

Affinity 1291

Chapter 1291 Face-Off

"No more are coming." Reynolds said after the group had waited for over thirty minutes, not seeing a single Gnome.

"I guess they truly are aware of what we're doing." Grey wasn't too surprised, he looked at his friends and said truthfully, "Going there will be very dangerous, it'll be best if I go alone."

"I'm going with you. If I go all out, I can use an attack close to the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane, I have nothing to be afraid of." Klaus wasn't going to miss out on such an opportunity.

"My Elemental Warrior will give me increased speed, with it, I'm confident I can escape without being a burden to you." Reynolds said.

Everyone turned their eyes to Alice, who clenched her fists, disappointed in herself for being so weak. At a certain time, she was the strongest, but now, her friends had all gone beyond her. She was trying really hard, but the others were just freaks.

Reynolds was a high grade summoner, so even if she were to be a stage or two above him, it wouldn't change much. Klaus could be said to have unlimited luck, everywhere he goes, he sees something that's very beneficial to him. Grey, she didn't even know what to think about him, he's just too freakish.

Just when she was about to say she wasn't going, a small cat appeared on her shoulder and her eyes sparkled. Yes, Void was present. At the moment, Void might even be a little stronger than Grey, well, in terms of cultivation stage, he is stronger than Grey. Void also had the space element and was more adept at using it than Grey.

"Void will watch over me, you don't have to worry about me." She said.

She might be frustrated, but she didn't want to be away from her friends. She didn't want to hear how they made the lives of the Gnomes in the castle. She also wanted to see the reaction of the Prince Grey frustrated the last time, and how he would react to Grey's sudden appearance.

Grey didn't say anything, he wasn't the one who told Void to jump over to Alice's hands. In all honesty, the true reason he warned them about the danger was because of Alice. The other two could handle themselves, but she was just too weak. Since they would be fighting a large group of people, he didn't want a scenario where he would be bothering himself with making sure nothing happened to Alice.

'Void's getting smarter.' He thought internally. If Void were to hear this statement, he would most definitely lash out at him.

"Alright, let's go." He said to the group and they walked in the direction of the castle.

They weren't even subtle with their movements, walking down the pavement that led to the front of the castle.

Klaus was walking in a poised manner, looking at everything as if it didn't mean anything.

There were a few Gnomes around, seeing the group of humans walking into the castle region, one of them in the Late stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane charged out, attacking them. His puppet came out, assisting it.

Grey saw this and smiled, he knew it was a test to see if it was him, and he couldn't be bothered with him, without saying anything, the puppet that was a few inches away stopped moving altogether, the same could be said for the man who released the puppet. Before he could get himself, Grey was already in front of him, with only a touch, the body of the man started to fade off.

It was a shocking scene, but it also showcased Grey's immense strength. This was what he came here to do, to intimidate the Gnomes. He knew the Gnomes had a certain weakness to the light and lightning elements, so with the help of both these elements, as well as the space element, he was able to achieve what he just did.

Grey looked around, arranged his clothes, and walked gallantly up the stairs leading to the castle door. Klaus swaggered behind him, when they got to the door, Klaus didn't wait for Grey's order, he touched the door and it started to freeze up.

Creak! Bang!

The metal door was completely frozen in only a few seconds, and it shattered.

Grey and his group saw the large numbers of Gnomes inside the castle Hall waiting for them. Not just that, but they also saw the ones that were coming from all sides of the castle, surrounding the castle from outside.

He smiled, and when he looked at the Seventh Prince, twenty spatial rings appeared and floated in front of him, each ring starting to circle the castle. Although the castle was huge, it wasn't hard for Grey to control these rings to circle the castle.

"Alright, let's get to business." Grey said to his friends as they walked into the castle.

The eyes of the Seventh Prince showed a little bit of apprehension when he saw the rings, he had experienced something like this, Grey passing a ring to him, which almost took his life. If that was the same thing Grey planned on doing, then they were in some trouble.

He tried to see if he could sense Grey's cultivation stage, but unfortunately, he couldn't. No matter how much he tried, he was unable to sense it.

He moved closer to his brother and whispered, "Can you sense his cultivation stage?"

The Second Prince had also tried to sense Grey's cultivation stage when he just walked in, but to his surprise, he couldn't. He had already sensed the cultivation stages of Klaus and the others, but Grey was like a normal person to his senses. However, he saw what Grey did outside and knew that he had to be careful of someone like this. If he were careless, he might not know what killed him.

"Bold of you to walk into my castle." He didn't show any fear in his eyes, he was a Prince, and he had nothing to fear. Besides that, he was also at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane, and very few people on the same stage as him could defeat him, killing him though, was out of the picture.

Chapter 1292 The Two Princes

Grey wasn't too bothered with the words of the Second Prince, he took a glance at the Seventh Prince and said, "I have a present for you."

The moment the Seventh Prince heard this, he recalled the last time he tried to take some things from Grey and felt a bit scared. He didn't want anything from Grey, even if it was something meaningful, he didn't want it. Grey would not give anyone a gift, especially someone who takes you as an enemy.

"What do you have for him?" The Second Prince was the one who spoke up.

"Hmm, don't worry about it, you'll find out what it is soon enough."

The Seventh Prince took a glance at his elder brother, seeing his expression, he shook his head, clearly indicating that whatever Grey had for them was not something they should look forward to.

"Why are you here?" The Seventh Prince spoke up, he knew that if they were to leave Grey and his friends to do as they pleased, he would once again camp in front of their portal. This wasn't what they wanted to see. The first time Grey did this, humans grew more powerhouses compared to before. This time, they didn't want to take the chance.

