

## Affinity 1251

### Chapter 1251 Why Would I Change?

Moonlight Faction.

Klaus had been training intensely for the past months and it has been showing a great result. He has so far managed to get to the Seventh stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

In the history of the Moonlight Faction, no one has advanced as fast as he does. Whenever he leaves the Faction, it was rumored that he would always have a great encounter that would make him advance at a frightening speed. When they left the secret realm, he had only just broken through to the Elemental Venerable Plane.

But now, within the space of a year, he had gone from the First stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane to the seventh. He advanced seven stages in a year, a shocking feat to achieve. What was worse was the fact that he was not weak in any way. He had sparred with people in the Eighth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane and came out on top. This goes to show that he was still that same genius that could easily fight above stages.

The young lady who he was paired with when they entered the secret realm, whom he didn't like, was in the same stage as he is now, he had completely caught up even with the large gap between them a year ago. What the young lady found annoying was that Klaus was presently stronger than she was and he wasn't hiding his feelings of revenge in any way.

With Klaus becoming stronger than she is, she rarely stays in the Faction ground anymore and focuses more on completing missions that would take her away from the Faction.

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The young lady had been gone for a few weeks and just when she returned, she caught sight of a familiar figure walking towards the Faction gates.

She approached the figure and spoke up, "Grey Dawson?"

Grey turned to look in the direction of the young lady. He was someone pretty easy to recognize, first off, he was the only one who had a small black cat on his shoulder when traveling. The bunny leader is often staying in the spatial storage and rarely comes out unless something exciting was taking place.

Whenever Grey was not in a hostile place, he would most often bring Void out. Unless they were stationary, or he wanted to train, Void hated being inside the spatial storage.

The young lady recognized Grey with Void who was sitting on his shoulder. Besides, Grey's visage was one that was quite hard to forget.

"It's you." Grey gave a soft smile. He had forgotten the name of the young lady hence his response.

The young lady didn't show any annoyance. Compared to someone like Grey, she couldn't hold a candle. Klaus was already enough to cause trouble for her, she knew Grey was miles ahead of Klaus. Adding the fact that he was the most astounding genius the Continent had seen in a long time and that he was the son of the Continent's two last most promising and fastest risen geniuses in the Continent had seen in hundreds of years, his reputation was far above that of others.

"You're here to see Klaus?" She asked.

Grey nodded, he was very modest while communicating with the young lady. When he noticed she was already in the Seventh stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane, he couldn't help but click his tongue at her speed. However, his jaw dropped when Klaus appeared in front of him.

Grey rarely gets shocked by things like this, but Klaus was clearly defying normal logic.

'How is he doing it?'

He could not comprehend how Klaus was advancing so fast. In his case, he had to make sure he didn't advance too fast so he could get full control of his power. Klaus was a completely different story. It was like he didn't have to worry about that, and to be honest, he didn't. Whenever Klaus advances, he always seems to have perfect control over his strength.

Being able to access a hundred percent of your strength is something that makes you an even greater genius. The higher one advances, the harder it is to get a hundred percent control, but for some strange reasons, Klaus appears to be exempted from this theory.

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"Haha, hey bud, how are you doing?" Klaus laughed out loud as he approached Grey.

"I was just thinking of you and I was told you are here."

"What? Shocked speechless by my brilliance?"

"I know, I know, I'm a radiant star. Even the best stars wish they were me." "I think you should take a look at

Klaus didn't even give Grey any chance to say anything as he bombarded him with words.

The group of friends rarely used their communication devices as they usually do. Well, the others do, but since Grey was always going to another realm, there was no way to contact him. And even when he came out, he forgot about using it. The only thing he did with it was to track Klaus. When he got close to the Faction, he realized Klaus was in the Faction.

From what he heard about Klaus, he rarely comes out of the Faction. He is treated as a special member and almost everyone around the region knew of his high status in the Faction. There might be a few people in the Faction who didn't have a good impression of Klaus, and he hadn't tried to resolve their relationship. Given his bad mouth, Grey didn't expect anything different from him.

This was the reason he came to invite him for the mission his father was sending him on. Since he needed someone to provoke a large group of people, the best bet was Klaus. Grey was certain if Klaus had gotten the number of encounters he had with the Gnomes, they would also want him dead due to how annoying he would've made them.

Grey took a step and appeared in front of Klaus, and before Klaus could react, he stretched out his fist, wanting to punch him to the ground, in the same manner he was forced into the ground the last time he came to see him.

However, Klaus was prepared, he created a thin ice wall, but Grey could feel how powerful it was from a glance.

Those around were shocked at the sudden change. They were still in front of the Moonlight Faction gates, and there were a lot of young members around.

A few wanted to see the outstanding Grey Dawson, while others were curious as to what brought Klaus out.

Some Elders were observing the scene, and when they saw this, some of them prepared to attack.

Grey smiled and the energy in his arm increased, his muscles contracted but he made sure to put some sort of fire essence at the top of his fist to make people feel like it was the strength of his fire essence.

When his fist hit the ice wall, a shockwave spread across the entire area. His fist stopped in the same place.

Klaus smirked, but his expression changed drastically. The thin ice shattered, and as usual, Grey's fist connected with his head and he sank into the ground which had been softened by Grey.

"Shut up, you talk too much." He added after Klaus sank into the ground all the way to his mouth level.

Grey squatted down and studied Klaus properly, "You've become arrogant just because you got to the Seventh stage? Just so you know, I've killed Peak Elemental Venerables, stop trying to flex your might in front of me."

"Don't you know how it always ends?"

Klaus tried to shake while held tightly by the ground, but he was unable to leave. However, ice spikes sprouted from the ground and shot at Grey, making him take to the air.

With Grey no longer standing close to him, he destroyed the ground and came out.

"Of course I do, I always beat your ass up." Klaus swiped his hands across his nose proudly.

Even though Grey just beat him to the ground, he would still be shameless. Besides, who has ever seen Grey beat him up among the people present? No one! So Grey had no evidence.

He would just take it that the reason he got beat just now was because he miscalculated. There was no way others would know what truly happened. Well, except for those Elemental Sovereigns in the Faction.

Grey shook his head when he heard this, he understood what Klaus was trying to do and couldn't help but laugh, "I see you're still the same way."

"Why would I change?" Klaus retorted with a snort.

