

Affinity 1321

Chapter 1321 An Invitation From The Giants

Grey and Void started their journey through the secret realm. With the powerful Gnomes no longer active in the secret realm, they didn't have anything to worry about. Grey didn't even bother to head back to the castle which is the hideout of the Gnomes, there was nothing left for him there. He knew the Princes wouldn't dare to return, well, unless they brought reinforcement.

However, that would take a long time and he had to make the best of the current opportunity he had. He still had a few people he had to give treasures to.

Although Arthel was presently under his father, technically, he was the one who brought him here so he still had to be responsible for a few things relating to his training. There was also Cori who was like his little sister. She needed a good amount of treasure to make her body grow faster into her current strength so she would be able to increase her strength and fight stronger opponents.

Grey didn't need her to stay weak, war was coming, and the stronger she was, the safer she would be.

There was also the triplet from the horned race, and also a few friends. He wasn't too concerned about his friends who weren't here, but the triplet needed all he could provide them if they wanted to boost their strength faster.

They were still at the Sage Plane, and getting to the Elemental Venerable seemed very far from them. Unless Grey were to bring back a handful of treasures that would be helpful to them.

At the thought of all this, Grey couldn't help but give a wry chuckle. He couldn't believe he was preparing for a war that might eventually end the human race.

'If only I was stronger...' He thought to himself, but he soon tossed it to the back of his mind.

There was no use bothering too much about something like this since he wasn't strong enough. If the sky was falling, there would be people who would hold it for him. Until he got to that stage, all he needed to focus on was getting stronger.

With all the things he has learned so far, he was certain that against anyone on the same stage as himself, he was invincible. The merging of his chaos and essence energies made his attack power even more destructive. Adding his space element, as well as his miasma, he could insta-kill anyone at the Peak if he attacked them without them being able to defend.

Even Klaus is capable of achieving such a feat, so it was natural that it wouldn't be hard for him to do something like that.

"Is there anything good around?" Grey turned his attention to Void.

He had to make good use of the time he had on his hands. Void and the bunny leader were his best asset when it came to treasure hunting. With the bunny leader absent, Void was the only one tasked with sensing treasures.

Void shook his head, he had already tried sensing if there was any treasure around, but there wasn't any that caught his attention.

Grey didn't speak too much, if he saw anyone around, he would take it, if not, he wouldn't bother.

Before any treasure can catch Void's attention, then it has to have a very high level. Void rarely looks at low ranked treasures so Grey had gotten used to it.

The duo started exploring the secret realm, with their strength, there was nothing they were afraid of. Other than a few traps which could be very deadly to them, there was nothing else. The rest things here all had the strength of a Peak Elemental Venerable, which was within their ability to deal with.

....

Time went by and in the blink of an eye, four days had gone by.

Grey and Void had been exploring the place and thanks to Void, they've managed to only get one treasure. Neither of them knew what it was used for, but since Void said it was good stuff, Grey took it.

Grey didn't know how the others were doing, but he felt they were doing okay. During these past four days, he had crossed paths with a few humans, and also a few people from the Giant race. He didn't have any clash with the Giant race as there was no need. There was no treasure in sight when he encountered them, so he let them be.

"All the good stuffs has been taken away. There's nothing else for us here." Void said in dissatisfaction.

They've been searching for a while now and they still hadn't encountered anything good. With his good senses, he would've been able to at least sense where a few treasures were located, but other than the one they didn't know what it's used for, there was nothing else they've found and he was starting to lose interest in this place.

There was nothing fun to do, and there were no treasures.

"We still have to wait for the others, so we can't leave now." Grey was feeling the same way as Void, but he didn't see any reason to leave.

They might not see anything valuable in some of the treasures here, but Klaus and the others wouldn't mind taking a few things. Alice and Reynolds especially. They had the lowest cultivation stage and wanted to improve as fast as they could.

Void took a glance at Grey and gave a little grunt of dissatisfaction before disappearing.

Grey shook his head, he knew Void wanted to rest inside his spatial ring.

With a sigh, he started exploring the place on his own. If there was anything of value, Void would come out, this, he was certain of.

The day went by very quickly, and Grey took all he saw. He didn't worry if they were good or not, he took almost everything in sight that he felt was of value.

He continued moving through the secret realm, not contacting the others.

....

Across the secret realm, there was a certain atmosphere. Without the Gnomes to cause trouble for humans, humans have been able to gather a lot of treasures. Unlike before when they had to be cautious, now, all they needed to do was to ensure they didn't have a fight with the Giants and they would be relatively fine.

The news of the Gnomes being decimated by Grey and his friends quickly spread across the entire secret realm. Only those who were aware of Grey's presence knew it was his handiwork.

....

The Giant race's hideout.

"Are you sure it's the same person?" A voice asked.

"I'm certain it is." Another person replied, the person added, "He's the only one I know who can overpower the Gnomes."

"Hmm, I'd like to meet him."

"Alright, I'll send out words for him. With his guts, I don't think he would reject your invitation." The person said.

The duo spoke for a while longer before the figure left the place.

The Hall they were in was extraordinarily large when compared to that of the Gnomes of humans.

When the figure in the Hall stepped out from the large doors, a Giant figure could be seen.

The figure had a familiar face, it was the Giant Grey who went to meet at the time he was in the lower realm.

He was the leader of the Giants at that time, now though, he was in a lower cultivation stage, but he still enjoyed a high status here.

The person who was leading them was at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

He said some words to a few people and after describing what Grey looked like, he went back inside.

Grey was the one they wanted to see, they had no interest in the other humans. He also told them not to get into any conflict with humans, just telling them to pass on the invitation over to Grey.

....

A day later.

Grey soon got word of the invitation. He was a little taken aback because he didn't expect the Giant race would invite him to their hideout.