They've always been privy to humans and how they grew, but during the past year especially after Grey, they had zero knowledge about this secret realm, they've been lacking information about humans in general. Other than Grey, they didn't have any other humans in their sights.

"I'm here to make a deal." Grey looked around, after seeing that none of them tried to attack him, he smiled softly and re-evaluated the Seventh Prince, anyone else would've attacked with their puppets, but against Grey, except the Seventh Prince, no one else knew how to deal with him.

"A deal?" The Seventh Prince took a glance at Grey, he didn't expect that Grey would drop such an offer. After a while, seeing that the group was serious, he replied, "Fine, but you will not attack anyone from our group within that time." The Seventh Prince replied.

"Haha, I always knew you guys were scared. Fine, not just that, but we need to spar with some of you, give us a few people and we're good." Klaus laughed mockingly.

Although he knew that the Seventh Prince was afraid of Grey, he didn't expect it to be in such a manner.

The expression of both the Seventh and Second Prince turned sour. They've been trying to keep it in all this while, but Klaus' words made him think about Grey's advancement indepthly, and unfortunately for him, there was nothing holding Grey from using all his elements.

"You don't want to do this, you'll only regret it." The Seventh Prince said with Grey standing before them.

"I'm not afraid, show me everything you have." Grey replied calmly.

The eyes of both Princes changed slightly. Usually, whenever they were facing someone weaker, all that they needed was the rude awakening of reality, but in this situation, they didn't have the advantage, instead, they were the ones who needed the rude awakening. There was no one who could help the group other than him.

Grey stepped up and created an earth wall to block the attack that was coming in his direction.

Boom!

The attack was destroyed as he looked at the face of the group attacking.

"You can't win." He said softly.

"We can win. You're the one who can't win." The Seventh Prince had been waiting for his revenge against Grey for a long time now, when the opportunity presented itself, he didn't even think twice and attacked.

Grey looked at the Seventh Prince, he didn't think much of his attack, with a single move, he blocked the attack and sent him flying in the process.

The Seventh Prince who left his area of comfort couldn't believe his eyes, with a single attack, Grey was able to force him back. This was beyond his imagination.

"You... how come you're stronger than me?" He asked.

"I've always been stronger, I just wanted to make you feel good the last time." Grey gave a sarcastic reply. There was no way the Seventh Prince was going to know that Grey's response was sarcastic, he was infuriated by his words.

"Elder brother, kill him." He said angrily.

"You're not the one in charge here." The Second Prince said. He took a glance at the Seventh Prince and the himself before coming to a conclusion.

"It can't attack. You already know me, why let your brother bother?" Grey made the puppet the Second Prince brought out useless, but he was unable to attack.

The reason he attacked without a care in the word was because he had the others behind him. If he dared to attack without their permission, he was done for.

The Seventh Prince was a little apprehensive of Grey, and although the Second Prince didn't want to carelessly attack Grey, he knew that if he attacked without any help, he might place himself in a bad situation.

The Second and Seventh Prince looked on as Grey and Klaus were able to take out all the people before them with ease, they didn't show even the slightest stress while taking them out.

"If this is all you have, then I've wasted my time."

Grey's words rang in the ears of the Second and Seventh Prince, but there was nothing either of them could do. Grey was too fast, and keeping up with him was almost impossible.

The battle in the castle quickly erupted. Grey and his group were strong, but the Second Prince already had people waiting for them. If not for Grey, the Second Prince would've gotten the advantage, but

luckily, the Prince didn't have anyone coming from that area, so Grey and his group didn't have to worry about anyone.

Grey used some of his elements, with his increased essence, he was able to easily show the difference between him and the Seventh Prince, while also sending the Second Prince flying.

Chapter 1293 The Two Princes II

The Second Prince took a glance at Grey after getting himself back. He couldn't believe what just happened. He was someone at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane, yet Grey was able to send him flying with just one attack. In his defense, he didn't expect Grey would attack him in such a manner, and also wanting to make sure he protected his younger brother, he didn't allow the impact to affect him.

Although they were both vying for the same position, he didn't dare to watch his younger brother die. Knowing his father, he knew that the consequences of such action would be severe.

He calmed himself down, took a glance at the others that were in the Hall. Grey and his group managed to force the first few people who wanted to attack back, but there was still a good number of people present.

"Look, you came with an offer, and we agreed to it. What's the meaning of this?" The Second Prince asked coldly.

"I didn't take you guys to be someone who would cower, so it's either you want to attack me secretly, or you're waiting for more reinforcement. It's better I do away with you now, than to wait for you to come back with stronger people." Grey replied coolly.

He didn't believe the words of the Second Prince, only a fool would easily believe the words of their enemies. Gnomes have always taken humans to be inferior to them, so now that they were being forced to do something they didn't want to, it's natural they would react in a manner expected by everyone.

"Good guess." The Second Prince smiled, there was no need to pretend anymore, to be honest, after testing Grey out, this was his plan. Presently, there were only two more people who were at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

He wasn't confident that they would be able to kill Grey, so he wanted to call for more people at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane. If at least eight to ten more people came over, they would be able to easily kill Grey.

"Anyone can guess your plans." Grey said.

"Since we're on the same page now, what are we waiting for?"

Grey was the first to attack, the orbs outside started exploding the second Gnomes from outside the castle tried to get in.

He didn't need to worry about the castle collapsing, he had already sensed the massive array that was placed here, it would protect the castle and take most of the impact from the explosion. However, those outside wouldn't be as fortunate as those inside the castle.

Boom! Boom!

One by one, the orbs exploded, causing the castle to shake from the tremendous destructive power it contained.