The Elders and members of the Faction were once again left speechless at the conversation of the duo. They wanted to believe Grey, after all, he did get the advantage, but Klaus was able to break out of his entrapment and force Grey back. Given the fact that Klaus was also a genius from the Faction, they were more biased toward him. But Grey's reputation was something a lot of them were aware of, especially those close to the upper echelons of the Factions.

Chapter 1252 Might Soon Run Out Of Luck

The duo soon stopped fooling around and soon left the Faction gates. Grey was invited into the Faction ground, but Klaus refused to allow him into the Faction grounds. He had been in the Faction for so long and was already tired of staying there. He was already planning on going for a trip, seeing Grey come over, he was elated.

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Moon City.

"Where have you been? I've been trying to get to you for a long time now, but to no avail." Klaus complained as they sat down in the Inn.

"The Chaos Battlefield."

"Oh, I've heard of it. I didn't know the Dawson Family had a portal that leads there. Coming from such a powerful Family must be something to take pride in." Klaus had heard of some of the secrets of the world. His high status in the Faction was no joke. He was highly favored by the Faction Leader, and even the previous Faction Leaders held him in high esteem.

Klaus might have an annoying and playful attitude, but his talent was second to none when it came to ice abilities in the entire Moonlight Faction. According to how the Faction Leader accessed Klaus' talent, he said it was second to none in the entire Continent. That made him the number one person when it came to using ice in the world of Elementalists at the moment.

Technically, he can't be called the number one person yet since he was still too weak for those top Ice Elementalists, but in terms of pure ability, he was above them.

"You've also heard of it?" Grey was astonished by Klaus' knowledge. From the looks of things, Klaus seems to know about more things than he did. The fact that he was the first to come in contact with the Aurora Continent, yet the last to have such knowledge about it was shocking.

But thinking about it, he rarely spent time with those powerhouses and focused more on training whenever he was not on a journey. The few times he spends with them, it was when they mostly have a mission for him. In the Pyrmont Faction, he had a high reputation thanks to the Faction Leader and who his parents were, but he barely spent time with the Faction Leader unless there was an issue. These are things Klaus would know when casually speaking with the Moonlight Faction Leader.

"Of course. I would've gone there already if not for the fact that we don't have a portal, and getting a spot from the top Faction in the Middle Continent was not easy." Klaus answered matter-of-factly.

Grey suddenly recalled about Jonas, "Oh, remember that guy who came from Red City?"

"J... J something?" Klaus had completely forgotten about Jonas, it had been years, and he didn't have a good relationship with him in the first place, so he forgot about him.

"Jonas, I saw him in the Chaos Battlefield. He's already in the Elemental Venerable Plane. He should be close to the Peak now, if not at the Peak." Grey spoke of his encounter with Jonas in the Chaos Battlefield.

"He managed to get here. He sure is lucky. First he got that Fire Elementalist's inheritance, and now he came here and got into a top Faction all due to luck." Klaus was surprised by his story, he then added with a slick smile, "Maybe I'm not the most favored person after all."

Grey almost wanted to beat him up when he heard him say this. Klaus was the only one who would use his luck as a medium to brag. Although he wasn't lying, it was still quite infuriating listening to him say that.

"I was planning on going for a trip, and I decided you were the perfect person I should take with me." He told Klaus of his reason for coming to see him.

"Oh, what trip is that?" Klaus asked.

"Well, we're going to annoy someone. My father gave me the mission, but I believe you're the one best suited for it." Grey answered.

"You believed right. That's what I was born to do." Klaus laughed in delight. He had been waiting for something like this for a while.

"Alright, so when are you ready to head out?" Grey asked, he knew Klaus would be more than ready to travel with him. No matter what Klaus was doing, he knew he would leave it and travel with him.

"We'll make a stop on the way. There's someone I want to see." Klaus said, giving Grey a knowing smile.

Grey looked at him with a confused expression, he didn't understand what Klaus was insinuating with his facial expression.

"I'm going to see Luthera, I haven't seen her in a while. I've been stuck in this place for so long. I barely get any chance to go out. And visitors aren't allowed to see me on most occasions. You were an exception due to your reputation, they know they can't turn you away." Klaus explained.

"Lu..." Grey paused, but then recalled the wedding Klaus took him to break up. "Oh her, I've almost forgotten about her. How is she doing?"

"We'll find out when we get there." Klaus answered with a cheerful smile.

He was more cheerful compared to when he met with Grey.

"I didn't know you could be this happy." Grey teased.

"F\*ck off!" Klaus said in annoyance.

"Let's head off then." Grey stood up. I think you should take a look at

Klaus rose with him and they headed out of the City.

"Don't you plan on letting them know you're heading out?" Grey couldn't help but ask.

"Don't worry about it. They know whenever you come I use it as an excuse to leave the Faction. I've been stuck there for months now, I'm not going there. If not, I'll be trapped." Klaus rejected the idea immediately.

Grey chuckled and followed behind Klaus. He started to speak about his encounter in the Chaos Battlefield since Klaus didn't have anything else to say other than being kept in the Faction and training. Although, he did have a few opportunities to travel out, and there were a few stories, but they weren't as thrilling as staying in the Chaos Battlefield for a year.



Klaus was exasperated as he listened to the words of Grey. When he heard about the Seelies, he was thrown off his feet. He had always been envious of Alice's Seelie and wanted one. Unfortunately, he didn't know where to get one. Well, he did now, but there was no saying how he would be able to get into the Chaos Battlefield, much less locate the place where the fissure was and where the Seelies resided.

Grey and Klaus spoke all through their journey to where the Braun Family was situated. The Region they were headed was close and would take them at least a week if they flew there at full speed, however, Grey and Klaus had tons of essence stones with them, so in three days, they used teleportation arrays and got there quicker.

The reason they spent so much had a lot to do with Klaus wanting Grey to cook for them. So they made stops to travel on their own on some occasions.

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The Nexis Region.

This was the area the Braun Family was situated, and they resided in Devon City.

Although the duo had gotten to the Region, it would still take a few hours to get there from the City they appeared in. Klaus didn't want them to appear there immediately, so they flew there.

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Devon City.

Grey and Klaus arrived in the Braun Family Manor.

Klaus heaved a sigh of relief, it had been a while he came here and he was a bit nervous.

"Come on, you got this." Grey nudged him on his shoulder.

