

Affinity 1281

Chapter 1281 Neglected Void

Inside the secret realm.

Grey appeared in the familiar yet odd-looking realm, he didn't know what to feel. He was always quite curious about what the part belonging to those in the Elemental Venerable Plane looked like, unfortunately, it was the same. It only had more essence which would produce more treasures.

"Let's move out, I don't think they want us to travel with them." Grey said to his friends.

He let out the bunny leader, "You might be able to get stronger bunnies here for the army."

The eyes of the bunny leader shone brilliantly, with a nod of its cute head, it disappeared.

"You're creating an army?" Reynolds couldn't help but ask.

"No, it's creating an army. It will be good to get more helpers, so I let it do as it pleases." Grey explained.

"What if he creates a powerful army and gets out of control?"

"Not possible, Void and I can deal with it, right Void?"

"Easy peasy."

Grey was the first to take a step forward, with his next step, he took flight and flew in the direction he could sense some activity.

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Not too far from the portal, a group could be seen battling with al Beasts. These beasts were all in the Mid stages of the Seventh Rank, all exhibiting frightening powers.

"Matt, at this rate, we will not make it. Why don't you and the others leave? I'll buy you guys some time." A young lady said.

She was in the Mid stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane, the strongest in her group. The others were all in the Early stages which made it difficult for them to match the strength of the al Beasts. Even though they had superior numbers, they were still lacking in terms of sheer strength.

The young man referred to as Matt, looked at the young lady with somewhat teary eyes. They were on their way out of the realm when they were ambushed by a group of Gnomes, as if that was not enough, the Gnomes lured these beasts over when they realized they couldn't defeat them.

"But..."

"No buts! Leave now, I'll follow right behind you." The young lady interjected when Matt was about to speak.

Matt gritted his teeth and without hesitation, he took the other four that were with them and was about to leave.

"Oh, what do we have here?"

A calm voice woke him up from his short moment of hysteria. He didn't know who the voice belonged to, but for some reason, he not only found it to be familiar, but a sudden sense of safety overwhelmed him. I think you should take a look at

Grey was the first to appear, due to his speed, it was like he stepped out of the void. Behind him, Klaus, Alice, and Reynolds appeared. Void was still on his shoulder, looking at the scene without much enthusiasm.

These were only al Beasts in the Mid stages of the Seventh Rank, they were not enough to entice him.

"It's you!" Matt exclaimed when he saw Grey.

Grey had a face that was unforgettable. Being a male and being regarded as almost beautiful made it easy for him to always leave an impression on others. That, along with the last adventure he had here made him quite popular amongst the people that stayed there.

Matt was one of the few people Grey encountered when he was in the lower realm in this secret realm. They were both in the Sage Plane at that time, of course, Matt was already at the Peak at that time.

He only met with Grey a few times, but Grey gave him a feeling he had never felt from anyone else.

"Hello, I can see your friend is in a bit of trouble, I'll come back to you." Grey didn't speak with him, the reason was not because he wanted to hurry to help the young lady, but because he didn't recognize the young man.

From how the young man reacted, it was clear that he knew Grey, unfortunately, Grey didn't know him, and he didn't want to be put in an awkward position.

He was about to make a move when Alice and Reynolds stopped him.

"Let us deal with these things, they wouldn't stand a blow from you." Alice suggested.

Grey didn't think twice and let them make the move.

Alice's body cackled with lightning all over as she moved straight into battle, Reynolds didn't see any need to bring out his Elemental Warrior, these beasts might be strong, but not enough to trouble him.

There were only three.

Boom!

Alice was the first to attack, and from the onset, the difference between her and the young lady who was holding the beasts back was seen. Her attack power was superior to that of the young lady, even though the young lady was a stage ahead of her.

Reynolds was even more powerful, he sent one of the beasts flying with one attack while cutting off one of the hands of the other one with a clean strike.

He looked at the young lady, smiled softly and said, "Don't worry, we will handle it from here. You should heal up."

The short time she spent with the three al Beasts, although not more than a few seconds was telling on her, she was injured since she had to stop the beasts from chasing after the others.

She didn't argue with them and left, heading towards Matt and the others. She didn't know Grey. At the time Grey came here, she was already in the Elemental Venerable Plane and didn't get to meet him in the lower realm. She was too preoccupied to even hear the reaction of Matt when Grey appeared.

Grey and Klaus stood mid-air while Matt and his group were behind them. They watched as Alice and Reynolds pummeled the group of al Beasts that had almost taken all their lives. The difference in terms of genius was clear as day. And from what they could sense, they knew Grey and Klaus looked to be the strongest in the group. Void, as usual, was neglected.

Chapter 1282 An Exhilarating Feeling!

It took the duo a minute or so, but they defeated the al Beasts they were fighting with ease, killing all three of them.

The young lady, and the young man called Matt looked at the duo in shock. Reynolds was in the Fifth stage, just like the young lady, but he possessed more power. Alice was a stage lower than the young lady, but she was also stronger than she was. One has to know that she was someone regarded as a top genius in the Faction she came from, but in front of the duo, she didn't stand a chance.

She stood in the same spot, staring at the duo, she then turned to look at the two who were standing carefreely mid-air. All she knew was that they came with the duo who helped her out, but she didn't know too much about them.

After calming down, she looked at Matt inquisitively.

"That's Grey, remember him?" Matt didn't need to explain much, Grey's name was very popular amongst those who had been in the secret realm for a long time.

"The one that caused havoc in the lower realm?" The young lady asked.

"The one and only." Matt gave a wry smile.

The young lady looked at Grey, who had Void sitting on his shoulder. He looked so detached from the scene, nor did he look like someone who would do something he was being lauded for.