Grey didn't stop there, he continued attacking, not just him, but his friends did as well.

Alice, with the help of her Seelie, engaged a group of Early stage Elemental Venerables. Even though she was stronger, the group she was fighting numbered over ten. I think you should take a look at

Reynolds' Elemental Warrior appeared and he merged with it from the start. Attacking three of the Late stage Elemental Venerables. He couldn't attack more than these three, if he dared to overestimate his ability, he would be left in a bad state.

Klaus was the most shameless, he only attacked a group that were in the Early and Mid stages. Yes, he attacked more people, but with his superior strength, he was able to easily overwhelm them.

Grey took a glance at the people they were fighting, when he saw the number of people left, he couldn't help but shake his head.

'Damn.' He thought internally.

Without thinking, he charged into the large group of Gnomes.

One of them took out his puppet, and before the Seventh Prince could warn him, Grey had already capitalized on it, killing the person within a second. The explosions outside were still booming, and the impact from the battle inside was resonating in the entire Hall, yet Grey had been able to kill the first person in such a short time.

Grey didn't think too much about it, the person he killed was standing in a group of five, he appeared in the middle and used his space element. A terrifying repulsive energy spread out, forcing everyone away from where he was. Each of the five people were sent flying in areas that had people grouped up.

Grey used the switch skill and switched places with one of them, he unleashed a powerful attack there, before disappearing and switching places with another one of the other four. Once he appeared, he attacked once again, using the space element to unleash a destructive attack similar to spatial distortions.

The group he hit with this attack didn't know how they died. They were dead even before Grey changed places with another figure.

The two Princes, and a group of seven that were in the Late stages were stumped beyond words. Grey's efficiency was impressive, they were in awe of his abilities.

The Seventh Prince who had already seen some of Grey's abilities was still shocked. The scene before him was mind-blowing.

"You're watching? Kill him!" The Second Prince was the first to come out of his awestruck state.

At this pace, he was certain that Grey would be able to finish off everyone, and they would keep on watching in marvel. It couldn't be helped, Grey's coordination was shocking. One has to know that it hasn't even been more than ten seconds since Grey used the first attack, yet he had already killed more than ten people. It was unknown how many people died outside from the explosions of the orbs.

The Seventh Prince was a little afraid, Grey was too strong. Yes, they had more people, but it doesn't seem to have any effect. Grey was like a fish in water, killing as he pleases.

He exchanged glances with his younger brother, and they both showed the same expression, dread. Yes, they were scared of this enemy standing before them.

Chapter 1294 He's Not The Only Threat

"We should leave." The Seventh Prince said.

"No need. I'll assist them, there's no way he can defeat all of us together. He might be powerful, but don't forget who I am." The Second Prince threw the feeling of fear to the back of his head.

The seven Late stage Elemental Venerables that he sent out had already been able to stop Grey from killing anyone else, but there were inscriptions that lit up the sky, attacking anyone below the Fifth stage.

Grey wasn't even holding back, he was killing everyone that he could. The more he killed, the better for them.

Klaus and Reynolds had been able to kill one person each. Alice was able to hold the people she was fighting back, which was enough for her.

The Second Prince walked forward and joined the group of seven, he didn't want to return home in the same manner as his younger brother, he wanted to win and show everyone why he should be the next Emperor. Unfortunately for him, his opponent was Grey. Grey might not be as strong as all of them combined, but he was very versatile, and with so many elements at his call, he wasn't afraid, at most, he would escape.

The battle intensified the moment the Second Prince joined in on the fight. Of everyone present, he was the one who possessed the most powerful attack, except for Grey's chaos orb, nothing else could match his attack power.

Unlike the Seventh Prince who had five elements, the Second Prince only possessed the fire and darkness elements. He could use both so perfectly that it was hard to differentiate them. The Second Prince had trained his use of both of his elements to a stage where he could merge both, giving him a blackish flame that possessed the abilities of both the fire and darkness element. It was almost like a special flame, but it wasn't on the same level as Grey's blue flames.

The Second Prince used his black flames, burning down the earth wall Grey created. The others used the opportunity to attack with their respective elements.

Grey used his blue flames to counter, seeing that he was being suppressed, he used his lightning element to force them back. The reason he had been able to fight with them had a lot to do with the chaos energy he merged with the origin source. With both combined, his attack power was more than what he would usually produce. He has always possessed strength equal to someone who was at least a stage ahead of him, adding the merged form of the chaos energy and origin source, his attack was on another level.

The Seventh Prince didn't join the battle, not that he couldn't, but his strength was minimal. Seeing that he was practically useless against Grey, someone he was at least able to put up a fight against the first time they met, he felt a little depressed. Even Grey's friends were all stronger than he was, the only person he could try to cause problems for was Alice, not because he was stronger than her, but because she was fighting more people and him joining would count as a means of distracting her.

He thought about it and decided to stay put, ready for a quick getaway. To be honest, he was a bit scared of Grey. If not for his superior strength the last time he saw Grey, he knew he would not have survived the encounter. Grey was ruthless, this is something he is aware of. With his meager strength, Grey might just decide to kill him even while being bombarded by the Seventh Prince and the others.

Boom! Bang!

Klaus and Reynolds were fighting with all their might. It wasn't easy being in such a brawl, but they were both too excited to care.

"Haha, Rey, this is the life!" Klaus yelled to Reynolds after sending someone flying in his direction.

Reynolds, in his full Elemental Warrior armor swung his sword at the person, cutting the person with the lightning sword, "Yes! Now I know why Grey's always traveling. This is fun!"