Searching for a Giant wasn't difficult, and before long, he was on his way to the Giant race's hideout.

....

Somewhere in the secret realm.

A young lady looked at the Giant before her, curious.

She turned to the human who was with her.

"Who's this person they are inviting over?"

"It's Grey." The young man beside her said.

The young man was the younger brother of Sylvia. He was in shock at Grey's efficiency.

It took less than a week before Grey had the entire Gnome race in a chokehold, now, the Giant race was inviting him over to their hideout.

"What do you think they want with him?" The young lady asked.

"I have no idea. But I'm sure he will go." Sylvia's younger brother said.

"Should we head there too, just to make sure it's not a trap? The Gnomes might have contacted them." The young lady suggested.

Chapter 1322 Going To The Giant Race's Territory

The Giant race's hideout.

Grey was accompanied by a Giant, so it was very easy for him to get into the place. He didn't delay and went straight to the main Hall.

The Giant who was the present leader of the Giants was present, and beside him was the Giant he saw back in the lower realm.

"That's him, I can't forget his face." The Giant who had seen Grey before spoke up.

"You're the one who dealt with the entire Gnome race here?" The leader of the Giants asked, looking Grey in the eyes.

Standing before them, Grey looked like a little child standing in front of adults. His head barely got past their thighs.

"Not really, I just took out their leaders. With no one to lead, the subordinates will naturally crumble."
Grey replied matter-of-factly.

He was calm and composed while in the presence of so many Giants, there wasn't even an atom of fear in his eyes, only curiosity. To be honest, he was a little baffled why the Giants wanted to meet up with him.

"You didn't call me here to speak about the Gnomes, did you?" Grey raised a brow, "If that's the reason then it seems I have wasted my time."

"Straightforward, nice. I'll go straight to the point then. There's something I need a few human's help for..." The leader of the Giants didn't speak about anything else and went straight to the point.

There was a place he needed to access, but unfortunately, only humans can open it. A powerful one at that. They had tried capturing a few people, but none of them had been able to open the place. When he heard about Grey, the thought of exploring that place came to mind and he believed with Grey's prowess, he should be able to access it.

After entering, they will discuss on how to share whatever treasures they find inside.

"I see. Who are you taking with you?" Grey squinted his eyes.

"Four others, three at the Peak and him." The leader of the Giants pointed at three people at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane like himself and then pointed at the Giant Grey saw at the lower realm.

"I can bring other humans too?" Grey asked an important question.

If he was going alone, although he was confident they wouldn't be able to kill him, after all, Void was there with him. But he still had to be cautious when dealing with others, especially powerful people like the Giant race.

With a few people by his side, he would feel a lot safer.

"Yes, you can pick four others to go with us." The leader of the Giants didn't want Grey to feel like he wanted to outnumber them, so he told him to take four other humans with him.

Grey took a look at the people the leader of the Giant race picked and sensed their auras, they were all top powerhouses at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane. It would be very difficult for Peak Venerables on the human side to match any of them, unless they were people of Klaus and Reynolds' caliber, Alice included.

Only top geniuses like his friends would be able to match up to these people. The issue is that none of his friends had the strength of a Peak Elemental Venerable. Klaus might be able to unleash an attack on the level of a Peak Elemental Venerable, but that was when he was given the chance, and it wasn't something he could do whenever he felt like it.

Taking his friends with him didn't seem like the more reasonable option, but he didn't want to go on such an expedition without them. They too needed as much treasures as they could find.

'With Klaus' luck, he should get something good from this place.' Grey fell deep in thought, 'Should I call Alice over? She might've not seen anything good during her search.'

He was stuck in a dilemma. While he was still thinking, he raised his head to look in the direction he came from. There, he could sense the aura of a few humans.

"Huh? Who are those people?" Grey muttered unconsciously.

The leader of the Giant race took a glance at Grey, seeing his confused expression, he knew he had nothing to do with the arrival of the newcomers.

"Why don't we go and find out?"

The leader of the Giant was the first to stand up, he walked out of the Hall, heading for the pathway that led into their hideout.

Grey followed beside him, he was also curious about the identity of these people. The aura he sensed didn't belong to any of his friends, so he was sure he didn't know the people there.

A minute later, they were standing at the gate into the hideout.

Eight people could be seen standing outside the gate, they didn't try to enter the place, just standing there and staring at the two Giants who were the guards there.

The reason the Giants didn't attack was because they didn't sense any malice from them, and the humans said they just wanted to make sure their companion who came here was safe.

They all knew of the invitation for Grey, so seeing others coming just to ensure he was safe didn't make them worry. Grey was safe, so there was no need to start a fight over anything.

When Grey walked out, he was staring at the group of people when his eyes rested on the body of a young lady. It was the lady who came in with Sylvia's younger brother.

Grey looked at her for a long time, not averting his eyes.

'Did I sense wrong?' A confused look appeared on his face.

He sensed the aura of a mark on the body of the young lady, although it was very faint, he still sensed it. He had worked with the mark before and could sense it from a mile away. The fact that he only got a short sense of it made him doubt if it were true.

'Maybe it's something related to her cultivation.'

After trying to sense it again and failing, he gave up.

The young lady on the other hand was amused with the way Grey was staring at her. Not just her, but everyone present could see that from the second Grey stepped out, his eyes had not left the body of the young lady.

A few people looked at Grey and felt he had fallen in love with the young lady just like most young people who had come in contact with her. She was a stunning beauty.

However, they were all surprised when Grey's expression fell back to its normal indifference. He didn't even spare the young lady another glance, rather, he took a look at Sylvia's brother.

"You're here." He nodded to him.

Sylvia's brother nodded as well, he took a step forward and said, "We heard you were invited by the Giants and we came to ensure your safety."

