps putting my life at risk. I can't even count the number of times I've almost died due to your antics. And now I'm losing my mind? You must be going crazy!"

"Grey, you're not yourself." Void said calmly.

Grey's eyes started to show signs of red, and without any warning, he attacked.

Void was already prepared for the attack and blocked it with ease.

"Grey, get a hold of yourself."

Grey didn't seem to hear what he said, he attacked with ferocity and used his fusion orbs.

Void blocked the attack once again, making sure Cori was safe. With Void's current strength, there was no way Grey could overpower him unless he still had access to the Fusion State, but unfortunately, he didn't.

Grey wanted to use the space element, but he was unable to. Void had used his space domain, trapping Grey there. With Grey's strength and his current state of mind, there was no way he would be able to leave this area.

Void took a step and appeared before Grey, he sent a claw out. Void was a al Beast, although he was small, he had a frightening strength.

Grey tried to block the attack but was sent flying. He into a wall and got back up quickly, just as he was about to continue his attack, he froze and clutched his head.

Void didn't continue his attacks since he knew Grey was most likely coming back to himself. The fact that Grey stopped and held his head meant one thing, he was fighting against the voice in his head.

Void went to where Cori was and stood to watch Grey as he fought against the voice in his head.

A minute later, Grey held his head and screamed loudly, clearly in pain. Cori wanted to go closer to him, but Void stopped her.

"Leave him, he'll be fine."

Cori stood on and watched as Grey fought against the voices in his head.

Chapter 1234 A God's Bones

Grey was standing in the same position, trying to get control of himself once again, but he was hearing a voice in his head which was repeatedly saying he should absorb the bones and become stronger.

According to the voice, these were bones of a God Plane Elementalist and his strength would skyrocket the second he absorbed it. It even used the case of the man Grey fought as an example, telling him that the man increased his strength due to just opening the coffin and absorbing the stored essence there. With the complete bones, the God Plane was not far from him.

In the darkness, Grey couldn't see anything, but he could hear a voice.

"Absorb it. Take it all in. You'll become stronger."

"I've grown this strong without having to absorb any bones, why would I do that now?" Grey asked mockingly.

"A god's bones is not something you should compare with that of others. Kid, this is an opportunity you shouldn't let go. Just imagine how strong you will become after absorbing these bones."

"Hmm, what do you want in return?" Grey asked with an expression of contemplating the offer.

"I like smart people." The voice praised before saying, "You will help me come back to life."

"And how will that work?" Grey asked. He was exceptionally calm while listening to the voice.

"You don't have to worry about that, I'll sort that out myself. I'll give you some instructions and that's all, first off, leave this place and absorb the bones." The voice said.

Grey thought about it for a while, and while the voice waited for a positive response, he heard a resounding 'No' from Grey.

"I'm not interested in absorbing the bones of an old guy. Don't worry, someone else might come and absorb your bones, I'm not interested in that."

When the voice heard Grey's answer, it snorted coldly and Grey felt a wave of energy rushing into his body, heading for his head.

Just as the energy was about to reach Grey's head, it stopped and vanished without a trace.

Grey noticed the orb in him move, so he knew it was its doing.

"Kid... what's that?" The voice asked, fear-stricken.

"You don't need to know, now return to your coffin." Grey took a step, and the previously dark place shone with a brilliant light.

Grey's dull eyes regained their colors and he looked at Void and Cori who were on the side.

"Where's the bunny?" He asked when he couldn't find it.

"Hunting for treasures." Void replied.

"Bring the bunny back. I'll go return the coffin."

Grey picked up the coffin and carried it back to the room the man took it from.

When he walked inside, he noticed the obvious space in the center. An erected rock laid there, there was also some writings on it. The letters were something he was not familiar with, but he still brought out a piece of paper and copied everything into it. I think you should take a look at

After a while, he dropped the coffin on the place that it was supposed to be.

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While Grey was going through the ordeal of taking back the coffin, the others he left in the Hall were still fighting for their survival.

The strength of the beasts increased by a stage and went up to the Sixth stage. With the increased strength, a few of them started to get injured, those in the Seventh stage to the exact.

They could barely fight against two, much less when they had to fight against four or more.

When Grey was around, he was able to take off some of the pressure, but with him gone, there were more chances for the creatures to attack.

The golden robed man was more focused with keeping his children safe, so there was no way for him to help others out.

Those in the Ninth stage did the best they could, but there was no way to fight against all the creatures, there were just too many.

"How come they're still attacking? Hasn't he returned the coffin?" Someone asked after getting scratched by one of the creatures.

They saw the event when Grey took the coffin from the man. But after that, the screen went off. Now, they didn't know what was happening at the moment.