Klaus nodded and headed towards the gate.

When they stood there, he was surprised the guard there knew him and allowed them into the Manor.

He was escorted to the Manor's visitors Hall. He was surprised Luthera's father was the first to come over.

"Kid, I thought you'd forgotten about my daughter." Luthera's father's stern voice came from behind them.

Klaus shook his head, "Of course not, Uncle, how can I forget about her?"

"Good. Well, she's not here at the moment. And I don't think she will come anytime soon." Luthera's father said.

Klaus raised a brow, "Is she okay?"

"Yes, but she went on a trip and hasn't returned yet. She is supposed to come back, but they are facing some complications." Luthera's father explained, "I've sent people over to help out, but no news yet."

"Where?" Klaus asked.

"Livcor Region." Luthera's father answered.

"What a coincidence, we will be passing that region on our trip." Grey turned to Klaus.

"I feel like at this rate, I'll luck out soon enough." Klaus grinned.

Grey didn't have any words for him and just focused on the tea they were just served. If he were to listen to Klaus speak about his luck, he would most likely beat him up.

#### Chapter 1253 Use Your Background To The Fullest

Grey and Klaus didn't stay in the Braun Family manor any longer and quickly left the area. The time for the meeting Grey's father sent them for was in a week's time, so they had to make sure they were done with whatever they needed to do with Luthera within that time.

Klaus had no issues with them using teleportation arrays this time since they had to hurry over. It was a three day journey, hence the reason Grey didn't bother with Klaus when he was delaying their journey.

Three days went by in a blink.

Klaus didn't goof around since he was a little worried. Before they left, they asked t

What happened with Luthera's journey and her father gave them the complete breakdown of it.

Luthera was supposed to deliver an item to a powerful Faction in the Livcor Region, but due to some misunderstanding, she was held captive there. They only got to find out after her capture. Luthera's father has sent people over to inquire what the problem might be, but he hasn't gotten a reply yet. He was still waiting for the people he sent over to come back with news when Klaus and Grey came over.

With the duo heading there, he was almost certain that Luthera's safety was guaranteed. One was the top genius in the Moonlight Faction, a Faction on the same level as the Faction Luthera was being held, while the other was a genius from the Pymond Faction which was also on the same level as that Faction, but his background was even more frightening, not only was he from the powerful Dawson Family, but he was the son of the famous Lucas Dawson.

Even the top Factions in the Middle Continent would think twice before offending such a figure.

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"Is this the Faction?" Klaus asked the young man who was with them.

"Yes, this is the Faction." The man nodded. He was someone from the Braun Family, and the duo managed to somehow contact him thanks to Luther's father.

"Alright, we'll take it from here." Klaus sent the young man away and headed straight to the Faction gates.

There were members of the Faction standing guard outside the Faction. Seeing two strangers approach them, they stepped forward to intercept them.

Grey and Klaus naturally wouldn't barge into the Faction, they didn't have that strength to do that.

"State your purpose." One of the members asked.

He was only in the Sage Plane, but he was very proud.

"I'm Klaus Ealdian from the Moonlight Faction, and I'm here in regards to Luther Braun who is being held captive here." Klaus introduced himself.

Although Klaus wasn't as talented as Grey, and hadn't gotten into as many skirmishes, he was still very popular. One has to know that the Moonlight Faction was a well-known Faction that takes in only female members, accepting Klaus was a shocker, and the news of him being taught by the Faction Leader sent waves through the entire Aurora Continent.

"And you." The young man turned to Grey, his previous proud demeanor was already swept under the rug.

"Grey." Grey replied.

Unlike Klaus, he wasn't a fan of using his reputation to scare people.

Klaus knew Grey wasn't like that, but he understood that they had to make these people wary, hence he stepped forward.

"He's Grey Dawson, the son of Lucas Dawson and also a member of the Pymond Faction." He introduced Grey on his behalf. I think you should take a look at

Grey took a glance at him but didn't say anything. There was no stopping him since he had already let out all the information about them.

"Well, you two are highly welcomed to the Lanark Faction." The young man bowed slightly before motioning to them, "This way, please."

Grey and Klaus followed them into the Faction. When Grey was about to step into the Faction, he seemed to sense some disturbance in the space, it was very subtle, but he sensed it either way.

He looked up before walking past the Faction gate.

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In the void.

Two figures could be seen.

One of them was one Grey had seen occasionally, it was the man who was protecting him.

"That's Lucas' son?" The unknown man asked as Grey walked into the Faction.

"Yes, and please do well not to harm me." Grey's protector nodded with a smile.

"What's he doing here?" The man asked.

"I think something relating to a girl held here." Grey's protector replied.

He couldn't hear every word Grey speaks now since he has to keep a good distance from him. The few times he had tried to probe, Grey had almost always caught him. It was a shocking thing to him. Since Grey's senses were already this high, he decided to just watch from afar.

"You don't know?" The man asked.

"I'm not sure. I can eavesdrop on him. You also saw how he noticed when you came." Grey's protector didn't feel any shame as he explained.

"Understandable." The man nodded, "You're not welcomed into the Faction grounds. I assure you that no harm will come to either of them."

Grey's protector smiled and watched the man leave. He wasn't too sure of why Grey and Klaus came, but he was able to eavesdrop on Luthera's father and found out the reason for their departure. He just didn't want to tell the man everything.

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Inside the Lanark Faction.

Grey and Klaus were escorted into the Faction and they entered a large building which seemed to belong to a young man. The young man was the only person they saw when they got there.

"Who are these people?" The young man asked, visibly upset with the young man in the Sage Plane who brought Grey and Klaus over.

"Young Lord..."

"We're here for Luthera Braun, she's supposed to deliver something to you. And from what I know, she has delivered it but is being held captive here." Klaus stopped the young man from speaking and said.

"Luthera?" The young man wore a confused face, but the young man in the Sage Plane leaned forward to explain to him and he soon recalled who it was.

Chapter 1254 Bold Action

"The items she brought were fake." The young man said after he was told who the person Grey and Klaus wanted to see was.

The only reason he didn't blow his top off was due to the fact that he knew that the young man who was standing guard wouldn't foolishly bring people with low statuses to him like this. It meant the status of the duo was probably very high. His status in the Faction was only below the Elders and the Faction Leader.