Everyone in the higher realm of the secret realm heard of Grey's deeds, after all, the entire Elemental Venerables on the side of the Gnomes were forced to make a meeting, not just that, but they also sent people down to hunt down this person. However, this person escaped from their hands on two occasions.

She never thought she would see that famous figure so soon, neither did she expect that he would already be so strong.

Grey always has his cultivation stage hidden whenever he's in a place like this, but it was easy to guess that he was stronger than the other two who fought the beasts.

She was already a Venerable while Grey was still in the Sage Plane. At the moment, just like Sylvia and the others from the Burchard Family, she didn't know what to feel, but the feeling of inferiority was very clear. Grey was just too much of a monster, making others feel useless.

Alice and Reynolds returned.

"Took you guys long enough, I thought you wouldn't be able to finish them off." Klaus mocked.

"We don't have to go all out for these beasts. If they were a bit stronger, then we wouldn't mind." Reynolds said coolly.

When the young lady and Matt heard their words, they almost fainted. They just realized the reason Alice and Reynolds took a minute to kill these beasts was because they didn't want to go all-out.

They didn't know how to feel while listening and looking at the group.

"Come on, let's head deeper. We'll encounter better targets there. I also have to visit the Prince of the Gnomes, I feel. He has missed me a lot." Grey chuckled.

"Alright, let's go meet your date." Klaus mocked.

Grey rolled his eyes, he turned to Matt and the others, "You guys will be free for the next week or so. Do whatever you want."

After finishing his statement, Grey left, not waiting for a response from them.

Matt and the young lady exchanged glances. Matt, being a little familiar with Grey, understood the meaning behind his words.

"We're not leaving. This is our chance. Let's go back to take that treasure we couldn't." He said to the others.

"What does he mean by 'we will be free for a week?'" The young lady asked.

"He's going to meet up with the Prince of the Gnomes, the one he almost killed while we were in the lower realm. According to what I know, they would focus all their attention on him while he's here. The same thing happened the last time." Matt explained.

"Wait, he's just going to barge into their hideout?" The young lady asked.

"Actually, the last time, he killed a few of them when he went to visit the Prince, making the Prince mad with fury. This time, I think there's another Prince here, the older brother of that Prince. I don't know what he's going to do, but I know we're free and safe. Even the Giant race doesn't want to mess with him." Matt explained.

He looked at the group and his eyes shone, "We're so lucky to encounter him. With him here, we're not only safe, but the benefits we can get are unimaginable!"

The young lady looked at Matt, not sure why he had such faith in Grey, after all, he was just one man. Well, thinking of the people around him, she still didn't think they would be enough to rival the entire Gnomes in this place.

"Alright, let's stay for a while. We will monitor what's happening on his end, if it's safe, we can go get the treasure we wanted." The young lady was the strongest, so she had the final say in the group.

Matt didn't have any problems with her decision, he was very confident that Grey would be able to draw all the attention to himself, giving them the chance they needed to acquire treasures and grow stronger.

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Grey and his group didn't go far, they stopped after only a few kilometers. The reason for that was because Grey sensed a familiar aura.

"Hehe, Gnomes are around the corner. We should be able to have some fun before we head to their hideout." He laughed softly.

"Oh, I forgot you can sense these guys." Alice said.

"Alright, bring them out. I wanna beat those guys." Klaus was raring to go.

"No rush, they're coming to us now." Grey smiled, his eyes closing slightly.

He was feeling a bit exhilarated. He had missed this feeling, a lot.

Chapter 1283 Slaughter In The Secret Realm

Grey and his group didn't leave the area they stopped, they waited patiently, and just like Grey said, the Gnomes walked into them.

"More humans, hehehe." One of the Gnomes laughed evilly.

"Do you think the others ones are already dead?" Another asked while licking his lips.

"Damn! These guys look freakishly ugly!" Klaus exclaimed.

Of the group, Grey is the one who has had encounters with Gnomes. The others were aware of them, but they hadn't really seen them. Grey had seen them on multiple occasions, so he knew just how little they were.

"Not all of them look this way." Grey said.

His words calmed the infuriated Gnomes, but the next statement sent them hysterical.

"But these guys, they are ugly. Even the worst beasts don't look this bad." He added.

"Did your parents reject you guys after giving birth to you, or were they forced to accept you as their children?" Klaus asked while laughing his head off.

The Gnomes that came out were five, but they had the number advantage. Two of them were also in the Mid stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane, while the other three were in the Early stages. They couldn't sense Grey's cultivation stage, but they were able to sense Klaus' own. Although they were a bit apprehensive, they didn't feel any fears. They were Gnomes, the dominant species between the two. They've always had the advantage when it came to strength, adding their puppets to the picture, they were even more frightening.

Unfortunately for them, they encountered the most freakish entities among humans. Of course, there were also a few who were almost as strong as Grey and his friends in the same stage, but people like that were quite rare, especially for their age range.

"Hey, little kid, daddy is calling you, it's bedtime." Klaus continued messing with them.

And the group of five snapped when they heard Klaus' words. Each of them brought out their puppets, and just when they were about to attack, Grey grinned and said.

"Didn't daddy tell you not to play with dangerous toys?"

Before they could react, they were all frozen in fear, their connections had been forcefully cut from their puppets, making them momentarily incapable of doing anything in a short while. That was enough time for Grey and this group to kill them.

Internally, they were all screaming a particular name, "Grey Dawson".

This was the only person that could do something like this, they've heard of it, but they found it difficult to believe. Now, they've experienced it, unfortunately, they wouldn't be able to live to tell the tale.

Grey looked at them as they were killed. He didn't feel anything as he swiped their storage rings away.

"Come on, there is more upfront. We should wipe them out." His eyes glowed with a ferocious light.