They felt since Grey had taken the coffin, the attacks would stop. It had been a few minutes now, but the creatures were still attacking.

They were still worrying when Grey suddenly appeared. On seeing that they were still fighting, he wanted to go back, unfortunately, he wasn't the one in control of it.

Without any option, he jumped into the battle.

The only good thing was that the creatures stopped coming out from the ceiling.

After a few more minutes of fighting, they managed to kill off all the creatures with no one getting killed. Some of them were injured, but it wasn't too serious.

"What did the voice give you?" Someone asked Grey.

Grey looked at the man but didn't reply. What he got wasn't something he would tell these people.

After returning the coffin, the voice fulfilled its promise and took Grey to a treasure room. The thought of stealing everything entered his head, but he knew there was no way he would be able to take them. In the end, he was given a single bead. According to the voice, it contained a powerful attack. It didn't tell him the strength of the attack, but from his guess, he felt it should be enough to wipe out a group of Peak Elemental Venerables.

The golden robed man looked at Grey, also curious about what he got. Seeing that Grey didn't have any intentions to speak, he didn't ask any further. With the creatures defeated, the door opened.

"We should leave, before another unforeseen event happens." He said and took the lead.

His children were behind him. The only person he trusted enough to protect them was Grey. With nothing attacking, he didn't want to bother Grey.

Miya wasn't concerned with her father as she walked in Grey's direction.

Chapter 1235 Harvesting Spatial Rings

Grey, Miya, and Cori spoke as they left the place.

Their return journey wasn't as eventful as when they were going there. After leaving the castle, they didn't encounter anything else and walked out of the place with relative ease.

Other than the man who asked Grey what he got the first time, a few more people walked up to him, but just like the first time, he kept mute. He didn't want any of them to know of what he gained. After all, it wasn't like there was a need to tell them.

When they saw that he was keeping it to himself, a few snorted coldly, while others had an odd facial expression.

Grey made sure to take note of how they reacted. He knew some of them would try to rob him, and he wouldn't mind taking all their treasures.

Miya spoke with him for a long time, even suggesting that she traveled with him. She tried to use Cori traveling with him as an excuse, but Grey refused. The reason he took her with him was due to her age and situation. Miya was already old enough to take care of herself, so he naturally had zero plans of taking her with him.

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Outside the cave.

The group walked out and heaved a sigh of relief.

"There's no need heading back to the city, we can go our separate ways here." The golden robed man said, he looked around and added, "I believe some of us got a good reward. Since the only thing we all saw are these, I'll give them to those in weaker stages. You'll need a good forgemaster to create something good for you."

The man dropped it for those in the Seventh stage. They soon shared it and everyone separated.

Grey was the last to leave the place. He didn't want to leave too early. Even with everyone gone, he could sense some eyes on him.



"Void, are you sure there's no way into that place?" He asked as he looked at the entrance to the cave.

"Nope." Void shook his head, "Without it, there's no way there."

"What's it using them for? It should've given me everything." Grey continued looking at the cave.

He finally gave up after a minute.

"Let's go, some of them have some good things. Hopefully, they attack." He turned around and prepared to leave.

Void understood what he meant and chuckled. He also wanted some of the treasures he saw and hoped the people holding the ones he wanted attacked them.

Just as they were leaving the place, they encountered the first person who went with them on the expedition. It was shockingly the son of the Dawson Family Head and the other youths with him.

"What do you want?" Grey asked.

"I just came to warn you. You'll be attacked if you travel alone." The son of the Dawson Family Head said, "Come with us and you'll be safe." I think you should take a look at

"Don't worry, I'm hoping that happens." Grey smiled softly.

The son of the Dawson Family Head looked at him with a weird expression, Grey was the first person he saw that was hoping he was attacked by people. Most people didn't want to be bothered, but Grey seems to derive a certain type of pleasure from it.

"Will you be fine?" He asked.

Grey looked at him and nodded. Although he didn't expect him to be this caring, he didn't feel bad about it. From the start, he didn't want to have any issues with him, he was the one who acted like they had an unseizable argument.

"Don't worry, I'll be good." He said.

The young man nodded and left with his group.

Grey chuckled softly before walking forward with Void and the others. He could already sense the first person that was waiting for him. When he noticed that it was someone in the Seventh stage, he didn't know what to think. Although he didn't show his full strength, he at least expected only those in the Eighth stage to wait for him, sensing someone in the Seventh stage was out of his expectations.

He didn't bother and walked closer to the place the person was hiding.

"Hand it over."

A voice said, and when he turned to look in the direction, he saw a man standing there.

"You shouldn't be doing this." Grey said coolly.

The man looked at Grey, his expression turning cold. He understood the meaning of Grey's words and felt insulted. He was a Seventh stage Elemental Venerable, and so was Grey. He felt he could defeat him.