He was well above other members in the Faction, and with his strength of being a Fifth stage Elemental Venerable, he could take the position of an Elder if he wanted. But he was still young and didn't want such a status. He'd rather be the way he is at the moment than take such a title.

He didn't want to even think about how awkward it would be if Grey and Klaus came and had to address him as an Elder when they were all around the same age.

"If I may ask, who are you two?" He asked after saying the reason Luthera was held captive.

The guard was the one to introduce the duo this time. When the young man heard their names, he understood why the young man brought them over. He couldn't help but appreciate the fact that he didn't answer them in an annoyed tone.

"The Braun Family has been delivering these things to your Faction for years now, and there has never been an issue with you people receiving any fake item. How come there's one now?" Klaus questioned. He wasn't pleased with what he heard. To him, he felt like the young man was spouting bullshit.

He didn't see that as enough reason for them to hold Luthera captive.

"Yes, and we're also diligent in our payments. But this particular item almost caused the death of an Elder's son. Hence, the Elder out of anger imprisoned her, without the permission of the Elder, we can't take her out." The young man explained.

He wasn't the one who made the decision, neither did he know the full story. The Elder only told them that his son nearly died and sent people out to stop Luthera from leaving.

"Can we see her?" Klaus was more concerned about Luthera's current well-being.

"Sure." The young man had no problems with taking them to the place Luthera was being kept.

He sent the young man away to continue his duty as the guard and escorted Grey and Klaus. He had tried sensing the strength of the duo, and he only sensed Klaus' cultivation level which sent chills down his spine.

Most people knew of Klaus and the last time he was in a public place, which was the secret realm, he had just broken through when they were leaving. In the space of one year, Klaus had broken through to such a frightening level. He couldn't help but wonder what Grey's strength was like now. If Klaus was able to grow this fast and powerful, then surely the son of the great Lucas Dawson must have grown even further.

The duo were led into a dungeon under the Faction and the young man was stunned when he couldn't find Luthera.

"Where is the lady kept here?" He asked the guard watching over the dungeon.

"Elder Thorunn took her away a few minutes ago." The guard reported.

The young man's expression changed slightly. He didn't think too much about the situation but when he recalled the personality of the Elder, he was stumped.



"We should head over to his place."

He left the dungeon hurriedly with Klaus and Grey behind him. He was in such haste that he forgot the no-fly rules in the Faction as they rushed to where the Elder resided. I think you should take a look at

Grey and Klaus naturally followed him as they shot to the Elders' manor.

When they got there, the guard wanted to stop them, but he was sent flying.

"Elder Thorunn, where's the prisoner?" The young man roared as he entered the mansion.

The Elder, who was inside, came out with an annoyed voice.

The young man, Grey, and Klaus were presently standing in the Hall of the building and the Elder walked out from the stairs that led underground.

"Ralf, what's the meaning of this?" Elder Thorunn asked coldly.

He was at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane, and even though he was on the same Plane as Ralf, he was still stronger, and expected him to respect him.

"Where's the prisoner?" Ralf asked, not responding to the Elder's question.

Elder Thorunn looked at Grey and Klaus, "Who are these people, you dare to barge into my manor with these miscreants?!"

Without hesitation, he unleashed an attack on Ralf, Grey, and Klaus.

Klaus took a step forward and his ice domain spread out.

Grey disappeared and when he reappeared he was standing in front of Elder Thorunn, all it took was a single attack, and he was sent flying, crashing through the walls of the building and landing outside with a large crater.

Grey has never been one to hold back, and from the looks of things, he knew this Elder was up to no good, hence his reaction.

With this attack, the other Elders in the area had rushed over and even those few normal members who were in the Elemental Venerable Plane came over.

"Who dares attack an Elder in our Faction? Are you looking for death?!"

A thunderous roar came from above and an Old man appeared, his expression was murderous.

When he saw that it was Elder Thorunn, he paused and assessed the situation. He was familiar with Ralf, but he didn't know Grey and Klaus. His eyes turned cold and just as he was about to attack, a figure appeared beside him and whispered into his ears. He paused once again.

Grey and Klaus walked out of the building with a stunned Ralf who couldn't believe his eyes.

Chapter 1255 Did I Fail You?

Grey just sent an Elder who was at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane flying with a single attack, while Klaus was able to block the attack of a Peak Elemental Venerable with such ease. Neither of them showed any signs of difficulty when accomplishing this feat.

"What's going on here?" The Old man asked with a cold look, his eyes concentrated on Grey's figure. This was the young man who made him stop his attack. If not for Grey, he would've attacked the duo the second he appeared.

He sensed some disturbance in the air, but he didn't think it would be anything serious so he didn't bother too much about it since the Faction has always been a safe place.

Only after Elder Thorunn attacked did he sense the abnormalities, but before he came over, the Elder had been sent flying by a young man who wasn't even close to one-fourth of the Elder's age.

"He held my friend captive for an unnecessary reason and was trying to have his way with her." Grey stepped forward and spoke up. He was the one with the highest status, so he was naturally the one who had to speak up.

"She brought fake herbs that nearly cost my son his life. Shouldn't I hold her accountable for it?" Elder Thorunn asked, incensed. He was embarrassed that Grey sent him flying in one attack, but he would never back down in front of so many people.

"The Braun Family has been delivering the same herbs to your Faction for decades and there have never been any issues. Why is it that there's only an issue when she came over to deliver the herbs?" Grey interrogated, he looked Elder Thorunn straight in the eyes, "Why would you take her from the cell she was held captive in and take her to your place if you weren't trying to have your way with her?"

The Old man who was standing mid-air looked at Elder Thorunn and asked coldly, "Is this true?"

"He's obviously lying, Grand Elder, I didn't falsely accuse the little girl. And you can't find her in my building. You can search." Elder Thorunn replied with a wronged face.

"Then why's she walking out of the underground building now?" Grey asked with a smile.

Two guards appeared beside him, both incapacitated. Void appeared on his shoulder with his usual nonchalant look. He didn't even bother with the people present as he started to clean his paws.

"You wanted them to take her out of your place. I already figured you'd do something like that." Grey's voice made Elder Thorunn shiver.

"You... you're lying on my good name. I've never seen this lady in my life." Elder Thorunn stammered.