He knew a war was coming soon, he had to do his best to take out as many geniuses as he possibly could. If the opportunity arises, he wants to kill a few Princes.

Grey and his group started a clear out of the secret realm, killing any Gnome that they encountered. It was a brutal activity, but not for Grey or his friends, rather, it was for the Gnomes.

In the space of twelve hours of entering the secret realm, they had killed over fifty Gnomes. One has to know that the number of Gnomes was superior to that of humans in the secret realm, so they naturally occupied more areas. Grey and his friends would encounter at least one Gnome within the space of a few kilometers. Anyone seen was killed without mercy.

Alice and Reynolds were the two who had gotten the most battles, they were the weakest, well, not Reynolds since with his Elemental Warrior he could battle with someone in the Eighth stage, even the Ninth stage. Alice could fight with someone in the Sixth stage, and barely hold her own against someone in the Seventh stage, that was if she used all of her strength, including her Seelie.

Reynolds was only using the Gnomes as a means to hone his skills. It got to a point that he told Grey to stop breaking the link between the Gnomes and their puppets so they would be able to get a good battle against them.

The battles last for a few minutes, but in the end, they are always victorious. Void and Klaus were starting to get bored since they hadn't encountered anyone that would pose a threat to Alice and Reynolds, and even if they did, so long as it's just one individual, Reynolds dealt with it.

Void was okay with not getting any action, Klaus was not okay with it. Seeing only Alice and Reynolds fight made him itch and raring to go. Unfortunately, there was nothing he could do. With no choice, he killed a Gnome that was in the Fifth stage with a single attack before the others could react. He pretended like he had nothing to do with it, but the broken ice sculpture of the Gnome was glaring evidence against him.

No one bothered with him.

"When can I join in on the fun, I'm bored." Klaus asked after Alice and Reynolds killed another group of Gnomes.

"We'll tell the next ones we meet to take us there." Grey looked around, and after trying to sense if there were any other Gnomes around, he was disappointed with the results.

"Hmm, looks like we've killed quite a lot of them."

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While Grey and his group were thinking of how to get to the Gnomes.

In a large castle.

A large group of Gnomes were gathered, they looked a little worried. The reason for this was obvious, over fifty people seemed to be missing.

Normally, they wouldn't have noticed this early, but when a few people tried contacting their friends, they noticed that they were not responding. More people started to try to communicate with their friends, and while a few were able to reach out, a lot were not able to respond. It meant one thing, they were dead.

Chapter 1284 Traumatized Gnome Prince

"Why does this sound familiar?"

In the castle, one of the top figures seated asked with a curious face. For some reason, he felt he had experienced something like this before. It took only a second for him to recall why it felt so familiar.

"Could it be him?" His eyes widened. He didn't want to believe it, but he didn't feel there was another human that would be bold enough to do something like this.

"Stop associating everything with that fellow. He wouldn't dare to step foot into here." Another one of the Gnomes said, looking at the figure who just spoke in disdain, "Little brother, you have so much to learn."

The Gnome referred to as little brother was none other than the Seventh Prince from the Gnome race. He still dreamt of the horrors he faced when he was bullied by Grey. His father, the Emperor placed all the blame on him, and was even more furious when they were unable to get him, even after getting to the Elemental Venerable Plane.

"I don't think one person is capable of achieving such a feat. It must be the work of a group. Find them, I want to see who is bold enough to attack us." The elder Prince said to the people present.

They nodded and all left the castle, leaving only the Seventh Prince, the elder Prince, and a few others who were in the Late stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

"Brother, if he's the one, then this isn't a wise decision." The Seventh Prince warned.

"Don't worry, even if it's him, he isn't invincible." The elder Prince looked at his younger brother in disgust.

He was the Second Prince, and was almost ten years older than the Seventh Prince. He didn't think much of his younger brother, after all, they were opponents when it came to fighting for the position of future Emperor. Although the others were older, the Seventh Prince was quite talented, hence giving him some chance against the others.

It had only been around two years plus, but the Seventh Prince was already in the Fifth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

The Second Prince has been in this place for almost eight years, and he was only at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane. At the current rate the Seventh Prince was advancing, there's a good chance that even if he doesn't catch up to him while he's still in the Elemental Venerable Plane, he would definitely catch up to him in the Elemental Sovereign Plane.

The Second Prince didn't think too much about what the Seventh Prince was warning him about, if Grey was in the Sage Plane at the time he caused his younger brother's trauma, he should at most be in the same stage as his younger brother or weaker. Well, from what he heard, then he should be weaker.

He would be able to beat his younger brother, much less someone that is weaker than his younger brother.

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While the Seventh Prince was a little worried about the mysterious killer being Grey, the Second Prince didn't care about it.

Grey and his group cared even less about what they thought. After almost two hours of not encountering any other Gnome, they finally met another one, this one, was one Grey was all too familiar with.

This Gnome was the other Gnome that tried attacking him in the lower realm.

"It's you!" The Gnome was stunned beyond words.

"Of course, how are you doing?" Grey asked with a smile.

When he sensed the Gnome's cultivation stage, he shook his head in disappointment, "Still in the Fifth stage."

The Gnome was taken aback when he heard Grey's words. He didn't know why Grey would tell him such a word.

"I'll enjoy killing you. The rewards placed on your head is very tempting." The Gnome didn't think too much and charged at Grey.

Since he was aware of Grey's ability to cut off their links to the puppets, he didn't try to bring it out, he just felt there was no need.

He attacked, but to his surprise, he was sent flying with one attack from Grey, who stopped the others from intervening.

"Now, tell me where your hideout is." Grey walked over to the Gnome who still hadn't been able to comprehend what just happened. He didn't know when Grey attacked him.

"You... how did you do that?" He asked in shock.