The group they were fighting against felt like they were fighting against two psychopaths. Well, in all honesty, they were not too far from being referred to as psychopaths, especially given how they currently look. They were both covered in blood, it was unknown if it belonged to them or their enemies.

Ice spikes rose from the ground, forcing those close to Klaus back.

Klaus took the opportunity to move closer to Reynolds and while Reynolds was attacking someone, he created an ice shield behind him. Just after he created the ice shield, an attack hit it, but it stood firmly.

This was the reason he was still fighting so comfortably, although he had been hit a few times, his defense was just too powerful. Only someone like the Second Prince could easily break it, and even he would need a few tries.

Reynolds didn't even turn to thank Klaus, the Gnome before him was already injured, this was the reason he discarded his defense and focused on attacking.

"You owe me something nice." Klaus used his domain, making the entire Hall chilly.

Klaus was not the regular Water Elementalist, his ice ability was far ahead of his normal water ability. His ice contained more raw power, making it a force to be reckoned with.

The second Klaus' domain started to take effect, everyone that wasn't his friend felt the brunt of the chill. The ground started to freeze up, and even a few people felt like their souls were about to be frozen solid.

The Second Prince was alarmed when he saw this. He already felt like Grey's friends were all powerful figures, but now, he knew that even without Grey, the humans had young geniuses that could pose a

threat to them. The only thing was that Grey posed the highest level of threat with his ability to cut off their links to their puppets.

Chapter 1295 Each Showcasing Their Abilities

Alice, seeing that Klaus had used his domain, used hers as well. Unlike Klaus, she didn't occupy the entire Hall with it, rather, she used it to form a broadsword and grabbed the handle.

The sword was over three meters long, watching her hold the sword, Klaus and Reynolds burst out laughing.

Alice didn't have the largest figure, standing five foot six, the broadsword was around double her size. However, it didn't change the fact that with the sword in her hands, she looked like the battle maniac she has always been lauded as. On one side of the broadsword was the ice ability of the Seelie, and on the other side was her fire element. The contrast on both sides shocked the people present. She charged into a group, slashing her broadsword at them. With just one attack, she sent a few people flying. The impact of the attack was beyond imagination.

Reynolds also used his lightning domain, manipulating it to form a lightning armor around his Elemental Warrior's armor on his body. Now, there was not a single space left to see any part of him, he was fully covered by lightning.

The eyes of the Second Prince almost popped out. When he first saw Reynolds' Elemental Warrior, he was already stunned, seeing them merge sent chills down his spine, now that he was seeing another form of it, he didn't know how to react. Grey and his friends were freaks, that's all he could say.

'Damn it! Where are they?' He worried internally.

After testing Grey out, the small time he chatted with him, he used it to summon the other Peak Elemental Venerables that were in the realm. Sadly, they were not close, so he had to take up the monumental task of holding back Grey and his friends.

He thought with their large group, they would be able to do it with ease, but Grey started a killing spree within the first minute. In all of his life, even after being with multiple generals and in a few wars, he has never seen anyone that was as proficient in killing as Grey was. It has to be said that Grey was good at killing, especially when put in such a situation.

'A few minutes.' He said to himself and just then, the worst happened. He was already having a headache dealing with Klaus' ice, yet Grey unleashed his domains on them.

His fire domain spread out, and it was not the regular fire, rather, it was his icy flames. This increased the speed at which the place was freezing and even those in the Early stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane saw ice forming on their bodies.

Grey didn't just take out his icy flames, but he also made use of his lightning domain. The already weak Gnomes weren't able to hang on any further and they started to succumb to the chill.

The most frightening thing happening to them was that as they were battling, they could sense their consciousness slowly being eroded by the cold. It was only a matter of time before they started to fall down, alive, yet in a coma. Their consciousness frozen, unable to wake up in the nearest future without help from a top expert.

"We're losing more people as the battle progresses, let's retreat." The Seventh Prince spoke up, although he was not feeling the impact of the attack, he was a little apprehensive.

Grey hadn't used his full abilities, and they had already caused this much damage, he couldn't help but imagine just how destructive this group of four were.

The Second Prince looked around, and with each ten seconds that passed, at least one figure dropped to the ground.

"This is our base, we can't run from it." He said coldly.

"We're not running, we're only retreating, we will take it back." The Seventh Prince convinced his elder brother.

The Second Prince took a look at the place, thinking about the repercussions if all of his subordinates dies, he turned around, and just as he was about to leave.

"Don't worry, you don't have to leave." Grey said, and to the shock of the two Princes, Grey and his people vanished, Grey left behind a statement, "We'll come back some other time."

Klaus' irritating voice was also heard from the void.

"Don't forget to give up tea the next time we come. Do you guys have some nice wine?"

The Second and Seventh Prince didn't understand what was happening, Grey and his friends barged in, started a battle, and left just like that, and it was even when he has decided to abandon the castle so more of his people wouldn't die.

"What just happened?" The Second Prince asked, unsure of how to take what Grey and his friends just did.

"He came to tell us he's around." The Seventh Prince replied.

This was the same thing Grey did to him, well, in his case, Grey didn't have any help from these freakish people, so it wasn't as bad as this one.

In this case, Grey and his friends completely wrecked everyone and left. What was worse is that there were people outside who still hadn't been able to make it inside the castle, he didn't even know how Grey and his group were able to achieve that. Unknown to them, the array present in the castle was what Grey used to help himself block help from coming in. With a smaller number of people, they would be able to fight to their heart's content without having to fear being overwhelmed.

"This... what..."

The Second Prince was trying to speak, but he couldn't put his words together. He was shaken to the core. He had never seen any act of such caliber in his life.