"Then how did you apprehend her if you haven't seen her before?" Klaus asked coldly, "The guards in the dungeons were the ones who told us you took her away. Mister Grand Elder, you can ask the guards while we're here. No need to take him with you since he can intimidate them into lying."

The Grand Elder took a glance at Ralf, who nodded to affirm Grey and Klaus' words.

Seeing the slowly increasing crowd, the Grand Elder waved his hands, "Everyone, disperse. You five, come with me."

Grey, Klaus, Luthera, Ralf, and Elder Thorunn followed the Grand Elder and went to a more secluded place.

The Grand Elder didn't want the matter to escalate. From what he knew about Elder Thorunn, he was confident Grey and Klaus weren't lying, but he obviously can't say that out loud.

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In the Grand Elder's manor.

"Thorunn, what's the meaning of this? Even if you want to have your way with these girls, can't you be more careful with the people?" The Grand Elder was annoyed.

He took Elder Thorunn to another room and questioned angrily.

"She's a girl from a family where the strongest person is only in the Mid stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane, I had no idea she has connections with those two." Elder Thorunn dropped his head in fear. He knew the Grand Elder had caught him and didn't dare to make the matter worse since the Grand Elder was the only one who could save him from the hands of Grey and Klaus.

For some reason, he felt if Klaus was the one who attacked, he wouldn't have had these light injuries. From the looks of things, Klaus was emotionally attached to the young lady and was more furious, Grey was the more rational one and knew that fatally injuring an Elder in his Faction was a form of disrespect and total disregard for a Faction which the Faction Elders and Leader would not take lightly.

"The one who attacked you is Lucas' son. You know we can't afford to offend such a figure." The Grand Elder said.

When Elder Thorunn heard the name, Lucas, he felt his body go cold. There's only one Lucas the Grand Elder will be wary of, Lucas Dawson, the terrifying genius of the Dawson Family. There's also Martha who was his partner, they were both freakish entities. Thinking of it, he couldn't help but feel grateful that he was weaker than Grey, if not, he didn't even know what to say if he had accidentally harmed or even killed either of the duo.

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While the Grand Elder and Elder Thorunn were speaking in one room, Grey, Klaus, Luthera, and Ralf were left in the Hall, awaiting them.

"How are you?" Klaus asked Luthera softly.

"I'm fine. What took you so long?" Luthera pouted angrily.

"To be honest, we would've arrived a few days earlier, but I was goofing off. I didn't know you were in danger." Klaus answered truthfully.

If they had followed Grey's words and rushed to the Braun Family the first time, they would've gotten here a day or two earlier, but Klaus wanted to goof off, which delayed them by a day or so.

"You're lucky you came on time, if not, I would've broken off all connections with you." Luthera spoke gently while resting her head on Klaus' shoulder.

"I called out for you repeatedly when he brought me to his house a few minutes ago, you're lucky you showed up."

"I told you if you're in any danger, call my name, and I will show up. Did I fail you?"

"No, no you didn't."

Chapter 1256 You're Not One Of Them

Grey and the other trio waited patiently and the Grand Elder came back with Elder Thorunn after a few minutes.

"There was misunderstanding and the Faction will send envoys to the Braun Family to apologize and also show how sincere we are to do business with them as usual." The Grand Elder said after everyone was seated.

The reputation of the Elder was already down, there was no use in criticizing him in front of these youngsters. Grey had already disgraced him enough.

Grey and Klaus had nothing to say, and neither did Luthera, she was more than satisfied with leaving this place and never coming back. At the moment, all the trio wanted was to leave the Faction.

The Grand Elder nodded and turned to Ralf, "Take them around the Faction, they should be given one pill each."

Klaus was about to reject the offer, but Luthera hurriedly stood up and bowed, "Thank you."

This pill was what the Lanark Faction were renowned for. There were a few of them in circulation, but getting one was very difficult and quite expensive.

Grey didn't know what the pill was made for, and he didn't bother too much about it. Since Luthera wanted it, he didn't mind getting it too.

Klaus also didn't speak up, they both thanked the Grand Elder and left the place, following Ralf.

They told him they didn't need a tour of the place, it was all formalities, what they truly wanted was to leave, and they obviously can't do that without the pills they were supposed to be offered.

Ralf understood what they meant and didn't waste any more time, taking them to where to get the pills, he handed them over and gave them a brief explanation of what the pill was used for.

Grey's body jolted when he heard the use of it.

Apparently, when a Sage Plane Elementalist was on the verge of breaking through to the Elemental Venerable Plane and can't find the origin source, this pill will heighten their senses toward it and give them a better chance to locate it and connect it to their essence. It has an eighty percent success rate which was pretty frightening, but Grey had zero interest in all that, what he was concerned about was locating the origin source.

Presently, he was trying to locate the origin source and merge the golden energy he got from the Chaos Battlefield into it. If he could locate the origin source, he might be able to increase his strength by a whole lot.

He never thought that thanks to Klaus, he would be getting such a high end pill that would help him fulfill his wish. It was truly fascinating just thinking of it.

His thoughts were kept to himself, he knew if Klaus were to find out that thanks to him he would be able to achieve something he had been attempting for, he would brag to no end about it. As much as he didn't want to beat up Klaus, he might not be able to stop himself if Klaus found out about this.

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Outside the Lanark Faction.

"What's the plan now?" Luthera asked Grey and Klaus. I think you should take a look at

"We were originally going for a mission, but he wanted to see you so we stopped by. We still have a few days to go. So we can spare a day." Grey replied, not giving Klaus the chance to speak.

Klaus looked at him with grateful eyes, he thought Grey would rush them and he wouldn't be able to spend time with Luthera, but luckily, Grey was smart enough to know that he needed some to spend some time with Luthera before they left.

Unknown to Klaus, the reason Grey did this was so that he would be able to try out the pill. He was currently out and needed to increase his strength. The fastest way was to increase his cultivation stage to the Ninth stage, but he promised himself he would take it slow. Since that was out of the picture, his next best pick was to merge the two energies together and create a better one.

With these two energies, he would be able to defeat stronger opponents with much ease. In Grey's books, he didn't include Elder Thorunn as a Peak Elemental Venerable. He had encountered the really strong Peak Elemental Venerables, and they weren't as weak as Elder Thorunn.