"What?" Grey asked and punched out again, "This?"

The young man was sent flying once again. He wasn't even able to defend himself.

Grey appeared in front of him and attacked once again, asking the same question, while punching him. After he was done with his Gnome punching bag, he stopped and finally focused on what he wanted to find out.

"Oh right, where is your hideout located?" He forgot to ask the important question because he was too caught up with beating the hell out of the Gnome.

The Gnome didn't understand what was happening, he had been beaten black and blue, yet he still couldn't understand how it was possible. Yes, he wasn't able to defeat Grey the last time, but it was all due to the short time he could spend there, not because Grey was stronger or anything. Now that they encountered each other again, he couldn't even defend himself against Grey. It was unfathomable to say the least.

"Not answering? Alright, I'll just kill you, there are others who would give me the answer I want." Grey said before sending the Gnome flying once again.

While the Gnome was still mid-air, Grey appeared, on his palm was a little mass of destructive chaos orb.

A great sense of crisis rose in the heart of the Gnome and he opened his mouth, unfortunately, it was too late.

The orb touched his body, and compared to the usual large commotion, there was no noise. The body of the Gnome disappeared within a second.

Grey sighed, but he soon sensed other Gnomes coming towards their area. It seems the slight noise from their battle alerted those close by.

Chapter 1285 Will You Believe If I Said No?

Grey took a look around, since others would be coming soon, he didn't need to leave, what he started to do was to create a few chaos orbs, while also creating a large array he wanted to use to seal the area, making sure the noise from the battle wouldn't alert too many people.

He still had to be wary of the Giant race. The only reason he was this carefree about the Gnomes was that he had their weakness on the palm of his hands, so they couldn't fight with their full strength. If the Giant race were to start helping them out, it would be catastrophic for the humans in there. His group wouldn't have any problems with dealing with the Giants, but the others would be in so much danger.

"How come we haven't seen any of those people from the Giant race you spoke of?" Klaus asked while getting ready for the upcoming slaughter.

Grey spoke of another race being dominant here, and even though they had spent more than half a day here, other than Gnomes, they hadn't seen any other foreign race.

"It's best we stay out of their way. I don't think they would condone being threatened. We are already enemies with the Gnomes, adding the Giants to it wouldn't be a wise choice." Grey said.

"Who said I wanted to make them enemies?" Klaus looked at Grey oddly, he then added, "I'm just curious about them, that's all."

Grey took a glance at Klaus, not wanting to believe his words. Klaus was a certified troublemaker, and he didn't want anything that would cause more trouble for these people that are present in the secret realm. He already felt bad that because of him more of those who ventured inside faced an infuriated Gnome race, the Giant race was still out of their way, and that was something he wanted to stay that way.

"If only we could seal the other two portals." He sighed.

He did attempt to seal the portal of the Gnomes, but to his shock, no matter how hard he tried, he wasn't able to and with a simple push from the other side, his seal was broken. It was something he didn't have too much of a high hope for anyway, so he wasn't too disappointed.

"Come on, let's get ready."

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While Grey and his group were causing a commotion in the secret realm, drawing all the attention to them, a few people were moving carefreely in the secret space.

The son of the Burchard Family Head, as well as the young lady who was the student of the number one Faction Leader.

"Are you telling me just four people took away all the Gnomes?" The young lady couldn't believe her eyes.

The son of the Burchard Family Head gave a wry smile, "I know it's hard to believe, but yes. Actually, the Gnomes are more focused on a certain individual, Grey Dawson."

"I believe you've heard of him."

"Hmm, the one that has the kill order on his head?" The young lady asked after some thought.

"Yes, that one." The son of the Burchard Family Head nodded, he started to explain what happened during the last time Grey was in this secret realm.

Obviously, he didn't have all the details since only Grey and the Gnomes knew all that transpired, but a few did know a few things, and even heard of how Elemental Venerable risked getting killed by the force just to take Grey's life. No one knew if they were able to find Grey, but it was clear that they were unsuccessful in taking his life.

The young lady was marveled by Grey's words, not sure of what to say about such a daring figure.

"But I still find it strange that we're given such free reign to move as we like. I recall how difficult it was to even locate the place, much less attempt to take it." The young lady sighed.

She was in the Seventh stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane, younger than Grey and his group, and was highly valued by the number one Faction Leader. She was a Multi Elementalist, with very high elemental grades.

From young, she had been taken into the number one Faction and groomed by its Leader.

There were a few rumors which stated that she was the daughter of the late Faction Leader, hence her high status, but there was no way to verify that claim and the present Faction Leader hasn't spoken a word on where he found her.

The son of the Burchard Family Head didn't speak much, he decided to focus on their mission. They were lucky Grey came at the time he did, and with his help, they would be able to get what they needed without having to face too many dangers. He knew Grey wouldn't make the entire realm completely danger-free, but at least drawing most of the attention to himself was enough for the others to be safer.

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Grey had no idea what was going on in other places of the secret realm, at the moment, he was more concerned about the people standing in front of him. This group numbered over fifteen, something that was out of his expectations, and five of them were already in the Late stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

'Void, you will help out this time, I don't think we can do this alone. Well, unless they foolishly bring out their puppets.'

Of the fifteen people present, none of them knew Grey.

"Are you the group killing our people?" One of the Late stage Elemental Venerables asked.

This person was a lady who looked well over thirty, she was in the Eighth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

"Will you believe me if I say no?" Klaus asked with a friendly smile. In front of him lay a Gnome's corpse.

Grey didn't even know when and how Klaus managed to obtain the body of a Gnome.

Seeing the corpse in front of Klaus, the lady got the answer to her question.

Chapter 1286 You Asked For It

The lady attacked the second she saw the corpse in front of Klaus. They were searching for this group, and she wanted to kill them and get rewarded.