"How did you know I'd come?" Grey asked with a playful smile.

"You dared to go to the Gnome's hideout, there's no place in this secret realm you wouldn't dare to go." Sylvia's brother said.

Grey chuckled but didn't say anything. To be fair, Sylvia's brother was right. There was no place he didn't dare to go in this secret realm, however, the only reason he came here was that he was curious about the reason the leader of the Giants would want to see him.

Now that he has confirmed it, he was satisfied. There was also the tempting offer of having to go search a place. He didn't know what was inside, but since the Giants have been trying to open it, he felt there must be something good inside.

"Thank you for your care, but as you can see, I'm doing fine." Grey appreciated their kind thoughts, but he wasn't really close to them, so there was no need talking too much with them. He was still thinking about who he would take with...

It suddenly struck him, there are at least four Peak Elemental Venerables present on the side of the humans there. All he needed was to take Sylvia's brother, and any other three Peak Venerables and he should be okay. This will guarantee his safety, while also giving him a chance to obtain some good treasures.

"You know what... I need your help. The reason I came here is that I want to go on an expedition with the Giants. I need you, and those three at the Peak to come with us."

Grey didn't tell them that the Giants needed a human to help them open the place since he didn't find it appropriate. Rather, he told them he was going on an expedition with them.

The three Grey picked were all at the Peak, and he sensed they were quite strong. Two of them seemed to be well over thirty, only one of them was in his late twenties, very close to thirty.

Chapter 1323 Who's The Necromancer?

Sylvia's brother and the three men picked all paused, they didn't know what was happening. They came here to check on Grey, how come he's suddenly picking them to go with him on an expedition with the Giants. What was worse was that, the young lady who was the strongest amongst everyone present wasn't even picked by Grey.

"Wait, what's going on?" The young lady was the one who asked the question.

"They're going with me on an expedition, of course, it's their choice if they want to or not. If not, I'll just call my friends over. Although, it will take a while, they wouldn't mind." Grey replied in a nonchalant manner.

"You know the reason I'm asking this question." The young lady said, staring straight at Grey's face.

Grey didn't flinch, he took a glance at her and said, "I don't know you, neither do I trust you. I can't let you watch over my back."

"You don't know them either." The young lady pointed at the trio he picked, as well as the Giants. She knew Grey was familiar with Sylvia's brother, so she didn't add him.

"What are your names?" Grey asked the trio, in which they replied to his question, "You see, I know them now."

"And I'm very okay with doing business with the Giants, this is not my first time with them."

The young lady was stunned. She didn't understand why Grey didn't pick her to join the expedition group. Of everyone present, if Grey wanted to pick someone, then she was the first person he was supposed to pick, yet he was completely neglecting her. Only her Teacher has treated her in such a manner, she was a top student of one of the most powerful individual in the entire Aurora Continent, yet Grey was treating her like she was an everyday young lady.

Sylvia's brother, sensing the tension walked over to Grey to whisper a few words to him. He didn't want the duo to get on each others had sides.

"You don't get it, I don't trust her. She has a certain dark aura. I've only sensed it with a certain group of people." Grey didn't hide his words, staring straight at the young lady.

There was no certainty she was marked by a necromancer, so it only meant one thing, she was one herself.

Grey didn't have any plans of exposing her, but he also didn't want to travel with her.

The eyes of the young lady widened when she heard this, she wanted to speak but couldn't. For some reason, she could understand the meaning behind Grey's words.

'How did he sense it?' She was stunned, her eyes suddenly turned hostile.

Only a necromancer or Gnomes could sense the mark on her. Grey is most definitely a necromancer, hence the reason he was able to sense it. And he must have mastered the technique to the peak, if not, how could he sense something her Teacher used a secret technique to cloak?

Grey saw the change in her eyes and felt he was right in his speculation, she was definitely a necromancer.

He didn't know how the Burchard Family were not able to sense the dark aura on the young lady, nor did he care. As long as she didn't cross paths with him, then he wouldn't bother with her.

"You're a necromancer." The young lady pointed her finger at Grey.

Everyone on the side of the humans gasped in shock, while Grey on the other hand burst into laughter.

"A necromancer will kill off so many Gnomes? Do you only have water in your head?" Grey's question brought everyone back to reality.

Yes, they all knew how much necromancers revered Gnomes, it would be impossible for anyone who is a necromancer to think of even killing Gnomes, much less doing it to such a level that a large bounty was placed on his head by the Gnome race.

"Are you people coming with me or not? I can't stand here arguing with her, I have things to do." Grey asked Sylvia's brother and the other three.

If they didn't show any interest in going, then he would just call his friends over. With Klaus and the bunny leader, he was sure he would be able to keep everyone alive, at least.

Being ignored by Grey infuriated the young lady even further.

With her teeth clenched, she walked closer to Grey.

"Then how did you sense it?"

She set up a barrier, blocking everyone else from listening to what she was asking Grey.

On the side of the Giants, they didn't interfere with what was happening. At first, they thought Grey was the one who called them over, but after seeing their dispute, they were sure Grey didn't have any thoughts of calling them over.

Grey was even on the verge of chasing them away when he thought about bringing them with him.

"What should we do?" One of the Giants at the Peak asked the leader.

"We watch. Whatever differences the humans have, they can settle it themselves. It has nothing to do with us." The leader replied calmly.

He didn't expect to see something like this, but he wasn't too worried. From how the young lady acts, it was easy for him to see that she had a very high status. Grey not putting her in his eyes showed that his status was at least on the same level as the young lady.

What he didn't understand was how come Grey, who was still in the Ninth stage could scare the entire Gnome race in the secret realm, while this young lady who gave off an aura of a top powerhouse couldn't?