Even a normal Ninth stage Elemental Venerable amongst the young geniuses in the Continent would be able to make light work of this Elder. Grey knew the Lanark Faction wasn't the only one who had such an Elder, even the Dawson Family, and the Pyrmont Faction had such Elders. Getting to the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane was no easy feat, but if one doesn't get the complete attributes of a Peak Elemental Venerable, then they were useless.

"We should head into the City, you coming?" Klaus asked.

"Don't worry about me, we can meet up tomorrow. I have some things I need to take care of." Grey waved them off.

Klaus didn't ask again and left with Luthera.

Grey watched the duo leave before turning to stare at the large expanse of forest before him. His current target was to get to a secluded area and see if he could locate the origin source on his own. He would resort to using the pill if his efforts fail. After all, this pill was a valuable treasure that could be used to help others.

"The city would be fun, you know." Void said.



"Training is fun. Come on, we might see something good in the woods." Grey chuckled.

"There's nothing good about training."

"You literally advance your realm while sleeping. Unlike people like me who have to put in the work."

"I don't think you should classify yourself in that category."

"What do you mean, I always work my butt off."

"No, not exactly."

"What do you mean?"

"Reynolds, now that's someone who works his butt off, you just get one thing and boom, an upgrade."

Chapter 1257 Party Crashers

Grey and Void went deep into the forest. On the way there, they saw someone from the Lanark Faction, but the person let them through. There was no way an Overlord Plane Elementalist could stop them. It's not that they couldn't secretly enter, but they couldn't. There was a large array across this entire part of the forest and there was only one spot open. Even Grey didn't have the confidence of creating an opening without the creator of the array finding out, so he went through the normal place.

Since he didn't want to provoke the Lanark Faction any further, he decided to make sure the young lady guarding the gates into the place was aware of him entering the place.

The only thing she said to him was not to kill the low Ranking al Beasts since they were what the Faction uses in training their members on some occasions.

Grey didn't have any plans of killing anything when he came here, so he had no problems with that. All he wanted was a secluded place to train.

After entering the forest, he ventured deep into it. With his current flight speed, it didn't take long for him to fly over a thousand kilometers. He got to the area where there were only Rank Seven al Beasts, found a lair belonging to one of the few close to the Peak, and with a little effort, he chased it away. He didn't care what it would do after leaving, and truthfully, he didn't care much.

With a cave all to himself, he started his training once again. Before leaving the Dawson Family, he only recently got the idea of trying to merge his golden energy with the origin source. There was no need rushing to use the pill when he didn't have to. There's a good chance that he might be able to locate it without the pill and this pill might be of use to anyone from the Dawson Family or Pymond Faction.

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Later that night.

Grey was seated down cross-legged in the cave with his eyes tightly closed. He had been like for over six hours now and no result.

He still hadn't been able to locate the origin source and he was contemplating if he should use the pill or not.

They would be leaving once it's dawn, and if he is still unable to locate it, then he would have to travel without merging them.

He opened his eyes and looked at Void who was sleeping on the side. The bunny leader was also out, but it was exploring the area, ensuring that Grey trained without any disturbance. It might not like fighting, but like Void, it had a high cultivation stage and could easily frighten those beasts below it.

It wanted to build a large bunny army, just like the one Grey had been chased by on several occasions. With its space element, it could keep them in spatial storage and bring them out. With their current strength, it knew that it needed a bunny with the strength of at least the Mid stages of the Seventh Rank. Coming here, it decided to search the area for any potential bunnies in that range.

Locating the bunnies was something very easy for it. In the space of the six hours Grey had been training, it had seen over a hundred bunnies, and only five of them met the requirements.

It kept all of them inside his spatial storage and continued recruiting throughout the night. I think you should take a look at

Grey finally decided not to use the pill since it was more useful for others and he hadn't tried enough. Only when he was certain that he wouldn't be able to locate the origin source will he use the pill, but for now, he would keep trying and see if he would be lucky.

The bunny leader managed to recruit two more bunnies to its bunny empire. Now, it truly befitted the name, the bunny leader. With his new growing army, it would be able to terrorize the life of others, just like he did to Grey, but in this case, he would be doing it for Grey, and not to him.

Grey had no knowledge of the bunny leader creating its mini-empire, and even if he did, he wouldn't care.

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The next morning.

Grey went straight to the City and met up with Klaus and Luthera, who had grouped up with the person her father sent over to find out what happened.

Klaus said his goodbyes to her and the duo started their journey. If they decided to travel nonstop, they would get there within two days. But traveling through space was not something that should be done on a constant basis. It was okay if one went through a long spatial tunnel thrice or four times a day, but once it starts to go above that, it would start to affect the body. Only those above the Elemental Venerable Plane don't have any issues with this. They could use spatial tunnels almost unendingly.

"Where's the target?" Klaus asked.

"We're heading to the borders of the Continent, close to the Middle Continent. There's a meeting there we're supposed to crash. According to my father, it would best we get there after it has started." Grey explained.

"Nice, that's what I like." Klaus laughed.

"That's why I called you over. You already know your task." Grey looked at the teleportation array before them.

Klaus nodded, he was raring to go. He hadn't been able to annoy people that were well stronger than him and had always offended those in the same stage as himself. Now that a great opportunity presented itself before him, he didn't want to miss it.

Luthera left the duo with her companion and headed back to the Braun Family, expecting the arrival of the envoy from the Lanark Faction.

Grey and Klaus walked into the teleportation array and a bright light enveloped the duo. When the light faded, the duo were gone.

Chapter 1258 Klaus At Work

Selkirk Region.

The border of the Western Continent and the Middle Continent. This was one of the regions before the Middle Continent, it stands as a good trade spot between both Continents.

Grey and Klaus arrived at the time they needed to, before the meeting took place. They arrived a day before the meeting and the duo started to wander around the city, in hopes of finding something good. However, even after spending hours in the streets of the City, they were unable to find anything good. They did get to eat in one of the good Inns in the City and even drank some of the best wine they've ever tasted.

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The next day.

The meeting was held in a secret room that night. Over fifteen figures in the Elemental Sovereign realm were seated as they started the meeting.

"What do we do about them? They are already a tumor, with the seal weakening, they will eventually come as a threat to us."

"They are a threat, but don't forget about the Dawson Family, they are holding onto a very important secret realm. With it, we will be able to grow more experts needed to fight against the Gnomes."

"The Dawson Family found the secret realm first, according to the rules, they have every right to keep it to themselves."