Klaus chuckled and glanced at Grey, giving him a smile before charging forth. He had been dying for some action, and the chance had finally come for him to show his strength.

Grey smiled, knowing this was something Klaus had probably been waiting for a while now.

The lady didn't bring out her puppet, which he found odd, but he didn't think too much about it, attacking as well.

Reynolds brought out his Elemental Warrior, this wasn't the time to hold back, their opponents were quite popular, and given the number advantage they had over them, he wanted to make sure he was at his strongest.

Alice's Seelie appeared beside her, "Time to fight."

The Seelie merged with her, and her strength shot up. Given her usual strength, she had no issues fighting those in the Seventh stage, even though her strength only got up to the Sixth stage. She was a genius who could fight across stages, so fighting against someone in the Seventh stage wasn't a problem for her.

The lady wasn't the only one who attacked, the others by her side attacked as well.

The group of fifteen had a few people in the Late stages, and only about five were in the Early stages.

Grey and his group were outnumbered, but with Grey's inscriptions, he managed to completely neutralize those in the Early stages. They were more focused on defending and couldn't involve themselves in the battle.

Alice, with the help of her Seelie, managed to hold down two Mid stage Elemental Venerables.

Reynolds held down four on his own, leaving the rest in the Late stages for Grey and Klaus.

Grey was the one who took on most of the pressure, after all, he was the strongest. He was fighting against three people who were all in the Late stages.

Klaus was fighting against the lady who was the strongest person in her group. She was in the Eighth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane, and Klaus was in the Seventh stage.

Their first class was a draw, her attack wasn't able to cause any harm to Klaus since he was able to easily block it with an attack of his own.

Boom!

"Fuck it! I need help!"

Reynolds screamed for help, he was stronger than the people he was fighting against, but he was outnumbered, and the people he was fighting against were all in the Sixth stage, making it even harder.

Alice was in a tough spot and couldn't help, Klaus was the only one fighting a single opponent, but his opponent was too strong, if he dared to take on another opponent, he would be badly beaten by them.

Grey was already fighting against three people, all in the Seventh stage, while also controlling his inscriptions to deal with those in the Early stages. Technically, he was fighting eight people at the same time since he had to share his focus. But there was still someone who hadn't made a move yet.

'Void, take out that person. Be discreet, I'll send out an attack to make it look like me.'

Grey didn't want the lady and the others they were fighting with to know that there was still a powerhouse hidden from sight.

He sent out a punch in the direction of one of the people Reynolds was fighting with. The punch looked ordinary, but everyone could sense the power behind it.

It suddenly vanished, and before one of the men fighting with Klaus could figure out what was happening, a small hole appeared in his chest, killing him in the process.

The man and the others with him couldn't understand what just happened, all it took was a single attack from Grey and he was able to kill the man. The man was a Sixth stage Elemental Venerable, they all sensed the attack after Grey unleashed it, even if it was a threat, it shouldn't have been able to take the life of the man in such a manner.

"How did he do it?" Someone blurted out worriedly.

Grey was able to kill one of them casually, they naturally had every right to be worried.

Grey didn't speak, he knew it was all thanks to Void who amplified the attack. He focused on the battle before him. The trio he was element, while one had the fire element and the other the wind 10:36

fighting consisted of two Multi Elementalist who possessed the fire, earth, and wind element. They both possessed the earth element, while one had the fire element and the other the wind element to complement the earth element.

"Bring out your puppet if you know you don't want to die." Klaus screamed while fighting with the lady, neither of them had the advantage, but he was the one whose voice was the loudest in the scene.

"Don't say I didn't warn you! Now that I'm still going easy on you, take out your puppet so I can have a proper fight."

Seeing the lady unresponsive to his words, he increased his strength a notch, a small moon appeared on his back, and for the first time, there was a clear advantage in their battle. Klaus pushed her back for the first time.

The expression of the lady changed softly, she couldn't believe Klaus was stronger than she was.

Klaus flicked his nose lightly, "Come on, I'm getting bored here. Can't you do something interesting?"

He attacked once again, forcing the lady to retreat. She tried to match up with him as she had previously done, unfortunately, she noticed that her attacks seemed useless against Klaus, they weren't even able to stop his attacks. She was getting completely overwhelmed in the space of a few seconds.

"Guys, stop playing with them. They're no fun, the others were more entertaining."

Klaus's words infuriated the group they were fighting. It was as if he was taking them for some toys he wanted to play with, now that they were no longer fun, he wanted to do away with them.

"You asked for it." The lady shouted, infuriated.

Chapter 1287 Where's Your Big Mouth?

Klaus looked at the lady as if she was a moron. He was obviously riling her up, but she couldn't see it because she was clouded by anger.

This was one of Klaus' greatest abilities, making his opponents lose control while battling. He didn't want the battle to last for a prolonged time. As much as he wanted to enjoy the battle, he didn't want a scenario whereby more Gnomes would be drawn over and they would have to run with their tails between their legs. They are the ones who should chase people away, not the other way around.

Grey was pleased internally, but his expression changed softly, the reason for this was because only the lady brought out her puppet. If the others didn't bring out theirs as well, it would be difficult to take them all out at the same time. At the moment, if any of them tried to escape, the chances of that happening were pretty high. They had more people, so as long so they went different ways, it would be impossible to keep all of them here.

'Void, can you keep all of them here?' He asked telepathically.

'No, only a few. If those you're fighting with want to leave, it will be difficult for me to stop them, especially with the others assisting them.' Void shook his head.

He doesn't like overestimating himself. Since he couldn't keep them, there was no use in lying to Grey that he could, or even attempting it. If he were to fail, it might bring unwanted consequences.