When he probed the young lady, his senses were shattered the second it came close. This showed just how powerful her senses are. He wasn't confident in being able to defeat the young lady in a battle.

In the barrier.

Grey feigned ignorance and said, "Give it up, I don't like necromancers. I will not say anything about it to others, just don't bother me."

"I'm not a necromancer, and from the looks of it, you're not one either." The young lady said.

Grey saw the seriousness in her expression and asked, "You're not?"

The young lady shook her head.

"Then the aura of necromancy I sensed on your body?"

"I was marked."

"Oh... haha, that explains it all." Grey gave his forehead a slight smack as he laughed awkwardly, "How did you hide it?"

He couldn't hide his curiosity and asked.

"How did you sense it?" The young lady didn't answer his question, rather, she asked a question of her own.

Grey didn't think too much about it and replied, "I've been marked before."

The young lady noticed Grey's wording and couldn't help but wear a confused look. From Grey's words, he was marked, but the mark was no longer there.

"How could this be possible? It's impossible to remove the mark!" She couldn't believe her ears.

"It's for you people. I'm different." Grey said and then waved his hand, destroying the barrier.

He didn't want to extend the conversation any further. If the young lady continued asking questions, she would want Grey to help out with removing the mark. This was something he wasn't interested in doing.

First off, he needed life-force to deal with it, and there were no Gnomes in sight. Besides, he didn't really like the young lady, so even if he could help, there was no reason for him to.

Her mark was well hidden that even a few Gnomes would find it difficult to sense it.

Seeing Grey destroy the barrier, the young lady bit her lower lip and stomped on the ground.

"You're not going, I'll go with them." She pointed at one of the men, the one with a long mustache.

The man couldn't help but take a look at Grey who gave a 'I don't care what you guys decide' look. He could only sigh and walk back.

He knew this was a missed opportunity. The probability of death didn't scare him, they all knew that opportunity came with the dangers. Only the lucky ones comes out of these events on top. He had been on a few expeditions, but he didn't think there would be anyone on the same level as this one.

Grey turned to the leader of the Giants, "When are we leaving? I already have my group."

"I'll make a few preparation and we can leave tomorrow morning." The leader of the Gaints said, and then he added, "Those going are more than welcome to come reside inside before we depart."

Grey smiled, he knew what the leader of the Giants was doing. He was subtly chasing the other humans away. Although they wanted to collaborate for an expedition, it didn't mean they and the humans were on the same side, they were only allying due to aligned benefits.

Grey didn't stand on ceremony and walked into the Giants camp, alongside the five going with him.

Chapter 1324 Beast's Bloodline?

The next morning.

Grey and the Giants were already waiting outside to leave. The last person to come out was the young lady.

She took a glance at Grey but didn't say anything. During the past day, she had been trying to talk to Grey, but it has all been futile, it was like she was speaking with a wall. Grey wasn't even answering any of her questions, he wasn't even looking at her.

During the entire time, he had his eyes closed and didn't bother to spare her a glance.

Void came out and took a deep look at her, but he disappeared soon after. He didn't want to alert others.

The young lady was stunned, she had heard from Sylvia's brother that there was a small mysterious black cat that was always with Grey. She had wanted to ask about it earlier, but she didn't think it was appropriate, so she refrained.

Seeing Void appear and disappear without leaking out even a bit of aura put her on alert. She was at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane, yet, she couldn't sense Void. If not for the fact that the secret realm would attack anyone about the Elemental Venerable Plane, she might've concluded that Void was in the Elemental Sovereign Plane.

Had Void not appeared in her line of sight, she wouldn't have even sensed his presence. This showed how well hidden he was.

Grey said to the Giant leader, "Lead the way, there are still things to do."

The leader of the Giants didn't delay and nodded, he took to the sky, his giant figure shrinking to the size of humans as they flew through the sky.

'I wonder what sort of items they use in making their clothes.' Grey thought deep down.

The clothes of the Giant shrunk with him, fitting his new size perfectly.

He didn't bother to ask as there was no need to. He followed behind the leader of the Giant, not saying another word.

Sylvia's brother and the others were speaking on the journey. The direction they were headed was a little familiar, but they opted not to say anything.

On the way, Grey got to find out the young lady's name was Elaris. And the two men were Brax and Victor.

Grey only listened to them on the way, he had also forgotten Sylvia's brother's name and luckily for him, he got to hear it while they were headed to their destination.

Before long, he was familiar with everyone even though he wasn't even speaking with them.

It took about one hour before they got to the place they were heading to.

Josh, Sylvia's brother moved closer to Grey and said.

"There's a place here that's only accessible by humans. However, we still haven't been able to locate it yet. Don't tell me they found it." Josh couldn't believe his eyes.

"I don't know, but I think so." Grey replied.

He knew the others would be against letting the Giants go inside so he added, "Tell them not to make any rash decisions. The Giants are the ones who found it, if we dare to attack them, we're only calling more enemies for us."

"I have my way in dealing with the Gnomes, but not Giants. I can't fight off all of them." Grey warned them.

Josh nodded and relayed the message to the others. Elaris was already about to speak up against the Giants, but after hearing Grey's words, she refrained from doing so. She didn't want to cause more trouble for humans.

Grey nodded internally when he saw their reactions, at least he didn't have to worry about any of them betraying the Giants.

"It appears the others have heard of this place, they just don't know where it's located." Grey watched the reaction of the leader of the Giants while he spoke.

The leader of the Giants nodded, "It's expected, but I know locating it would be impossible for humans."

"From the looks of it, only a Giant can locate it, while humans are the ones who can open it."

The Giant leader's words made Grey realize it isn't as easy as it looks.

Who would create such a place that would require humans and Giants to work together?

Could there be an underlying meaning behind this?

Multiple questions came to Grey's head, but he didn't think too much about it, first of, they needed the Giants to take them to the place first.