Grey took a step forward, and the man didn't even sense him. With a single blow, the man was sent flying.

The man crashed into a tree. He managed to raise his head, when he looked at the place Grey's fist hit, he almost fainted. There was a big hole on his chest, the size of a fist. It was clear that it was from Grey's punch.

When Grey was fighting while they were still in the Castle, he felt he would be able to at least fight on equal footing with him, but with only one attack, his hopes were destroyed. Luckily, Grey didn't show any signs of wanting to attack again.

Grey looked at the man who hadn't been able to stand up and shook his head. With the help of his physical strength and his explosive speed, there was no way someone in the same stage as himself could fight him. Even those who are lauded as prodigies would not be able to compete with him.

He left with his group after taking the spatial ring of the man.

Within two minutes, he was stopped once again. This time, the man who stopped him was in the Eighth stage.

Before the man could speak, he moved, sending the man flying. He didn't want to waste time with people that wouldn't be able to give him a good fight. Of course, he didn't forget to take away the man's storage ring.

Chapter 1236 Battling A Ninth Stage Elemental Venerable

Grey didn't kill the people he encountered. He might want their items, but he didn't want to end their lives. Losing their storage rings was enough punishment for them. Only those who came with clear killing intent would be killed.

He only encountered three people, and they only wanted to take the treasure he was rewarded by the voice. After beating them, he took their rings and let them be.

Almost one hour later, Grey stopped by a riverbank.

'Someone's following you.' Void said telepathically.

Grey was a bit astonished when he heard this, he had been very careful and had been sensing his environment, but he had not sensed the presence of anyone. He knew Void would never lie to him

about something like this, so he was certain that someone with adept hiding skill had been following him, hopefully waiting for the perfect time to attack.

'Strength?' He asked.

'I don't know. I only managed to confirm it after so long. But since they can hide from me for such a long time, it means that they are strong.' Void replied.

'Or just insanely good at hiding.' He added.

Grey squinted his eyes, but didn't show any signs of finding out that he was being followed. There was no use doing that now. The person was still hiding, and he hoped it was someone in the Ninth stage who got a good treasure. When everyone dropped their treasures, he made sure to take a good view of everyone's treasures, as well as the people they belonged to.

The group decided to rest there. Their journey to the underground castle was stressful, especially during the ending part when Grey was slightly possessed. He wanted to rest his head, while Cori wanted to play around with the bunny leader.

Void was more interested in the storage rings Grey had acquired. There were a few things he was certain he needed... well, wanted in them. Grey kept the storage rings in his spatial storage, and he couldn't go there now since he was the only one who could sense the person following them.

Thirty minutes later.

Grey, who was seated in a lotus position with his eyes closed, suddenly opened them and looked in a particular direction, a small smile formed on his face.

'I guess they are tired of waiting.' He thought internally.

A figure walked up to him, staring into his eyes. When Grey saw the face of the man, he almost jumped in delight. Of all the people he wanted to acquire their treasure, he had the greatest urge to steal from

this man. The thought of even following the man came to him, but he didn't want to be the bad person, so he let him go.

Who would've thought the man would deliver himself to him?

His eyes shone with a brilliant light, and for the first time, Void saw a glow in Grey's eyes, one that he was very familiar with. Grey's eyes shone in the same way Void's eyes glow whenever he sees shiny things.

Void looked at the man and recalled what he had, and just like Grey, his eyes shone brilliantly, even more so than Grey's.

"Kid, I don't want what you have, I'm just curious about what the voice gave to you." The man spoke calmly.

"There's no need for you to see it, it's useless to you." Grey answered.

The man paused and took a glance at Grey, for some reason, he could tell that there was something wrong with the way Grey was reacting. He could even sense some sort of excitement around Grey. When he was following him all this while, he didn't sense this, it only appeared when he showed himself.

"Kid, just show me. I know it's not important for me, I just want to fulfill my curiosity." The man walked closer to where Grey was seated.

He had monitored Grey's movement and knew there were no prepared traps. During their time inside, he knew Grey was a fearful array master.

Grey looked at the man and chuckled, he stood up from where he was standing and said with a straight face, "There's no need in hiding your true intentions. You followed me here, the fact that you waited till now means that you're certain you can take it from me."

The man didn't speak, he kept staring at Grey. After some time, he spoke up.

"Yes, I want whatever you were given. Since I have no idea what it passed on to you, hand over your spatial ring."

"That's more like it." Grey laughed softly and his aura calmed down, he raised his head up and muttered, "I hope he doesn't disappoint me."