"What are you saying? We all need to grow stronger if we need to fight against the Gnomes."

"Yes, Lucas is always trying to flaunt his strength before us. Who knows if that's where he grew that powerful?"

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Different discussions broke out, but it all focused on one topic, the secret realm the Dawson Family found. There has been a few people who had attempted to snatch it but to no avail, now they were searching for a way to get the top Factions in the Middle Continent to come and intervene and force the Dawson Family to relinquish their hold of it.

They were still talking about measures to force the Dawson Family into letting others enter the secret realm when two individuals swaggered into the room. It was, of course, Grey and Klaus.

Grey was walking in a more serene way, Klaus on the other hand, was walking as if the world belonged to him. It couldn't be helped, this was a moment he would cherish for a long time.

One of the men who was adamant on the Dawson Family letting others into the secret realm turned to the duo.

"What are you two kids doing here?"

Before Grey could speak, Klaus spoke up, "We're the representative of the Dawson Family."

Klaus looked around and noticed there was no seat for them.

"Grey, there's no seat for us, would you be kind enough to make one for us." He asked with a smile.

He walked to one of the men, particularly the one who asked who they were and said with a blissful smile, "Can you move your seat a little, we need a spot here."

The man was about to attack when Grey brought out a seal. I think you should take a look at

When everyone present saw the seal, their expressions changed slightly, it belonged to Lucas and they've all heard of the rumors of Grey being the son of Lucas Dawson.

While thinking about that, they suddenly thought of another thing, how did Grey and Klaus get into the place without them finding out until they were already close?

Grey and Klaus naturally wouldn't speak of that.

The man didn't want to move, and Klaus wanting to make sure he annoyed the people to the extreme, created ice to push the man's seat a little further away, creating space for himself and Grey. He created an ice chair in the shape of a throne, higher than that of the others and sat down comfortably.

Grey didn't say a word, his facial expression was the same as when he came over and he sat down beside Klaus.

"Alright, we should continue with the meeting." Klaus said, "What did I hear about the Dawson Family?"

The men present were left speechless, they couldn't even say a word.

One of them finally spoke, his tone one of immense anger, "Little boy, do you know the presence of whom you're sitting before?"

"I'm representing the Dawson Family, I believe I have every right to sit with you people. Unless... you know, you believe you're above the Dawson Family. I'll leave and report to Uncle Lucas and we'll know what steps to take." Klaus was unmoved by his words.

He was never one who could be easily intimidated, especially when he has such a superpower behind him. With Grey's father, he had zero fears for these people. In fact, he knew these people wouldn't dare to attack them.

They might be from top Factions, but offending the Dawson Family wasn't something they would want to do so openly. Only a few of them would do that, and the consequences of their actions weren't light.

The Faction fighting against the Dawson Family for that secret realm had lost a lot of talents due to the war, especially when Grey was sent out. Grey killed some of their top talents in that cultivation stage at that time which naturally weakened their future prospects.

"Kid, even if you're from the Dawson Family, there are ways you should act outside." One of the men looked at him with cold eyes.

"And how am I acting?" Klaus asked.

"The same way a dead man would." Another man replied.

This man's face was stern and his eyes radiated a little murderous intent.

"Did we come to the wrong meeting? I don't recall Uncle sending us to meet up with dead people, do you?" Klaus' words infuriated not just the man who asked the question, but everyone present as well.

Grey couldn't help but look at him, seeing that they were going nowhere, he tapped Klaus on the hand and their seats went down a little, becoming level with the others. Not only that, but it changed its shape and became a normal chair, made of stone.

"Forgive my friend's behavior, please, if you don't mind, I would very much like for the meeting to continue." His voice was calm and confident, giving the others a feeling of someone who had everything under control.

Annoying these people was part of the plan, but he also needed to find out the ones that needed to be dealt with.

Chapter 1259 Use Him As Bait

Klaus didn't speak any further, since Grey wanted him to stop for the moment, then he would. Besides, he was just getting started. It would be a shame if these people didn't have some sort of control over their emotions.

With Grey speaking up, the men in the area had a change of heart. He spoke in a manner that washed away all the anger they were previously feeling. To be honest, they didn't have any reasons to be upset with them, if not for the way Klaus had been speaking since they showed their faces, there was no reason for them to feel angered by them.

"It's okay, I understand the impulsiveness youngsters can have." One of the men replied with a smile.

He was the only one who didn't seem to have any issues with the duo's presence in the meeting. When they were discussing previously, he was also the one against others wanting to take the secret realm from the Dawson Family.

"We should continue the discussion, don't you guys think so?" He asked the others with a raise of his brow.



If anyone wanted to cause a problem due to Klaus' statement, then that person was probably up to no good.

The others, although annoyed, decided to continue with their conversation. However, to the surprise of some of the people present there, they didn't speak of forcefully taking the secret realm from the hands of the Dawson Family, rather, they moved on to another issue, necromancers.

Necromancers have planted spies in every top Faction or Family over the past hundred years, and it was starting to become an issue. Especially now that the seal was weakening.

The current state of affairs wouldn't allow them to let such people grow in the Factions or Families. The best thing to do was to wipe these people out to remove any hidden problems for the future.

The main problem stands in locating these people. A few of them could be picked out, but not all of them were as useless as those few. In most Factions, the ones found were only those below the Elemental Sovereign Plane. Getting those in the Elemental Sovereign Plane was the task that lay ahead of them.

"Aren't they searching for a way to kill him? He should be the easiest way to bring them out." Klaus pointed at Grey.

The others in the meeting turned to look at Klaus and then turned their attention to Grey. The Gnomes did want him dead, and given the loyalty necromancers have for Gnomes, there's a high chance that they would want to kill Grey at all costs if the opportunity presents itself.

"That's not a bad idea, but it's too dangerous. I don't think Lucas would want to endanger the life of his precious son."

"The boy is here, all we need is his consent and then we can go ahead with the plan."

"Setting an Elemental Venerable against a Sovereign is just sending him to his death. I'm not in support of this idea, and kid, I'll advise you to do the same."

"Why are you so against us getting anything good? Are you one of the ones planted in a Faction?" I think you should take a look at

As expected, not everyone was in support of sending Grey on such a dangerous mission. They all knew that Grey might most likely lose his life, even if they set up a lot of protections, it still wouldn't mean anything. If a top Sovereign wanted to kill him, before others would arrive, he would be dead without a doubt.