The leader of the Giants didn't go back on his words, he took Grey and his companions to the place.

They were currently in a mountain range, and each mountain looked exactly the same. The five Giants went to five different mountains, and after a few hand seals, a large door appeared in the middle of the five mountains.

Grey and the other humans moved to where the door was located. The door looked ancient, and just the aura it gave off was intimidating.

When Grey got close to the door, he heard Void's voice.

"Be careful, this thing is dangerous." Grey retreated the instant he heard this, not because of Void's words, but because he sensed a powerful attraction force from the door. It was like something inside wanted to devour his blood.

Yes didn't know what it was, nor did he care to stay to find out. It was just too dangerous.

Grey wasn't the only one, the others all retreated as well.

"What's the meaning of this? You want to use us as sacrifices?" One of the Peak Elemental Venerables humans turned to the Giant, extremely angry.

"You don't understand, it needs the bloods of humans to open it up. Without it, there's no way it can be opened." The leader of the Giants explained.

"If this thing takes our blood, we will be weakened." Grey spoke up, taking a glance at the Giants.

Although he wasn't scared, he didn't want a situation where the others will also be in danger because of him.

Both parties stood on the same spot, facing each other. Grey was not willing to endanger his life as well as the life of others on just the words of the leader of the Giants. He's not that foolish.

The Giants on the other hand were staring at them with utmost sincerity, just from their looks alone, it was easy to see that they weren't lying. But Grey wasn't willing to take such an opportunity. If things went south, then it was over for the others. He still had Void, and with the help of the space element, he will not only survive, but he could also explore this place. The same couldn't be said for the others.

Once they were weakened, there was no way they could get help. And since others saw him take them along, everything will be pinned on him.

"How can I make you trust us?" The leader of the Giants asked.

He knew it wouldn't be easy to get Grey and the other humans to open the door with their blood due to how they would be after the extraction.

"We'll have to wait for at least an hour. We have no problems with removing some blood and storing it somewhere. After recovering, we can come here to open this door." Grey suggested.

"Do you think it will work?" One of the Giants turned to their leader.

"It's worth the try. But first off, you will have to remove some blood and put it there, if it's reacts to blood that's not directly from your body, then there's no harm in doing it that way." The leader of the Giants said.

Grey didn't argue, he cut open his arm and the injury only opened up for a second before healing up. He managed to extract a small pint of blood and he tossed it in the direction of the door. The door absorbed it in the blink of an eye, and red marks started to appear on the door. But the marks didn't go far before fading off. It was clear that the blood it received wasn't enough.

Those present didn't look at the door, rather, their attention was on Grey. The speed at which he healed was frightening. Even those at the Peak wouldn't heal that quickly, yet he healed up so easily. It was as if his body was in a hurry to stop any leakage.

That was not the only thing they sensed, there was also the massive energy stored within Grey's body. It was a shocking thing to think about.

Grey cut his arm open for less than a second, yet they weren't able to come to terms with how things were.

The Giants were also in awe at Grey's healing speed. They didn't think too much about his blood, although, they felt it was almost identical to that of a powerful Magical Beast.

How could a human possess the blood of a Magical Beast running through his veins?

Chapter 1325 Attracting Powerful Magical Beasts

Grey wasn't too interested in what the others thought, but he realized something when he did this, he had absorbed the blood essence of a Dragon, one of the top bloodlines in the Magical Beast world. Originally, he didn't think too much about it, but now that he studied his blood more intently, he realized it was no longer as it used to be.

To a certain extent, it has changed completely from that of a human. He rarely bleeds when fighting, and even on the few occasions he does, his bleeding stops very quickly, and due to the intensity of those battles, he doesn't even have the time to notice the changes in his blood.

But now that he was the one who actively cut himself open and extracted some blood, he realized his blood was not like anything else.

He had eaten a good number of Magical Beasts, and those had in some way integrated themselves into his blood. There have been a few high bloodline Magical Beasts he has eaten which has also helped him out in this.

'Don't expose your blood outside. You've attracted the top Magical Beasts in the area. Hide.' Void's voice echoed in Grey's head.

Void almost wanted to ask Grey if he were stupid. But he refrained from doing so. Grey was human, even though he absorbed the blood essence of a Dragon, although there were some changes, he didn't think Grey's blood would change this much.

To a certain extent, it can be said that there was something off about Grey, hence the change. Even the people from the Vaergahl Family wouldn't have such a change to it. They might be able to activate a Dragon's innate ability, and also attain scales, but gaining such a change in their blood was almost impossible to achieve with only one blood essence.

'How did this happen?' Grey asked.

Even he didn't expect this change.

'You've taken in too many natural treasures. This must be a result of one of them, even I didn't notice it until just now. You have to be very careful henceforth. Also, try to tell those present not to say a word about it outside. You already know the consequences.' Void said and gave him some warning.

Grey already knew this, he took a glance at the others and said, "We should look for somewhere to rest. You guys will have to cover my side."

They understood the meaning of his statement. From the looks of it, it seems he wasn't aware of the change in his blood as well.

"Also, to prevent any issues, I wouldn't want this to spread out." Grey's eyes were cold as he locked onto the faces of all the humans present.

The cold gleam that went through his eyes told everyone all they needed to know. If word of this spreads, Grey wouldn't mind killing the person.

Every single person from a top Family or Faction knew who Grey was. The son of the great Lucas Dawson who himself is a generational talent, even more freakish than his father. The Dawson Family is renowned for their strength, and more recently, the freakish strength of Lucas Dawson.

Grey got fame when the news of the Gnomes wanting him dead spread out. For the Emperor of the Gnome race to issue out a kill order on his head, and also placing top treasures on his head told everyone one thing, he was someone the Gnomes didn't want to see grow.