'Hmm, I'll think of a way to deal with these guys, just try to see what you can do.' Grey replied and continued his battle.

The trio he was fighting continued attacking ferociously, he was cool and collected as he evaded and blocked their attacks.

'Hmm, if only they were together.' He complained internally.

He wanted to use his switch skill, but the trio he was fighting against were in three different locations, so if he were to attempt it, it would be useless.

He sighed, and with a shake of his head, he continued fighting.

An idea came to him and he quickly said to Reynolds.

"Send one over, these guys are too weak."

Reynolds was obliged, forcing one of them in Grey's direction. Even though he was now only fighting against three people, he didn't mind lessening it. If he were to fight only these two, he was certain that he would be able to kill them with ease.

"Fuck! Do you want to kill me?" Klaus yelled angrily.

"I thought you had a big mouth some minutes ago, where is it?" The lady asked, with a mocking grin.

It hadn't been up to a minute since she brought out her puppet, and the puppet was in the Ninth stage, it was stronger than Klaus, forcing him back, and adding her to the battle made life extremely difficult for Klaus.

"Shut up!" Klaus said angrily.

The lady was pleased to see Klaus in such a state, "After killing you, I'll use your body as one of my servants."

"If you were a little better looking, I wouldn't mind being the one bathing you, but with your face, even if I am dead, I'll never be able to do anything for you." Klaus said, his face showing a look of disdain.

"I'll really enjoy killing you." The lady smirked.

She knew she was stronger than Klaus, and wanted to take advantage of it. At the moment, she was wary of two people, Grey, and Reynolds.

The lightning element had a little advantage over them, and since Reynolds had a Lightning Elemental Warrior, her puppet wouldn't be of much use against him, Grey was too strong. She could see how he was fighting against the trio and was still able to kill one person, and also even ask for another person.

She also knew that he was the one who was using the inscriptions. Such a person wasn't someone she could beat head-on, even with the help of her puppet.

On Grey's end.

The man Reynolds forced over wanted to rush back, but Grey naturally wouldn't allow that to happen, so he sent an attack his way, forcing him to stop in place.

"Stay."

The trio he was fighting with felt insulted by what he did, of course, they knew he was stronger, but they thought they should at least be able to stop Grey from doing as he pleased in the battleground, but it was clear he didn't put them in his eyes.

They attacked, and one of them brought out his puppet. His puppet was in the Ninth stage, which surprised Grey. The man was in the Seventh stage, so having a Ninth stage puppet looked out of place. But he soon understood why, the puppet wasn't that strong, even for a Ninth stage Elemental Venerable.

With a single smack, Grey sent it thousands of meters away from the battleground.

The man was furious when he saw it, it was as if he was being humiliated by Grey.

Grey smiled, looked at the people left, and started to plot.

Void said he could keep those below the Late stages back, which meant that as long as he was able to take out the lady Klaus was fighting with, the trio in the Late stages, the battle would be over since the others wouldn't be able to escape.

One of the trio in the Seventh stage brought out a puppet, but it still wasn't enough. He turned his eyes to the man in the Sixth stage, and without a word, he vanished.

He appeared beside the man and punched him in the direction of the two of the trio. The duo he punched the man in their direction weren't close, but they were around one hundred and fifty meters apart. Calculating his speed, he felt confident in being able to at least kill one of them with the help of this man. After killing one, if things go as planned, he might also be able to kill the second.

Chapter 1288 Klaus' Vengeance

The man Grey sent flying soon got in the middle of the duo Grey was aiming to kill. They were both Multi Elementalists and the most difficult to deal with, so Grey wanted to use the element of surprise to take out one, or both if possible. While sending the man flying, he had already prepared a chaos orb that had more space essence within it.

He switched places with the man the second the man got to the spot he wanted. The movement of the man didn't spot, rather, he continued moving forward, towards the direction of the single Elementalist that was on the other side.

Grey's plan was simple, kill one or both Multi Elementalists, and also use the momentum to kill the single Elementalist as well.

None of them saw Grey's switch coming, the second Grey switched with the man, he attacked the Multi Elementalist that had both the fire and earth elements. The one with the wind element might be able to react quickly, but this one wouldn't.

The chaos orb already on his palm struck the man in his chest.

The sequence was very fast, from Grey switching places to closing in on the Multi Elementalist and also attacking. Everything happened within a second.

The Multi Elementalist was still trying to comprehend what happened when he felt a pain coming from his chest. Looking down, he saw a hand passing through his chest, his heart, destroyed. Not just his heart, but he could sense his cores imploding inside of him. He raised his head and saw Grey's figure. He couldn't help but look behind Grey, and he saw another Grey, direction of the Multi Elementalist who had the wind element, but that one retreated very quickly.

but that one slowly started to fade off, it was an afterimage.

Grey didn't stay there, after attacking, he left, rushing in the direction of the Multi Elementalist who had the wind element, but that one retreated very quickly.

Grey knew that even though he could catch him, he would miss the opportunity to take out the single Elementalist, his figure vanished and the man he sent flying with a punch appeared in the place he previously was standing, slamming into the body of the Multi Elementalist he just killed.

He appeared in front of the single Elementalist who was trying to understand what happened. The eyes of the single Elementalist enlarged when he saw Grey standing before him with a wide grin.

Grey attacked, using the fire element to cut his opponent. The man tried to block the attack, but Grey was too strong for him, his defense was cut in two, and the fire sword continued down, cutting off his arm.

"Arghhh!" The man screamed in pain.

He didn't think that Grey would be this strong.

Grey kicked him and attacked with a large fire sword that cut the man into two. This didn't kill the man, after all, he was in the Elemental Venerable Plane. He tried to escape with the upper half of his body, and discarded the other part, but Grey would never let that happen. He took a step forward in the air and appeared beside him, he swung his fire sword again.