The man was taken aback by Grey's statement, but when he recalled how easy it was for Grey to take out those people, he understood what he was saying. The only error in Grey's thought process is that he doesn't know that the man is already aware of his freakish physical strength, and already had a plan to counter it.

The man continued walking closer to Grey, his face still straight as he said, "You have a bright future ahead of you, it will be a shame to die for mere treasure."

"Worry about yourself, not me." Grey replied and his aura changed. I think you should take a look at

His figure blinked and before the man could react, he appeared before him and punched out.

His hand entered the body of the man, and Grey's eyes widened. The expected result wasn't what he saw, rather, he didn't get the feeling of hitting anything. He raised his head to look at a smile on the face of the man who was still standing in the same spot.

"You think I would attack that blindly?" The man asked, "I've followed you, I studied your attacks."

Grey withdrew his hand and tried to touch the man once again, but his hand went through. He looked on with a thoughtful expression, and used the earth element to try to hold down his foot, but it was futile.

Without wasting any time, he vanished from the spot he was standing. The second he left the place, an attack came from below him.

"So sharp." The man commented.

Grey squinted his eyes and his spiritual senses spread across the place. He wanted to figure out where the main body of the man was hiding. He didn't believe this was the main body of the man.

"You're searching for me?" The man looked at him thoughtful, he smiled and said, "Unfortunately, you're still too young."

Grey tried to find out the position of the man, but he was unable to. The man continued attacking while speaking with him.

"I'm not demanding much, just give me your storage ring." The man said.

Grey finally stopped searching for him, he had been attempting it for a while now but it was unsuccessful.

"Just the ring?" He asked.

"Naturally. I'll have no benefit in killing you." The man nodded.

Grey put on a pained expression before tossing a storage ring at the man.

The man stretched out his hand and grabbed the ring.

When the man was grabbing the ring, Grey focused all his senses there, he noticed a slight tear in the place.

'Got you.' He said internally.

"Out." He said softly and with a snap of his finger, a loud explosion occurred in the void and a spatial tear appeared in the air, along with it was a human figure that rushed out of the place.

"You think I can't get you out? Stop dreaming." Grey sneered.

The man was hiding in the void, although he didn't know why he was unable to track him, he knew as long as he passed the ring to him, he would have to use his body to receive it.

What appeared before him was like a projection, now, he was facing the real person.

The man stood mid-air and looked at Grey, his facial expression was ugly.

"You're smart for a little kid. But it doesn't change anything, I'll still take what I want." The man settled himself and looked down on Grey.

Grey took flight and stood in the same position as the man, looking him straight in the eyes, "Much better, now say that again."

The man didn't speak, rather, he attacked. He made use of the space and lightning element, sending out multiple lightning bolts that disappeared and reappeared close to Grey.

Grey dodged them and attacked. His attack was more direct, but stronger.

The man blocked the attack and moved closer, attacking with a powerful lightning blade.

Grey blocked the attack, but was forced back. The man's attack power was strong, especially when he focuses everything on one attack.

The man continued attacking, but Grey kept on blocking the attacks. He dodged some and blocked most of them. Even when the attacks pushed him back, he wasn't hurt in any way. The attacks weren't on the level that would endanger him, yet.

Chapter 1237 Human Ghost



Grey and the man continued fighting, exchanging attacks. The man had a higher attack power, but Grey was more versatile and he was able to force the man to retreat a few times. He tried to close the space in the area with the little he learned from the Space Elementalist he fought a few months ago, but he wasn't strong enough and the man was able to easily destroy his attempts to block it.

However, his spatial distortions attacks were stronger now. Even though the man also had the space element, he had to be careful of this attack. It possessed terrifying power and he knew not to mess with it.

Just when Grey was about to gain a slight advantage over him, Grey sensed an incoming attack and without hesitation, he retreated.

'Who's that?' He looked around, but there was no one in sight.

The attack was dangerous, and he got a familiar feeling from it.

"Hmm..." He squinted his eyes and turned to the man, "I've seen this form of attack before."

"So you were the one who brought the phantom. Guess I was wrong with my calculations." He placed his hand on his chin.

The attack was exactly the same as the time Cori and the children of the golden robed man were about to be attacked. He never expected that the phantom was attached to that man by another person. Given the situation then, he didn't think of this possibility.

He had never seen the phantom prior to the time he tried to use his mental form, and at that time, the phantom was already attached to the man.

'He attached it to him from the start. So while it was attacking, it had always been attached to him.' Grey was impressed by the man's cunningness.

With his plan, he took all the suspicion from anyone else and dropped it on the man. This way, no one would think of anyone else as the culprit, except for the man.

"I'm impressed. To think you were the evil one."

The man chuckled and praised, "You caught on pretty quickly. I didn't think you would be able to sense it even while fighting."