The few people who knew of Grey's presence in the recent happenings in the secret realm further confirmed he has a way of dealing with the Gnomes which the Gnomes knew about and want to kill him off as soon as possible.

Of course, a few people have brought up the question, but Grey has been mute. He has too many secrets, luckily, he is the son of a powerful man, and from a powerful family, one, everyone would think twice before offending.

"Let's leave, I seem to have attracted a few Beasts over. Peak Rank Seven ones, I don't think we want to get entangled with them." Grey said to the Giants and humans.

Everyone present had already sensed the Magical Beasts racing over and knew it had to do with the blood that came out of Grey's body, although it wasn't even up to three seconds, it was powerful enough to draw the attention of these top Beasts that would rarely move when some natural treasures form.

The leader of the Giants took a deep look at Grey, he didn't say anything and returned to a human size before leaving with Grey and the other humans. The other Giants naturally followed him, not daring to ask any questions.

A few seconds after they left, a large Golden Eagle appeared in the sky, its beak radiating a powerful light. It gave a loud squeal as it looked around.

Before long, different types of Magical Beasts started to appear, including a gigantic tortoise. The tortoise appeared to be walking slowly, but in truth, it was traveling over ten kilometers within the space of two seconds.

All the top Rank Seven Beasts appeared and studied the area. They could sense that the owner of the blood was nowhere to be seen, nonetheless, the thickness of the bloodline and also the quality of it was not something they wanted to give up on.

They were all top Beasts who all had a territory they were keeping watch over. Most of the time, they wouldn't get into conflict with each other since it would only benefit another, but in this case, none of them was willing to back down.

But being the smart Beasts they were, they decided not to get into any conflict until they acquired the beast that possessed the bloodline. Only after acquiring it would they make a move. They all agreed and dispersed.

Even though they didn't trust each other, they knew that whatever Beast possessed such a high bloodline would be no pushover. So even if one of them finds it, it would not be able to kill it with ease.

Chapter 1326 Eye In The Mountains

Grey didn't bother to extract any blood from his body since he didn't want to attract any more attention to himself. Rather, he brought out a top-tier healing tonic and offered it to anyone willing to fork out more blood.

Brax was one who agreed to his offer, and he offered more blood. With the help of the tonic, he not only recovered, but he sensed that he grew a bit stronger. It might seem negligible, but in his current cultivation stage, growing every bit was very valuable.

Grey thanked him and after a few more hours they went back to the mountain range. With the presence of the Magical Beasts there, they had to be very cautious. Given how they were moving around, they all knew what the Magical Beasts were searching for, and if they were to see any humans or Giants around, they wouldn't hesitate to attack.

When they headed back.

The five Giants went to their positions and after doing the hand seals, the door opened up.

The blood that had been stored was released into it. Unlike the enthusiasm the door showed when it was absorbing Grey's blood, it was a little slower when it started absorbing the blood of regular humans. It only showed an increase in pace when Elaris' blood was placed on it.

The lines on the door started to glow with more intensity as well and the ruin marks started to show.

Grey, unlike the others who were just watching the door open up, was studying how the door was absorbing the blood and also the ruin marks on the door. He was not only looking at it, rather, he was drawing it mentally to ensure he didn't forget it.

He has always been curious about anything relating to arrays, so seeing this piqued his interest.

"At this pace, the Beasts will sense it and attack us." One of the Giants spoke up.

The door hadn't shown any signs of opening up, and with the glow the door was giving off, it was only a matter of time before the Magical Beasts in the area notices it and rushes there. With how smart these Beasts were, they wouldn't attack since they were also hoping to acquire some good treasures as well, and any place that would require both the Giant and human races working together would definitely possess impeccable treasures.

"Don't worry, I'll set up an array to make it hard for them to sense anything from here." Grey said.

As much as he wanted to study the ruin marks on the door, he also wasn't interested in getting entangled with these top Magical Beasts. They were too tricky to deal with. And some of them might even be thousands of years old. Magical Beasts with such age would be even more powerful when compared to a regular genius Peak Elemental Venerable.

With the experience it has amassed and also the multiple battles, it would not be easy to deal with.

Grey brought out a few energy stones, mixed with chaos stones, he tossed them in different directions, and with a few hand seals, a large barrier covered the area. With this barrier active, there was no way the Magical Beasts would be able to sense anything, unless they were very close to the area.

However, Grey's expression changed when he noticed a large eye staring at him.

The most shocking thing was the fact that the eye was from a mountain. He took another look at the mountain and realized it wasn't a mountain, rather, it was the head of an extraordinarily large Beasts.

"Crap! We've been seen." He alerted the others.

The only reason he hadn't made any move was because the creature wasn't making any moves, instead, it was just staring at everyone present. Its eyes soon locked on the door, and the blood that was being absorbed.

A soft growl came out of the creature's mouth. It soon opened its mouth and spoke.

"I have no interest in what you people are doing, I just need to know the whereabouts of whatever's blood was used here a few hours ago."

Grey's heart sunk, he knew this was what the creature was definitely getting at.

He looked behind the head of the creature and all he could see was a mountain.

He was about to ask what it was when Void's voice echoed in his head.

'That's a King Tortoise. They are very rare and possess an exceptional bloodline. Their abilities are even more heaven-defying. Of course, it's not on my level, but it's top-notch nonetheless.'

'If you can get parts of its blood essence, you might be able to attain their innate defensive abilities. All King Tortoises have the same types of innate abilities, and they are all defensive abilities.'

Grey was tempted after hearing Void's words, but when he took a glance at the Tortoise, he knew this thing was well over a thousand years old. Its defense must be at the very top when it comes to Peak Rank Seven Magical Beasts. One has to know that the defensive abilities of Magical Beasts are far superior to that of humans, much less a Magical Beast like this that focuses mainly on defense.