While they were arguing about if Grey should do it or not, Grey was staring at the situation with an expressionless face. He didn't know if he should be happy about Klaus' suggestion or not. It was a brilliant way to fish out the necromancers who were planted in the Factions. Nevertheless, it was dangerous, too dangerous.

If things don't go well, he would most likely die before any help comes. As much as he wanted to help find those people, he didn't want to carelessly lose his life.

Klaus wasn't worried about anything, he looked at Grey with a confident expression. He nodded at him as if suggesting that he should agree to it.

"Have an idea?" Grey asked with a whisper.

"Yeah, just play along. If any of them is a necromancer, we will be able to know. Will we be receiving any help?" Klaus thought for a while before asking.

"Since my father wants to make them angry, he should come. I can't say for sure. But I can sense that we're being followed by a powerhouse." Grey replied.

Their voices were almost inaudible to themselves, much less anyone else. They were certain these people wouldn't be able to hear what they were saying. To be on the safer side, they also protected the sound and it only sounded after getting to the ears of the other person.

Grey and Klaus discussed secretly, and so did the men in the room. They were all arguing about possibly sending Grey on such a dangerous mission. Only a few of them were against the idea, the others were

stronger behind it. It wasn't like Grey was related to them. And if Grey were to die by any chance, it would be a piece of good news for them.

Lucas was already enough to make them think twice when it came to the Dawson Family, if Grey were to grow to his level, there was a large chance that he would be even more frightening than Lucas. That wasn't something they all wanted. If the genius isn't from their Family or Faction, they didn't want them to be too strong.

"Kid, accept this. You will be doing a great job in making the world a safer place."

"Yes, don't worry. You can start from my Faction. There's no way the information of this plan would leak out."

"No, come to my Family first, we can provide you with the ultimate protection against whoever dares to attack you."

Even without Grey agreeing to do it, they were already arguing about where he should head first. They were all aware that the plan might be exposed after the first top expert had been killed, so they all wanted to clean their Factions or Family first.

Chapter 1260 We Don't Mind A Few Allies

"Sorry, but I'm not interested in doing anything like that." Grey replied with a calm expression. He looked at everyone present with a straight face. There was no way he would accept this proposal, first off, it was too dangerous. Second, Klaus wasn't too certain if his plan would work out, so after much deliberation, the duo decided to cancel the plan.

Either way, Klaus only said it out of impulse, it was the issue of these men who took it too seriously. And from how they were acting, he was almost certain these people wanted Grey dead at all costs, if not, why would they be so adamant that he accepts the proposal and were even already discussing how he would move.

Grey stared at the few people who were not in agreement with him doing that mission. He has been taking note of the reactions of the people who were not in support of him accepting the mission. There

was only two reasons he could think of, either they wanted to protect him, or they were necromancers. The former was more believable than the latter.

Necromancers would want him to take on the mission and even want him to come to the Faction they were a part of just so they could be the one to kill him. The benefits a necromancer can acquire from killing Grey was far above that of when a normal person kills him.

The Gnomes would give them a high status when they finally invade and defeat humans in the battle over the control of the Aurora Continent. If things go as planned, then the Aurora Continent would be a minor part of the Gnome Race's world and could be used to build the strength of their talents.

Of course, it wasn't something set in stone as humans were capable of fighting back against these Gnomes.

Only the top necromancers know of Grey's ability to cut off their connections with their puppets, rendering them unable to move for a short time. That was enough time for anyone to kill them. This was the reason necromancers wanted Grey dead just as much as the Gnomes did.

The Gnomes were physically stronger than necromancers, so even if they do lose their puppets, they might still be able to survive. Necromancer? Not so much.

Grey was also aware of the plans of the necromancers, hence his focus was more on the ones who wanted him to accept the proposal more than the others.

"What do you mean by that?" One of the men asked coldly.

He never thought that Grey would reject the idea, especially when his friend was the one who came up with it.

"I said I'm not interested. You guys should worry about how to purge them out, it has absolutely nothing to do with me." Grey's words were firm, he didn't want to do it, and there was nothing there people could do to change his mind.

The meeting entered a momentary silence, no one said a words as everyone stared at Grey.

Grey was unmoved by their gazes, he sat down calmly as he looked around the place, trying to see if he could sense anything wrong with any of them. Unfortunately, anyone who could easily hide in the midst of multiple Peak Sovereigns wouldn't have any issues hiding from an Elemental Venerable. I think you should take a look at

He soon gave up on the idea and focused on the main thing, finding the few people who his father wanted to deal with. According to what his father suggested, they should speak more about the secret realm and see the stance of the people present. Once they could know the stances, then they could revert back to annoying these people. That was Klaus' job.

"My father said there would be a discussion about our secret realm. A few people has been waging war with us over the past few years for it. We all know how good it is, but according to the rules, since it's located in our region, and it was found by one of us, then it belongs to us." Grey's eyes were sharp as he looked at everyone present and said, "Why aren't you people doing anything to stop them. In fact, I believe you people seem to be waiting for an opportunity to take advantage of the situation."

Grey didn't hide the cold and murderous intent in his eyes.

A few of the men were annoyed by the fact that Grey was openly threatening them, and they weren't able to do anything about it.

"What do you mean by that?" The man sitting close to them asked coldly.

"We don't like people who wants to take advantage of us. If I find out any of you have such intentions, you shall bear the brunt of the Dawson Family." Grey turned to man, "Even if we have to fight to our last blood, we will make sure you get nothing."

Grey understood what his father wanted to do, but he didn't want to cause more problems for the Dawson Family. Fighting against more people would not do anything good for them. His plan was to intimidate them.

Anyone who steps forward with the idea or plan of taking advantage would be dealt with, even if it means the Dawson Family would suffer, they would make sure they don't have any manpower to keep the secret realm.

The eyes of everyone were serious. They understood the meaning of Grey's words, however, a few of them didn't seem fazed. The secret realm was something they wanted, not at all costs, but they wouldn't mind a few sacrifices to attain it.

Grey looked around and smiled softly, "We don't mind having a few allies."

When everyone heard his statement, they were stunned. The Dawson Family didn't mind having a few allies?

This was a completely different situation compared to how it previously was. In this case, they would be able to get into the secret realm without having to lose anyone.