This time, the man panicked and quickly brought out his puppet.

Grey smiled when he saw this.

"Klaus, now!" He screamed.

The other Multi Elementalist he let go was the one who brought out his puppet, and he was already prepared to cut the link with it. Even the puppet the lady used in bullying Klaus was no exception.

The reason Grey hadn't done any of that was due to Void's words, but now, he didn't have to think too much about it, everything was in place now.

He cut off the link all three of them had with their puppets and they were momentarily completely vulnerable.

Klaus was the first to act, even before Grey. He was infuriated by the lady who was forcing him back. A complete moon glowed brightly behind him, and the air around him turned chilly, anyone standing close to him could see their breaths.

He brought out his sword and instead of directly killing the lady, he stabbed her in the stomach, aiming for her cores. With a single attack, he rendered her incapable of using the elements.

Grey killed the single Elementalist quickly, he knew that the timeframe before the Multi Elementalist would regain his consciousness was short, so he had to act fast.

He appeared before him when he just regained consciousness and attacked.

The man was able to put up a defensive wall, but a Seventh stage Venerable, against Grey, a Ninth stage Venerable with attack power on the same level as a Peak Venerable, wasn't able to do much. His wall was easily broken through by Grey's fire stream. The attack hit him, sending him crashing into the ground.

"Void, do your thing." He said as he flew down to the man who was on the ground.

The man coughed up a mouthful of blood.

By this time, Grey had completely left the inscriptions, which gave the Early stage Venerables the chance to escape. However, it was too late.

Void used his domain to cover the area, completely sealing it.

Alice was still fighting with her opponents. Reynolds had killed one, and there was only one left who was trying to escape. She brought out her puppet, but Reynolds made short work of it.

Grey left Reynolds alone, he attacked one of the duo Alice was fighting with, distracting him. Alice capitalized on it and was able to finally kill him.

She turned to the other one and continued fighting.

Grey turned to Klaus, seeing the state of the lady, he couldn't help but pity her. He saw the wound in his stomach which implied that Klaus had shattered her core, turning her into a Gnome without any elements.

He turned his attention to the five Early stages Venerables. To him, they were ants, thinking about it, he left them alone first and turned to the man who helped him achieve all this.

The man was still staring at the hole in the chest of his companion, unable to fathom how it happened.

Chapter 1289 I Hope It's Him

"Your turn."

The man heard a voice behind him that made him shiver. He still recalled the force of the punch he received, how he moved to three different spots was unexplainable to him, yet the monster who did that was standing behind him, waiting to take his life.

"P..." He wanted to beg, but then he realized how foolish it was. If he was the one in Grey's position he wouldn't leave anyone alive, after all, they were mortal enemies, so why should he beg?

"Please, make it quick."

These were the only words that came out of his mouth.

Grey was a little taken aback, but he didn't mind, he pointed his index finger at the man's head and a stream of energy entered, with the pure chaos energy merging with his normal essence, his essence was a force to be reckoned with.

The man died after this movement from Grey. His eyes were open, there was no remorse or sadness in them, just a blankness.

Grey didn't need to look at the corpses, he burnt the corpse there and left the place, heading towards the five Early stages Venerables who were trying to escape.

The five were standing in the same spot with flabbergasted expressions on their faces. They ran away a few seconds ago, but to their surprise, they appeared in the same location. They attempted it several times, but it was to no avail.

"What's happening?"

"Why can't we leave?"

They were panicking.

Grey stood before them with a calm face, he didn't speak, but his eyes turned pale blue and the bodies of the five of them who uncontrollably looked him in the eyes started to freeze. Their eyes were the first to turn solid ice, before the rest of their bodies started to freeze up.

Within a few seconds, they were completely frozen.

Grey tapped them on the body and the bodies shattered into smaller bits of ice on the ground.

He looked at them, emotionless, before turning to look at his friends who were finishing their battles. Well, Klaus wasn't fighting anyone, his opponent was on the ground, bawling her eyes out as Klaus mocked her.

"Enough, don't let her go crazy before you kill her." Grey waved his hand and the lady stopped moving.

She was a normal Gnome now, he didn't need to do much to kill her.

"You ruined my fun. She annoyed me when we were fighting." Klaus pouted, he looked at Grey angrily, "Why didn't you do that thing you usually do to their puppets?"

"She was the only one who brought hers out, I couldn't take the risk of letting the others escape. Besides, you were the one who asked her to." Grey shrugged.

While the duo were still speaking, Reynolds had already killed his opponent, and Alice was in the process of it.

"That was fun, but we should achieve what brought us here. You know we still need to search for treasures." Reynolds said seriously as he walked over.

"Don't worry, we still have time. Besides, it's not like we can't stay here for a little over a week." Grey wasn't bothered with this small delay.

He wasn't too interested in treasures, he had taken too many treasures, and even the origin source. What else did he need?

The trio waited a few more seconds before Alice finished off her opponent.

"What now?" She asked.

"We should head that way." Grey pointed in the northwest direction.

"I can sense more of them coming from that direction, so I suppose that's where their hideout is located." He explained.

"Let's go then, what are we waiting for?" Klaus was the first to move forward.

The others followed behind him, moving very quickly. They wanted to take out more of them before getting to the hideout, this was Grey's plan. The more of them he was able to take out, the better it would be for them when they got to the hideout.

From the number of Gnomes they had encountered since they entered the secret realm, he didn't believe that was all. They had killed close to roughly one hundred or so, but he knew there should be more of them present here.

During their journey, other than the first group of humans they met, they've only seen humans once, and it was a lone Elementalist who was at the Peak of the Elemental Venerables Plane.