"I'm always cautious." Grey shrugged.

"There's no need pretending any longer. Hand over the ring, and I'll let you leave." The man said in a commanding tone.

Grey fished out another storage ring from his clothes, and asked with a sly smile, "Are you sure you want it?"

The man was about to nod his head when he suddenly paused, he seemed to recall what happened the last time and froze, he was caught in a dilemma, unsure of what to reply. He wanted the ring, but he was afraid Grey would use the same method to attack him once again.

"Take out the treasure and drop it on the ground." He said after a short struggle.

Grey chuckled and a goblet appeared on his hand, he dropped it, "Here."

The man looked at the goblet Grey dropped on the ground, not believing that was what Grey acquired.

"That's not the treasure." He said coldly.

"How are you sure it's not it? Did you follow me? Were you there?" Grey sneered.

The man looked at Grey, he didn't know what to do, "Give me the ring." "I think you should take a look at

Grey grinned and threw the ring in the direction of the man.

The man wanted to grab it but paused. He stopped to think and after a while, he gritted his teeth and sent the phantom towards it.

Grey couldn't see it, but when he saw the ring floating in the air, he guessed it was the one checking it.

With a snap of his hand, an explosion happened and the phantom was unable to survive. It was instantly obliterated.

"Hehehe." Grey's evil laughter resounded in the area.

The eyes of the man turned red from anger. He spent a lot of resources on creating these phantoms, yet Grey killed two of them. He started to regret using the phantom to attack the first time. The reason he did that was so that the others would put their full strength into what lay ahead of them. Unfortunately, that was a grave mistake by him. Grey has casually destroyed tons of resources on his own.

"Little bastard! I'll kill you, and anything related to you."

"Haha, you can't kill my cat. I'm not even joking." Grey pointed at Void who was resting by the side.

The man looked at Void, and he suddenly remembered that the first time they saw Grey, the cat wasn't with him, it was after they entered the castle did the cat appear, and it was with Cori all through.

"What's so special about it? It's just a stupid cat. Hand over the treasure, I won't ask again." He was losing his patience.

"You've been asking for it for so long, don't you know my answer yet?" Grey asked nonchalantly.

The man clenched his fists and took a step forward, his aura changed. It didn't increase, rather, it started to fade away, "You brought this on yourself, kid."

Grey concentrated fully on the man, but he almost stopped to sense him, before long, the man vanished, and just like his phantoms, he was nowhere to be seen.

Grey's eyes turned blue as he tried to search for the man. He saw a shadow approaching him, and a grave sense of danger accompanying it.

Without hesitation, he retreated, attacking the shadow.

The shadow vanished.

He looked around anxiously, and he unleashed his gravitational force field. This was what he used in tracking if the phantom had gotten close to him the last time.

After the man entered that state, he was difficult to track compared to the phantom he noticed the second his eyes turned blue. Now, even in this state, the man could still hide from his senses, only when the man was attacking could he sense him.

Boom!

Grey took some steps back and transmitted his voice to Void.

'Go to Cori, make sure nothing gets close to her.'

Chapter 1238 Poisoned?

Bang!

Grey crashed into the rock by the side, shattering it.

The figure of the man was still hidden. No matter what Grey had been doing, he had not been able to force out the man.

The man walked closer to him and Grey made use of his lightning domain, covering the entire area around him with lightning.

He noticed a slight reaction in one part of the domain. Without hesitation, he attacked that place. That was the only place he could sense something abnormal.

The attack proved to be fruitful, he felt a resistance. His attack was blocked by the man who was still in his invisible state, but the lightning from his attack covered the bother of the man. Not just that, but he used it to mark the man.

While they were fighting, he hadn't been able to mark him, but now, he didn't let the opportunity go. The lightning acted as a distraction, his main arm was marking the man. As long as he could mark him, then he would be able to track him and attack him too.

The figure of the man appeared for a short while due to the effect of the lightning. Although he blocked the attack, the lightning traced down the shape of his figure. When he noticed this, he chuckled and vanished once.

Grey didn't show any frustration, rather, a large array appeared on the ground and lightning came from below, covering a large area. The moment the lightning appeared, Grey's figure vanished and he reappeared in another spot, attacking the place where the lightning had taken the shape of a human figure once again.

His attack grazed the figure which took to the sky.

Grey didn't feel any frustration. He was already starting to get the opportunity he wanted. Since the man didn't want to have a fair battle, he would use everything he had with him. With the large array of elements, as well as his abilities as an array master, he was certain that he could defeat the man.

During the last attack, he infused the darkness and light element into the body of the man where his attack touched him. He knew the attack opened a small injury on his body.

The man didn't expect anything like this since he was more focused on dodging Grey's attacks.