Grey recalled his encounter with another powerful Magical Beast like this.

"We only came here a few minutes ago, we have no knowledge of what you're talking about."

Grey wasn't the one who spoke, but it was the leader of the Giants.

He knew that if this Tortoise were to get into a struggle with them, the other Magical Beasts would be drawn over from the battle. The best thing to do was to speak amicably with it and hope it doesn't try to force the matter.

"I'm no fool. You people left after sensing that the blood attracted us. I sensed the movements here, but I lost you guys. The reason I didn't move from here was because of this." The Tortoise couldn't be fooled by their words.

Chapter 1327 Where Are You?

'Make a deal with it. Since your blood is already like this, all it needs is a small amount. You can also get some of its essence for yourself.' Void said to Grey.

Grey already had the thought of making a deal with the Tortoise, this way, the Tortoise would get what it wants, while Grey would also get what he wants. If he gives the Tortoise some of his blood essence, the Tortoise wouldn't mind giving him part of its own.

"I'll speak with it, you guys continue."

Grey said to the others and then stepped out of the barrier.

Elaris looked at him, curious about how he was going to deal with the giant Tortoise. She wasn't afraid of having a conflict with this Tortoise, even though it's powerful, she was confident she would be able to take it down.

Outside the barrier. Grey created another barrier to isolate himself and the Tortoise.

"If you're willing to make an exchange, then I might give you the blood essence you want." He stared at the large eyes of the Tortoise.

"What type of exchange?" The Tortoise questioned.

"A like for like exchange. Your blood essence for mine." Grey replied with a serious expression.

"You're the owner of the blood?" The Tortoise asked in disbelief.

It found it difficult to accept that Grey, a human, possessed such a terrifying bloodline. Multiple thoughts flashed through its head, but it still wasn't able to come up with anything.

"The blood is mine, and I'm aware you need it to advance." Grey nodded.

The Tortoise didn't speak for a while, seemingly thinking about the pros and cons of the exchange.

The blood essence will indeed help him advance after so many years, but if he were to give Grey some of his blood essence, he would need some time to recover and would fall into a short time of weakness.

With the other Beasts lurking, it would be very dangerous for it to make such a deal.

"I can not agree to that." It shook its large head. It was too dangerous.

"It's only fair to make a trade of the same value." Grey wasn't willing to let go of this chance. He knew if he can't convince the Tortoise, he would miss out on a golden opportunity.

"You do know the situation you're in." The Tortoise wasn't flustered, it said, "All I need is to spread out my aura and the others will rush here. Someone with such a bloodline will not be easy to defeat, I'm well aware of this fact. I have no issues with sharing you with them."

Grey chuckled when he heard this, "If you wanted to share me with them, you wouldn't be talking to me in the first place."

"There's no need to speak too much, my offer is the same, my blood essence for yours. If you're not willing, I'll leave. If you believe you have what it takes to stop me, you can try."

The Tortoise saw confidence oozing all over Grey and from its perspective, it knew there was no way it would be able to stop Grey from leaving. If the Golden Eagle was the one who encountered Grey, it would've been easy for it to keep Grey due to its speed.

"Also, don't act like you don't want to be the king of the mountain." Grey added, "With this blood essence, you'd advance, putting you above the others."

The Tortoise was well aware of what Grey was saying, and that was also what was in its head, it just didn't want to take the risk of weakening himself for a period of time due to it. Its enemies were numerous, and they would capitalize on his weak state. If it was killed before even using the blood essence, then it was useless to take it.

The opportunity was almost impossible to reject.

The Tortoise fell into silence, contemplating the matter. After a while it said.

"I'll make the exchange with you, but not here."

Grey was elated when he heard this, but he didn't show it out. He looked at the Tortoise and said, "I have no problems with that."

"Fine, come with me." The Tortoise threw out its front claw, grabbing in Grey's direction.

The claw seemed slow, but within a blink, it was already in front of Grey.

The expression of the Tortoise changed softly when it realized its claw phased through.

"There are certain things I have to wrap up first, I'll come find you after that." Grey said politely.

The Tortoise took a glance at the door and knew it was what Grey wanted to deal with first.

"Alright, but how can I be sure you'll come?" It asked.

"I need that more than you do." Grey replied.

The Tortoise saw his seriousness and nodded.

Grey tapped the claw of the Tortoise and it sensed a strange almost indiscernible aura. If it didn't see Grey tapping it, it would never have even tried to focus on this.

"I've tagged you, I can track you wherever you are." Grey said.

The Tortoise nodded and vanished into the mountain range once again, it was like it was never there in the first place.

Grey heaved a sigh of relief before heading back into the barrier. The door was already more than halfway glowing, and it was also showing signs of opening.

The others took a glance at Grey, none of them knew what he said to the Tortoise, but from how it left, they knew Grey had sorted out whatever the issue was.

"I thought it wanted to attack you when it threw its claw at you." Elaris said, hoping this would get Grey to speak about what he said to the Tortoise.

"It's smarter than that. Why stand a chance to gain nothing when you can get everything?" Grey shrugged and focused his attention back on the door.

The Giants didn't ask him about it since they didn't think there was a need to. Only Elaris asked about it, but from Grey's reply, it was evident he didn't have any intentions of speaking about it.

"The door will be opening soon. In what manner will we go in?" Brax asked.

"It's wide enough, we will all go in at the same time." The leader of the Giants said.

When Grey heard this, he looked at him with a knowing smile. In places like this, those who go through first stand the chance of getting anything in sight before the others arrive. The issue is that there's a probability of facing a life-threatening attack that might take the life of the person.