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In a forest some kilometers away from the Gnome's hideout.

Grey and his group were breathing heavily, all gassed out. They might've put on a calm front when fighting, but they were tired, Klaus and Reynolds were on the verge of collapsing.

"That was fun! Damn!" Klaus exclaimed.

Chapter 1296 Covering Before Humans

"What's next?" Alice asked.

They've attacked the two Princes, giving them a warning. After the battle, she didn't feel there was a need to attack them further, except Grey had plans of killing the Princes.

The Princes were already scared of them, they would stay put and refuse to leave their zone for the meantime since they didn't want a situation where they would be attacked by Grey.

"I don't think they will do anything anytime soon, we can just hang around just to be sure." Grey knew the Princes wouldn't be careless henceforth, and that was what he wanted. With the Princes too afraid to leave, it would make the lives of the others better.

The Princes will bring all their powerhouses together, giving humans the chance they need to seek treasures and increase their strengths.

Grey took a look at his friends, a smile on his face. To be sincere, he enjoyed the battle, it was both thrilling and dangerous. Any mistake and things might've gone bad for them, luckily, everything was fine in the end.

Alice and Reynolds were both powerful, Klaus as well, and they didn't try to fight people too strong. Grey also fought tactically, using his elements to his advantage. His battle awareness was supreme, and it showed itself when the battle started.

The manner at which he killed the first group scared the others, which gave him more free reign to continue his wanton killing spree.

The Second Prince was the only one in at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane which gave him the edge. With the number of people present, the Second Prince couldn't attack carelessly, Grey and his group on the other hand didn't need to bother about anything as they attacked freely.

"We won't be able to get anything good if we stay here." Reynolds said.

Unlike Klaus, he wasn't blessed with infinite luck, Grey was also someone who had Void with him, getting treasures was too easy for him. Him on the other hand needed to go through a lot of difficulty to get just one good treasure, so he was always hoping to take advantage of any opportunity that presented itself. This was a great chance for him to power up, but they were stuck here, making sure others are able to get whatever treasures they needed.

"Don't worry, we still have time. We've only been here a day or so." Grey did a rough calculation in his head. He didn't keep up with time, and this place was a little different from their world.

Reynolds took a glance at him before nodding, Grey was right, they still had time. He was only in a hurry to increase his strength. He had also heard the rumors of the upcoming war, he didn't want to end up being a cannon fodder, so he had to level up as fast as he could.

Grey was advancing pretty quickly, the same could be said for Klaus, but himself and Alice were lacking. This was not something they wanted. The the last time, it was thanks to Grey that they were able to step into the Elemental Venerable Plane. He didn't want to fully depend on Grey, although he didn't have any problems with that, he didn't feel it was appropriate, at least, he wanted to get some things by himself.

Alice was also in the same spot as Reynolds, so she was ready to start treasure hunting now.

Grey took a glance at them and said to Void, 'Contact the bunny leader, we need its help.' I think you should take a look at

The bunny leader had a lot of subordinates under it, if they could get it to set them as spies, they would be able to move freely, getting the chance to not only find treasures, but also be informed about the happenings in the Gnomes' zone.

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While Grey and his friends were discussing on what steps to take next. In the Gnome castle, the Second Prince and Seventh Prince could be seen standing side by side, before them was a group of eight individuals, all of them were at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

If this group was present when Grey and his friends came here, things would've been very different. Grey knew for a fact that with such people present, even with his amazing abilities, he would've found it difficult to do everything he did when he came.

"Where are they?" The Second Prince asked, his eyes slightly red from anger.

He was enraged, Grey came with his friends, killed people and left without any consequences. This was not something he could take, he wanted Grey dead, and he didn't care what it would cost him.

"They vanished without a trace. I tried marking them, but he erased them as soon as the mark was placed." One of the few in the Late stages spoke up.

When Grey was about to leave, the man acted quickly, marking them before they left, but to his shock, the mark disappeared almost immediately they were placed. This was a strange experience for him.

The Second Prince clenched his fist, gritting his teeth hard.

"We can't let them wander freely after what they did." He said through clenched teeth.

"I know, but we can't leave your side. If he's as strong as you say he is, then you will be in greater danger once we leave." One of the men at the Peak spoke up.

"I survived just fine before you came." The Second Prince took a glance at the man who spoke up.

The man didn't shy away from his gaze as he replied, "But for how long? The castle was almost destroyed, the array was messed with. I think the reason you two are alive is purely because he wanted to leave you guys alive."

The Second Prince wanted to speak, but he thought about it and didn't say anything. The Seventh Prince stepped forward, "So what do you suggest we do?"

"We can't leave them out there, since when do we have to cower before humans?"

Chapter 1297 Walking Into A Trap

The man looked at the Seventh Prince, "Don't get me wrong, Prince, they're going to suffer for what they have done. However, we can't take the normal approach. Clearly, they are after you two, and if they choose to hide, we can't find them. If that's the case, why don't we force them out?"

"How are we going to do that?" One of the men in the Late stages asked.

"Simple, slaughter humans." The man at the Peak replied mercilessly. He has always looked down on humans, he could never accept the fact that a group of humans dared to step into their territory and even killed multiple people right in front of the Princes.

He didn't think highly of the Princes after this incident.

The Princes could see the change in the eyes of the man, not just the man, but all those at the Peak who returned. When they saw the situation of the castle, and how many people died, and after finding out it was done by a group of four youths who only had one person that was at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane, they felt irritated.

"Since that's what we've come up with, we should execute it then. I'd like to see how they would react." The Second Prince said.