While he was in the air, he saw a lightning rain falling down on him, and before he knew it, an ice hammer came crashing down on him. He moved to the side, his figure still visible due to the lightning as he dodged the attack.

Unknown to him, the spot he was heading to, an earth hammer appeared all of a sudden and struck down with an even fiercer force than the ice hammer.

He tried to block the attack, but he was hit by the sheer brute force and came crashing down.

Grey sent a fusion orb into the place the man crashed. The orb exploded, causing further destruction to the place.

The man groaned in pain, although subtle, it didn't escape Grey's sharp ears.

'Hehe, I'll kill you.' Grey said internally.

Of all the people he faced, this man was the only one he had the thought of killing. The reason for that, he hated him the second he knew he was the one behind the phantom.

This man made someone hate him to the core due to the false accusations. If not for the fact that the golden robed man didn't take action, the man in the Eighth stage would've been killed because Grey didn't confirm his speculations.

This was a blemish to his good name! He would not accept it.

The man didn't know the second Grey was aware he was the one who had the phantom, he decided to kill him. If he knew, he would've regretted why he brought out the phantom once again. I think you should take a look at

In two separate occasions, he had unknowingly made Grey want to kill him.

The crater that formed from the man's attack was over six meters deep and even wider.

Grey walked to the place, and looked down on it. The man appeared, this time, he wasn't able to disappear instantly like the last time.

He was in a slightly sorry state, but he wasn't seriously injured, just superficial wounds that were on his body.

"Ki..." He opened his mouth, but he froze and spat out a large amount of black blood.

Grey chuckled when he saw this and couldn't help but say, "Took long enough."

"Wha... what did you do to me?" The man asked with enlarged eyes.

Grey looked at him with cold eyes, "Do you know of miasma?"

The man's countenance changed the second he heard Grey's question. Everyone who was powerful knew of miasma, they were powerful poisonous gas that can easily kill a top notch expert if they unfortunately take in a large amount.

"You... you have that?" He asked, coughing in between his speech.

"A little. I haven't used it for a while, but since you were proving too difficult to deal with, I changed my plan." Grey replied with a casual tone.

When the man saw how Grey was speaking about miasma, he felt a chill run down his spine.

He tried to think of when Grey used it on him, but he found it hard.

"When?" He asked.

"A few minutes ago, before you took flight." Grey replied.

When he was attacking him, and placing the light and darkness element in his body, he used the opportunity to infuse a large amount of miasma into his body. The miasma was even more difficult to sense compared to the darkness and light element.

The darkness and light element were used in the same way as the lightning element, as a form of distraction, hiding his true intentions.

The miasma would not immediately kill the man, but it would place him in a state he wished he was dead.

The man used his hand to cover his mouth as he coughed out more black blood.

"You... you're evil!"

"I know."

Chapter 1239 Too Stunning!

Grey was still with the man when Void sent a message to him, Cori and the bunny leader were nowhere to be found. It was as if they vanished from the place.

The thought of the bunny leader taking them away was quite high, but Grey didn't want to take any chances. He tried to see if he could still sense the mark he placed on their bodies, but he was unable to sense it.

When the man saw Grey's facial expression, he knew something had happened.

"You're only sensing their disappearance now? I'm a little disappointed." The man struggled to say.



The man was in a weak state, but he couldn't help but smile when he saw Grey's situation. Before attacking, he wanted to make sure Cori wouldn't be part of Grey's squad any longer.

Grey's face contorted and he asked coldly, "Where is she?"

"Hehehe, you'll have to beg me... with your life." The man chuckled.

He was still coughing severely from the poison miasma in his body, but putting Grey in such a state was very exhilarating to him.

He tried to use his essence to prevent it from getting worse. The second his essence touched the miasma, it was quickly broken apart. A miasma is just like the darkness element, it contains a very high level of decomposition.

The man laughed at Grey's situation, even with his terrible state, he still found Grey to be more miserable.

Grey took a glance at him and asked softly, "Where are they?"

"I don't know." The man replied.

Grey attacked after the statement left the man's mouth. He didn't hold back and unleashed a frightening attack at the man.

The man, who was finding it difficult to stop the miasma from causing too much harm in his body, was sent flying. He managed to muster a little bit of elemental essence and was able to set up a defensive wall, but it wasn't strong enough to stop Grey's attack.

While mid-air, Grey appeared beside the man and attacked once again. His punch packed a powerful fire elemental attack with it. It caused a huge explosion and the man slammed into the ground once again.

The man coughed up even more blood and his body started to show signs of drying it. He quickly started to look malnourished.

The man tried to stand on his feet, but he fell to the ground, unable to keep himself standing.

"Kid, kill me and you will never find them again." He threatened.