Grey presumed the reason he was okay was because he was alone. Traveling alone was safer than in groups in an area like this.

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The Gnome's castle.

The eyes of the Second Prince was serious, there was a small light in front of him, and hundreds of light dots on them, but the dots were reducing at a shocking speed. In some cases, a large number would go off in seconds, while in others, just one dot would disappear.

"It's been six hours, how come no one has reported back?" The Second Prince was fuming!

"It's him." The Seventh Prince said from his seat.

"Take a look at the pattern, he's headed here." He said while pointing at the way the light dots were going off, and truthfully, only the dots in the direction of the castle were going off.

"It can't be him. He dares to show his filthy face here? I'll kill him in honor of Father." The Second Prince said, his eyes chilly.

The Seventh Prince didn't speak much, he only took a glance at his brother and sat relaxed in his chair. This wasn't his problem to deal with, it's his elder brother's. He hasn't forgotten the humiliation he had to go through due to Grey's actions, now, it was time for his brother to face that demon. To be honest, he wasn't a hundred percent certain, but he was hoping the person coming was Grey.

If it was Grey, he would watch as his brother was also frustrated by someone they would normally regard as an insect.

'I hope it's him.'

Chapter 1290 We Wait

"They call that a hideout?" Klaus asked as they looked at the huge castle that rose into the sky.

Even a moron would be able to identify that it was the Gnomes' hideout, there was a large statue of someone there, Grey wasn't familiar with the face on the statue, but given the way the person looked, it was easy to know the person was a Gnome of high status.

"Well, they've never been subtle in their ways." Grey said, not too surprised this place was like this.

When he also found the hideout in the lower realm, it was almost in the same way as well, but this castle had more majestic designs, giving it a look befitting a king.

"Do you think they already know we're coming?" Reynolds asked.

"I guess so. Since people stopped coming from this direction, and the others in the other areas seemed to be gathering there, I guess they could already tell we were coming." Grey replied while still staring at the castle.

He had been keeping tabs on the other Gnomes around, he could sense them, so he knew their general direction. From what he was sensing, they were all coming towards the castle, from all angles.

"Should we barge in?" He asked the others.

If he were alone, he wouldn't bother about it, but he didn't want to recklessly endanger his friends.

"Don't worry, we can deal with them from here." Klaus said.

Grey took a glance at Klaus, almost wanting to ask if he was the same person he knew. Klaus has always liked things like that, but for some reason, he decided to use his head this time.

"Why are you giving me that look? I'm not a moron. Since they already know we're coming, they must be prepared." Klaus grunted when he saw the look Grey was giving him.

"Let's cut off the others that are heading back." Reynolds suggested.

"That's not a bad idea. It'll infuriate them even more." Klaus said, he looked at Reynolds and praised, "I see you've grown more sensible since the last time we traveled together."

"What do you mean by that?" Reynolds looked at him, a little annoyed.

"You know, you've always been a mo..." Klaus paused mid-sentence when he saw the lightning figure standing beside Reynolds, "I mean, you've always been smart. But you've gotten smarter now."

Alice and Grey chuckled when they saw Klaus' sudden change of heart.

"Come on let's go, what are we waiting for?" Klaus asked the others.

They all nodded and went in the other direction, they wanted to make sure they killed as many Gnomes as they could. Even if the Princes came out to fight them, they would've taken out most of the Gnomes present in the secret realm.

The group left the place they were hiding and headed in the direction Grey was sensing more Gnomes. They didn't need to do much, with Grey and Void's help, they were able to seal the area, making sure no ripples from the battle would leak out. They made sure the people were killed in a short time.

After killing the ones coming from a certain direction for about five to ten minutes, they left that area and went to another place. The reason for this was so that in case those in the castle sensed them, they wouldn't be able to set up an ambush on them.

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While Grey and his friends were going around the castle, killing all those moving in the direction of the castle, the Second Prince was on the verge of losing his mind.

He had already set up a good ambush, all that was left was for Grey and his friends to show up, however, to his disappointment, they were going around killing people.

He noticed that the light dots were going off at different angles, which meant that they were not coming to the castle, rather, they were killing everyone around the place.

"How are they able to track them so efficiently?" The Second Prince clenched his fists, almost shattering the throne he was sitting on.

His younger brother, the Seventh Prince wasn't as tense as his elder brother, "There's only one person I can say is capable of doing this, and it's him."

"Even if it's him, he's not invincible." The Second Prince said in annoyance.

He hated the fact that his younger brother was right, although he wasn't a hundred percent certain, but from how easy it was for Grey's group to take out their people, he believed it must be someone who could cut their links with their puppets.

"Find him." He screamed angrily.

"You're only sending them to their deaths. Tell the others not to return, he's only going to kill them." The Seventh Prince wasn't in support of the Second Prince's orders.

If more people left, they were only throwing their lives away, there was nothing they could do to stop Grey.

At the moment, the Seventh Prince had no idea Grey was with a group, but even so, he still felt that Grey was someone who did things with confidence. He dared to come to the hideout in the lower realm, it meant that there was nothing he didn't dare to do.

"What do you suggest then, little brother?" The Second Prince asked.

"We wait, he'll surely come on his own accord. If I'm not wrong, he's trying to take out as many people as he can." The Seventh Prince answered calmly.

Those in the castle looked at the Seventh Prince, they all knew he had had encounters with Grey, and lost in each of them, even when he got to the Elemental Venerable Plane and Grey was still in the Sage Plane.

The Second Prince wasn't impressed, but he didn't argue with his younger brother. Since his younger brother was so confident in Grey coming over, they would wait.

"Alright, little brother, I hope you're not wrong. If this enemy escapes, it's your fault." The Second Prince calmed his mind down and relaxed on his throne.