The Seventh Prince took a glance at the man and asked, "Forcing them out will warrant us to leave the castle too, wouldn't it be dangerous?"

The eyes of the man who brought the suggestion changed softly, he didn't think about this part.

"Don't worry, we will be by your side, the others will be the ones who have to carry out this mission." The man reassured them of their safety.

"You said he's the one who can cut off our links to the puppets?" Another man at the Peak asked curiously.

The Seventh Prince nodded to the question.

"Hmm, he's too dangerous, we must kill him, no matter the cost." The man said.

"Exactly." This was all the Second Prince wanted to hear, how to kill Grey as soon as possible. Forcing Grey out will take quite some time, he wasn't interested in wasting so much time, the sooner he killed Grey, the better he would feel.

"Alright, I have a plan, but it will put the Princes in some danger, don't worry, we will ensure your safety." The man at the Peak said.

"Go on we're listening."

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Grey and his friends made camp close to the castle, although they were not directly close to the castle, they were not too far from it. Within a few blinks from Grey, he can appear there whenever he wants to.

The group stayed there, awaiting the arrival of the bunny leader. Grey knew that with the bunny leader's help, they would be able to make life hell for the Gnomes while also heading out and getting treasures for themselves.

The area they made camp had zero things of interest, if not for the fact that they needed to keep the Gnomes in check, they would've never stayed in a place like this.

It has been over five hours since the battle and everyone had more or less recovered from the fight. With Klaus present, they weren't too bored.

The bunny leader appeared two hours later. It had been running there with all its speed. Grey released it after they just entered the secret realm, so the distance between them was quite far.

'What do you want?' The bunny leader asked. It was standing on the head of a larger bunny that was at the Peak of the Sage Plane.

Grey looked at it from head to toe before saying, 'I want you to help me monitor the movements of some people. You can communicate with your subordinates even when far away from them, correct?'

The bunny leader nodded its small head.

'You just need to gather some information, they don't need to engage in any battles.' Grey said to it.

The bunny leader brought out some smaller bunnies, all were in the Sage Plane. The bunnies were so small that finding them in a short grass would be almost impossible.

Grey told the bunny leader where he wanted to send the bunnies to, and the bunny leader followed his commands.

It didn't even take up to twenty minutes before he got a report from one of the bunnies, the Princes were moving.

Grey didn't want them to leave this area, he wanted to make sure they were within his grasp. He knew the others at the Peak had arrived, he sensed their auras after they escaped.

"It's a trap." He said to the others.

"You don't have to be a genius to know it's a trap." Klaus said.

"What are you going to do?" He asked Grey.

"I'll go see what they have to offer. I can't let them leave this place. With the Princes here, the other Gnomes would not dare to attack rashly since they know the life of their Prince would be at stake." Grey answered calmly.

He wasn't scared of their trap. The best he could do was go alone, and escape if things went south.

"You know they have more powerful people now. If they stop you from leaving, you're toast." Alice said.

"I'll take Void with me, and there's also this guy." Grey picked up the bunny leader, "Although he hates fighting, he's quite adept in escaping."

"Fine, but don't die foolishly." Alice replied.

Grey smiled, "Don't worry, I'll be fine."

Grey picked up both Void and the bunny leader, after getting the direction of where the two Princes were located, he charged there.

Klaus and Reynolds were a little worried, they felt they should go with him, but sensing they weren't as strong as Grey, they decided to sit it out.

Alice was worried, but she didn't think too much about it. She was confident that Grey would be able to come out of it alive, as long as the bunny leader and Void were with him, they should be able to keep him alive.

Chapter 1298 I've Never Seen Your Emperor

Grey knew he was walking into an ambush, but there was nothing he was really scared of. With his proficiency with arrays, there was no way someone would be able to use it to trap him. So even if they create an array with plans of using it to stop him, it's going to be unsuccessful.

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A few minutes later.

In a pathway through the forest, the two Princes could be seen casually walking.

"We've already gone far from the castle, if he's not coming we better head back instead of wasting our time." The Second Prince said, irritated with what they were doing.

"Don't worry brother, I believe he will show up." The Seventh Prince calmed his brother down.

Although he didn't want to say it, he wasn't also in support of this, but he was confident that his elder brother would be able to keep him safe before the others step out. They had to at least make sure Grey wouldn't be able to escape before stepping out.

The Second Prince was about to speak again when he sensed Grey's presence, "He's here, and he's not even hiding himself. Such confidence will be the end of him."

"He dared to come to the castle, you should already know he dares to do anything." The Seventh Prince wasn't surprised that Grey came, if anything, he would be surprised if Grey didn't show up.

"I can't believe you miss me already, it has only been a few hours, and here you two are." Grey said as he appeared.

"You're too confident in your abilities." The Second Prince said, he looked at Grey and asked, "What do you think of yourself?"

"I'm supreme, people like you can't harm me." Grey's response provoked the Second Prince, but he didn't attack.

"Where are the others, are they preparing a surprise for me or something?" Grey looked around, he couldn't sense the presence of others which made him a little worried.

'Void, take the bunny leader and scout the area, I need to be aware of the positions of the others.' He said to Void who was hiding in the void.

Void and the bunny leader without making a fuss, the Second Prince who was already at the Peak didn't sense anything strange. The Seventh Prince however sensed some ripples in space, the space element was one of his five elements, and he was quite good with it.

He looked around but didn't sense any abnormalities. He decided to stay alert since he knew Grey was a tricky person to deal with.

Grey noticed the slight change in the body language of the Seventh Prince and couldn't help but applaud his sharp senses. Void and the bunny leader were too fast for the Seventh Prince to sense, if he were in the same stage as the Second Prince, then he might've been able to sense them better.