It was clear that Grey wanted to kill him, but at the moment, he had the edge over him. Grey had no idea where Cori and the bunny leader were, but he did since he was the one who took them. If Grey wanted to see them again, then he should make sure to keep him alive.

"I'll ask you once again, after this, I won't ask another time, where are they?" Grey's coldness started to affect the area.

From where he was standing, ice started to spread from his feet. His aura had spiked and there was an eerie feeling the man sensed from him that sent chills down his spine.

"My answer is the same, I... don't... know." The man said, slowly saying each word.

Grey vanished, this time, the man was unable to track him. When he reappeared, he was standing close to the man, a leg in his hand. The man looked down and noticed his right leg was missing from his knee down.

Grey dropped the leg and looked at the man, he waved his hand and the left leg of the man was cut off. Unlike the first one, the man felt excruciating pain. Grey used the miasma in the man's body to double the pain he feels from these things.

After cutting off his legs, he cut off his hands.

The man still refused to say anything, and without the slightest bit of hesitation, he killed the man, cutting off his head.

He had the thought of torturing the man, but quickly decided against it when he sensed their presence in the void. When he passed through the void to cut off the man's leg, he sensed them. This was the reason he was decisive when killing the man.

The man died with shock on his face, he couldn't believe Grey killed him without waiting to check on Cori.

"Found them."

Void appeared with Cori and the bunny leader. Before the man came to attack Grey, he used his phantom to attack the duo, but with the bunny leader present, nothing happened to them. I think you should take a look at

The bunny leader was a top notch Space Elementalist, even better than Void at it. Its only issue was that it hated fighting. The second they were attacked, it knew they wouldn't be able to fight back, or run to where Grey was, so he took Cori and hid in the void. Even a Peak Elemental Venerable would not be able to find them in the void, much less this man.

Grey heaved a sigh of relief seeing that they were okay. He took the storage ring from the man and started to go through it. He found what he was looking for, as well as the method to create those phantoms.

He thought about it for a while and decided to learn it. Those phantoms were strong, and unlike the corpse puppets necromancers use, this one is created from a bit of spiritual consciousness of the creator and a ton of resources.

Resources are something Grey didn't lack at the moment. He had gotten a fair amount of resources after acquiring a few people's storage rings. They should be enough to create one or maybe two phantoms.

His plan was to attach the phantoms to Cori and give her complete control over it. She already had those dolls, adding one or two phantoms to it would further increase her safety.

"We'll rest, after that, we'll leave this place." Grey took a seat and started to go through the scroll that had the method of creating the phantom.

Cori didn't wander off this time, she was still a little afraid of what happened the last time. Moving away from Grey would put her in danger.

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Aurora Continent.

Grey had gone missing for a few months now, and only those from the Dawson Family knew of his whereabouts.

The hunt for Grey's life had intensified after reports of him being the son of Lucas Dawson spread across the entire Continent. Other than those from the Pymond Faction, Grey's friends, and those from the Burchard Family, only a handful of people knew of his identity as Lucas' son.

The news came from nowhere and spread across the Continent very fast. Grey had already become a well recognized genius by the majority of the top Factions and Family in the world. He either had a good relationship with some of them, or a bad one with them.

A few Factions wanted him dead, while others wanted to befriend this shocking genius who has a connection with the great Lucas Dawson. News of Grey's battles from competitions to regular battles started to spread, and everyone realized one thing, he was never on the losing side.

The incident when he killed someone from his Faction also came out, but just like the others stories, he was not on the losing side.

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The Moonlight Faction.

Klaus wasn't bothered when he heard about the news of Grey spreading. It was normal. When they were in the Azure Empire, the news of Grey acquiring something good also spread across the entire Continent.

The difference here is that, now, there is a powerful group behind Grey. Not just his Family, but also the Faction he was from. Even the Faction and Family he had associated himself with wouldn't mind helping him.

The greatest issue was the Gnomes and necromancers. The price on Grey's head increased the moment he vanished. According to what was said, he was getting stronger and was already regarded as a threat to the Gnomes.

"Why are they so scared of him?"

Klaus was currently seated with one of the girls in his Faction. The question was asked by the young lady.

"He's too stunning." Klaus replied with pride.

"There are a few geniuses who can match him, what's so special about him that the Gnomes are even willing to reveal the people they've planted for so long?" The young lady didn't see meaning to what the Gnomes were willing to do just to take down Grey.

Grey wasn't even an Elemental Sovereign yet, much less a Half God, but he was already regarded as a serious threat, it was out of the expectations of many people.

"Because he's friends with me." Klaus said with a grin.

The young lady rolled her eyes, she's already used to Klaus' playfulness. They continued conversing before she asked a question that made Klaus stop to think.