"You clearly know there are others, are all humans this stupid or are you just a special case?" The Second Prince said with a straight face. To be honest, he didn't see the reason for Grey to come here just because they were leaving the castle. Even if he wanted them to stay, anyone with brains would know that they were walking into a trap.

"I'm special." Grey replied with a smile, still not able to sense anyone, he said, "Be quick with this, I have some things I need to attend to. Since they are not coming, I'll be taking my leave." I think you should take a look at

Grey was about to leave when a voice sounded in the area.

"Don't be in such a hurry my friend, the fun just started."

Grey turned to see who was speaking, but to his shock, he couldn't find anyone.

'Void, any news?' He asked the duo. They were his greatest hope in sensing people hiding.

The reply the duo gave him was one he didn't expect to hear, neither of them had been able to sense anyone else in the area.

This meant that to their senses, other than the two Princes, there was no one else present except for Grey.

"I don't like speaking with people I can't see. If you're not going to show yourself, I'll take it that you're a coward, just like all the Gnomes." Grey's eyes were full of disdain.

He wanted to force this person, or the others lying in wait out. Once he could see the full strength of the Gnomes in this secret realm, he would think of how to sort the issue out with them.

"My Prince, if you will." The voice came from all around.

Grey's eyes scanned everywhere, but he didn't see or sense anything, his gaze fell on the body of the Princes and he noticed that after the voice made its last statement, their bodies showed signs of movement.

The Princes were still standing on the same spot, but a few more figures started to appear around them, in the space of five seconds, eight figures appeared, all at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane. Unlike the Second Prince, each of these people looked well over forty which indicated that they possessed sufficient experience.

"You're the one the Emperor wants dead." The man who the voice belonged to spoke up.

Grey took a glance at the man, and seeing how he was speaking, he knew he was most likely the one leading the mission.

"I've never met your Emperor, I wonder why he wants me dead." Grey wore a thoughtful expression as he asked.

"Kill him."

The man wasn't in the mood to have a long conversation with Grey, seeing that Grey was there, he attacked. Unlike the Princes, he had nothing to tell Grey.

Grey was taken aback, he wanted to delay them a little longer and try to get Void and the bunny leader to help him out with creating an array he could use to make life difficult for them. The man obviously wasn't interested in giving him that chance.

Chapter 1299 Join Us And Attain Godhood

Boom! Crack!

The ice wall Grey created to block the attack of the man was destroyed with just one attack from the man. The attack power of the man was superior to that of the Second Prince.

Grey didn't dare to take the impact of the rest of the attack, with a simple movement, he dodged the attack. But he was met with another attack from another one of the men at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

'This might've been a bad idea.' He thought internally as he scurried to dodge the attack.

He turned his attention to one of the men, just as he was about to use the space element, he noticed that the space in the area has been sealed.

'Great!' He exclaimed internally.

Of course, he didn't show any signs of frustration, he was still coolheaded as he fought against all eight of them. The Second Prince was watching, not joining in on the battle.

Void and the bunny leader were also watching the battle, getting ready to intervene when needed. The bunny leader didn't mind sacrificing a few of his bunnies to help distract the men Grey was fighting so Grey would be able to escape.

Grey and the men got into an intense battle from the start, none of them gave the other a chance. Even after being overpowered by his opponents, Grey didn't only defend, rather, he attacked whenever the opportunity presented itself. He knew that defending only would put him in a bad spot.

Two inscriptions lit up the sky, both over five meters large. The reason he didn't create more was so that he could use the inscriptions at their strongest. Each of the two inscriptions had attack power almost equivalent to a Ninth stage Elemental Venerable which was an amazing thing.

The Gnomes didn't bring out any of their puppets which made life a little easier for Grey. Well, it would've been much easier for him if they do decide to bring out their puppets since he could capitalize on it and defeat them in a jiffy.

Grey used his speed to the maximum, dodging all the attacks coming his way while also making sure he countered. The inscriptions helped him a lot as he was able to halt some of the attacking sequences of the group he was fighting against.

Boom!

He was sent flying, crashing into a tree by the side, completely destroying it.

The eight Gnomes rushed toward the place he crashed, unfortunately, they didn't see him there, rather, they were met with a powerful explosion that forced all of them to retreat.

Grey had managed to not only leave that place, but he left three fusion orb that contained more of the space element. The spatial tear that occurred right after the explosion caught one of the Gnomes, almost destroying his body. Fortunately, he reacted quickly and only lost an arm. I think you should take a look at

The other seven who were fortunate to have escaped from the region looked at each other, fear hidden deep in their eyes. Never did they believe that even under such circumstances, Grey would be able to unleash such a deadly attack. What made it more frightening was that he didn't use this attack all this while, rather, he waited for them time all of them would be together and used it, getting the best possible result out of it.

"This boy shouldn't be taken lightly, he must be killed." The man leading the group said with a cold expression.

Grey had opened his eyes to what the Second and Seventh Prince saw, he was a threat to everyone, if he was allowed to grow more, then they would be even more danger.

At the moment, they've been able to ascertain that he wasn't at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane yet. If someone at the Ninth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane could fight against eight Peak Elemental Venerable to a draw, and still even manage to threaten their lives, it was unknown what he would be capable of doing once he gets to the Peak.

"Such a shame. I thought I would've been able to kill one of you." Grey's voice came from above them.

When they raised their heads, they saw Grey staring down at them, he was still in a good condition. This meant that the previous attack that sent him crashing into a tree was a ruse, he only pretended to have been hit. Such cunningness plus his shocking abilities makes him a fearsome opponent to have.

"Kid, I must give it to you, you're special." The leading Gnome said.

"I've heard that a few times." Grey said in a nonchalant manner.

"Have you ever thought of joining us?" The leader of the Gnome group asked a question that shocked everyone present, even the two Princes and Grey were speechless, they didn't expect such a request.

"Join you guys?" Grey couldn't help but ask, before the man could reply, he added, "Hard pass. You guys made me run for my life for months, I'll never forgive that."

"It can be made up for. You're someone even the Emperor would appreciate. Wouldn't you want to reach the God Plane?" The man asked, trying to entice Grey, "I know you humans can't break through to the God Plane, but with the help of our world, there might be a way for you to break through to the God Plane. Think about it, who doesn't want to enter that Plane and become a God?"

Grey took a glance at the man, at this point, he was flabbergasted, he knew that the chances of breaking through to the God Plane in the human world was nonexistent, that was what has been said for a long time now. Not that he had any thoughts of breaking to the God Plane for the moment, just being in the Elemental Sovereign Plane was an amazing thing.

"The God Plane..." He muttered softly and his expression changed lightly.

The eyes of the leader of the Gnome group showed some delight. There seems to be some hope in getting Grey to join them.

Chapter 1300 Killing A Peak Elemental Venerable

"Sorry, not interested. If I want to get to the God Plane, there are other ways to achieve it." Grey wasn't the least bit tempted by the offer.

He knew there was something blocking those from the Aurora Continent from getting to the God Plane, but that was still a long way away, he would cross the bridge when he gets to it, but for now, he didn't want to bother himself with it.

"This is why you humans never succeed. We came with an offer to assist your kind, but you rejected us. Like the last time, you will regret your decision today." The leader of the Gnome group said.

"Why are we even bothering with him?" The Gnome who lost an arm to Grey's previous attack asked coldly, he was incensed! Of everyone present, he was the only one who got injured from Grey's attack, he wanted revenge against Grey. To him, Grey must be killed.

"We can always grow him as a puppet. If you feel he has enough potential, hand him over to one of the Princes after he's dead." The man added.

Grey looked at the man who had only one arm left, "I should remove the other one, maybe you'll learn to keep shut when real people are talking."

The man's expression changed when he heard Grey's words. Grey was disregarding him, which was something he could not take from someone he believed is inferior to him.

"Kid, I'll enjoy killing you." The man licked his lips before attacking.

Grey smiled when he saw this. The time he was speaking with them, he had already set up an array with the help of Void and the bunny leader, now, all he had to do was to kill one of them before retreating.

He knew he wasn't strong enough to kill all of them now, so he wanted to kill at least one of them before leaving, this will make them more wary and they wouldn't want to cross paths with him for the time being.

His intention was simple: intimidate them.

This was also why he went to the castle for the first time to fight, he wanted to intimidate them and make sure they didn't dare to attack humans wantonly for the time being, but with the addition of these Peak Elemental Venerables, it wasn't achieved. But now, if he can kill one of these Peak Venerables with the many people present, the rest would be wary, after all, who wasn't afraid of death?

The man was charging over when Grey's figure suddenly multiplied. To the ordinary eyes, more Grey's appeared, but only a few people knew that it was just Grey's afterimages. He was moving so fast that before one afterimage could dissipate, another appeared.

He was not just using his physical speed, but he was also using all his elements that could boost his speed. His red lightning was faster than his silver lightning, coupled with his wind element, he was a frightening figure to keep up with, even for these guys at the Peak.

Before the others could react, Grey had already appeared behind the man, with a punch, he blasted the man into the sky. His fist was enveloped with the space element, a destructive form of it that when he made contact, before the force could send the man flying, parts of the man's body had started to slowly vanish, being eaten by the destructive spatial distortions.

The man screamed but reacted on time, using all he could, he once again had to sacrifice a part of his body to keep himself alive.

The man cut off the part of his body which Grey's fist made contact with, creating a hole in his stomach. One could literally see the other side from the hole.

The place was bleeding profusely, but he still hadn't dealt with the entire attack, Grey's fist contained immense strength to begin with, so the man was still facing the full force of Grey's aggressive attack.

After Grey sent the man flying, he was surrounded by the other seven men, this time, even the Second Prince joined in on the action. They knew they shouldn't give Grey the free reign, if not, they would all be in trouble.

Grey was quickly suppressed by their attacks, he was just one man, there was only so much he could do.

Seeing that they were getting the upper hand, the man, who was severely injured from Grey's attack, rushed over once again; he couldn't let Grey escape, not after everything Grey had done to him.

His arm wasn't healing, and neither was his stomach. The attack seemed to have another effect, stopping him from healing. At this rate, unless he takes in a top tier healing treasure, he might die.

Grey was bombarded by all their attacks, but he remained calm. With the help of the array, his speed had shot to a shocking level, so he was still able to at least dodge most of their attacks.

"Die! Die! Die!"

The man was screaming as he attacked in a reckless manner, all he wanted was to see Grey dead, nothing else was important to him.

Grey, on the other hand, was waiting patiently.

'It should start taking effect now.' He thought to himself as he took a short glance at the man. His space element was not the only thing in that punch, he added bits of the poison miasma that was in his body into it. The spatial distortions would not allow the wounds to heal in a short time, giving the poison miasma enough time to get into the body of the man and cause havoc.

As the man attacked continuously, the poison miasma was doing damage to him. His essence was being used up at a faster rate, and it was also strengthening the miasma.

The pain from Grey's punch hid the presence of the miasma, only when it was too late did he sense it.

He was about to unleash an attack when he suddenly coughed up a mouthful of black gooey blood.