"Wouldn't you be in danger since you're friends with him?"

Klaus froze for some seconds before replying with a shrug, "I'll be in danger either way, why not while having such an awesome friend?"

## Chapter 1240 Preparing To Leave The Chaos Battlefield

Grey was unaware of what was happening in the Aurora Continent. Although he would be quite surprised by the fame he had garnered due to the Gnomes wanting to kill him at all costs, he wouldn't be too shocked. The Gnomes hated him for a reason, he could stop their greatest means of attack. In a well-thought-out plan, he could easily take out a large group of Gnomes if he had others to help him out.

This was exactly the reason why the Gnomes wanted him dead at all costs. Grey was a time bomb waiting to explode on them. At the moment, they still had the advantage over humans, but the moment someone like Grey steps into the fray, they would be in trouble.

When battling with humans, they tend to collect the corpses of the top experts they kill, turning them into puppets they use for their future battles. While humans are reducing in combat strength, the Gnomes are increasing their numbers.

Three more months went by in a blink and Grey was preparing to leave the Chaos Battlefield.

His strength had gone to the Eighth stage, but he was already close to the Ninth stage. Cori was still at the Peak of the Sage Plane, Grey had blocked her from breaking through.

After spending time with her, he noticed the reason she was able to awaken her elements earlier than usual was due to a rare deformity in her system. What was supposed to be a curse turned into a blessing for her.

The disadvantage of that though was quite powerful. Grey was able to sense it early, or else Cori's life would've been in danger if she had broken through to the Elemental Venerable Plane within such a short time.

Her body isn't strong enough to contain the strength of an Elemental Venerable. At her current state, she was already at her maximum, adding any bit of strength would make her explode.

Cori was excited about leaving the place when Grey spoke about it. She had stayed in the Chaos Battlefield all her life, now was the time for her to finally leave and explore the new world.

Grey didn't show the same excitement. His only thought was how to get back to the Aurora Continent and help Arya's brother. Once he's done with that, he would continue his usual training, hiding in the Faction to increase his knowledge or strength.

As they were about to head for the portal, he was reminded by Void about Arthel. Grey promised to take Arthel with him when leaving. To be honest, he had completely forgotten about it, but Cori remembered and told him about it.

With no other option, they had to head back to the City where Arthel resided. It took around a week or so. Grey traveled at full speed, carrying Cori. With his current speed, he was confident he would be able to outrun most Peak stage Elemental Venerables.

The only ones who can give him a hard time are those who focus mainly on speed, the others wouldn't be able to catch up to him.

On his way back, he passed through some Peak Rank Seven al Beasts' territories, but none of them attacked him. His speed was enough to scare them off. They didn't need to sense his cultivation to know that he was a powerful foe. No one wanted to face off against someone that could give them a tough time, even fatally injuring them in the process. And from how fast Grey was going, they knew he didn't have any plans to stop by, so they let him do as he wished.

Grey was stopped by a Golden Horned Lion which felt it was disrespectful for Grey to fly above it. The result, it was smacked down by Grey the moment it rose into the air to stop him.

When the Lion hit the ground, it didn't dare to come back up, pretending like nothing happened. Grey didn't stop either, continuing his journey. I think you should take a look at

When he got to the City, he met up with the Old man who broke the news of Arthel not being in the City to him. He pleaded with him to wait for a day while he went out to bring Arthel back. According to him, a strange occurrence happened close to their region and Arthel with a few other Elemental Venerables went out to check it out.

Grey didn't want to spend too much time here, so he went with the Old man. He left Cori and the bunny leader in the City. She would be safer there.

From what the Old man said, he wasn't too sure about what happened. This was also the reason he wanted to check it out, he was curious about what would've happened to cause a massive fissure in the sky.

Grey followed the Old man, and after ten minutes, they got to where the incident occurred.

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"This is unbelievable." Grey said softly.

This was the first time he was seeing something like this form on its own. The destructive power he could sense in it scared the living daylight out of him. If he could harness such a power, he would be even more frightening.

"This is not the first time something like this has happened." The Old man explained, "On one occasion, it wiped out an entire City as powerful as ours."

Grey didn't doubt the Old man's words, just from standing there, he could already sense the threat it posed. If this thing were to open up in an unsuspecting City, the consequences would be severe. Just like the Old man said, it could destroy the entire City.

"Where are they?" Grey couldn't see anyone present here. Arthel and the others should be here, but they weren't.

The Old man pointed at the fissure, "They must have entered it."

"People can go in?" Grey was taken aback.



"Yes." The Old man nodded and explained, "After the initial destruction, it would become docile and can be explored."

"Oh, but we can't get close to it at the moment. How are we going to enter?" Grey asked.