The leader of the Giants was scared something like this would happen, so he didn't dare to take the risk. It was riskier to let the humans head in first, cause they might set an ambush for them at the other side, which will in turn put them in grave danger.

No one had any issues with what he said, even the humans had the same reservations, so it was better if they entered at the same time.

After a few minutes, the door finally opened. It took more than they expected, luckily, they extracted extra.

On the other side of the door was a desert, a pyramid could be seen from the side they were standing on.

Everyone took a glance at each other before advancing into the place simultaneously.

On the other side of the door.

The second they appeared in the desert, the door closed shut and disappeared from everyone's sight.

They all expected something like this, so they weren't surprised.

They were soon hit by a wave of hotness, their bodies started to dry up from the heat in the atmosphere.

Grey didn't have any issues as water coated his body.

Not just Grey, but the others who had the water element used it, covering themselves with it. They helped those who didn't have the water element, keeping all of them moist.

"That's the only thing here, it seems." One of the Giants pointed at the pyramid.

"We should head there. There's no use staring from this side."

The group started to advance cautiously towards the pyramid, although they hadn't sensed anything, or seen anything else, they didn't want to get comfortable.

'Void, can you sense anything good?' Grey asked. With Void's sharp senses, he would be able to sense if there were any treasures inside.

'Nope.' Void replied a few seconds later.

'Why does it sound like you're not close by?' Grey asked.

One of the things he has noticed when communicating with Void telepathically is that whenever they are apart, and not close to each other, their voices would take a little longer to relay to the other person.

'Nothing, I dozed off.' Void replied hurriedly, but it was still slower compared to before.

"Fuck!"

Grey cursed out loud.

'Void, leave some for me! Damn it!'

Void had rushed to the pyramid, not waiting for him.

When the others saw Grey's sudden outburst, they were stunned.

Grey didn't even try to explain, he said, "We should hurry up, there doesn't seem to be anything blocking our path."

Chapter 1328 Battling The Scorpion

Grey was the first to get close to the pyramid, but he quickly slowed down when he sensed trouble ahead. He had a certain feeling of unease and knew that it was his senses warning him about any possible danger.

'Hmm, there's something ahead, I just don't know what it is.' He said to himself while looking around.

The others had already caught up with him, and just like Grey, they were also getting the feeling of unease.

"Something's ahead." One of the Giants said.

The eyes of every one were serious at the moment, they didn't know what was ahead of them, so they had to be cautious.

'Void, what's ahead?' Grey tried to see if he could get some answers from Void.

'A scorpion, not too hard to deal with, for me, that is. As for you guys, it will be quite difficult.' Void answered.

'A scorpion...!' Grey calmed down when he found out what it was. The pyramid was right in front of them, and whatever they faced would not be above the Peak of the Seventh Rank since they were still in the secret realm. He was only cautious when he didn't know what it was, but with Void's help, he knew what he was getting into and was already planning on how to deal with it.

It took only a few seconds before the scorpion shot out of the sand, attacking the group who didn't expect it to come out from the sand. Even Grey was taken by surprise, to show just how well the Scorpion's camouflage was.

Grey and the others were able to compose themselves and block the attack of the Scorpion, ensuring no one was taken out by the attack.

Grey was the one at the forefront, so the Scorpion's deadly tail was aimed at him. It was hoping to kill him off with a single attack. It swung its pincers at the others, sending a deadly sand attack at them as well.

Grey was blown away by the new form of elemental attack he just witnessed. This was the first time he saw anyone or anything control sand just like the other elements, and for a brief moment, he was stupefied.

This made the tail of the Scorpion almost hit his left shoulder, but he was able to gain himself back and with the help of his frightening speed, he dodged the attack before unleashing an attack of his own.

His blue flames, like a sharp knife, headed straight for the tail, wanting to cut it off.

When the flaming blade made contact with the tail, Grey was left speechless as the attack didn't even leave a scratch on the tail of the Scorpion.

'Magnificent defensive ability!' He couldn't help but praise deep down.

His fire was his top elemental attack aside from the fusion orb, yet it didn't seem to cause much harm to the Scorpion, this speaks volumes about the fantastic defense of the Scorpion.

'How are we going to deal with it if its defense is so tough?'

This was the question on everyone's minds. They've all dished out an attack, and just like Grey's flames, the attack didn't have any effect.

The Scorpion screeched loudly and charged at them once again. Its speed was heaven-defying, with a short movement, it had dashed into the middle of the group.

It noticed Grey was too fast and powerful for it to take down, so it changed its tactic, its current aim was those who were below the Late stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane, Sylvia's brother to be precise.

Grey was just as fast as it was when it came to movement speed, when he saw that it was targeting Sylvia's brother, he didn't stay idle, within a second, he switched places with him, standing in front of the Scorpion.

The Scorpion was taken by surprise when its original target turned into the trouble guy it wanted to avoid.

When Grey appeared, he bolted at the Scorpion, aiming a punch at its head.

The Scorpion waved its pincers at it, but he maneuvered mid-air, dodging them, he got close and unleashed a blow on the head of the Scorpion.

Boom!

A powerful explosion sounded out as a large dust cloud appeared.

The ground where the Scorpion was standing sank.

Grey jumped into the air and used the fusion orb, unleashing a destructive space elemental attack with it.

"Dimensional slash..." He muttered.

Bang! Bam!

The sound of his attack making contact with something hard reverberated across the area.

Everyone around had retreated, and when they saw how Grey was able to deal with such attacks in quick succession, their view of him changed, especially the Giants.

They felt there was a reason Grey was a menace to the Gnomes, after all, how could one man challenge the entire Gnome society here and win?

But now, they understood it was not just that advantage, he was shockingly powerful too. Adding his terrifying battle awareness to it, he was an enemy nobody wanted to have.

Grey appeared beside Sylvia's brother, staring at the explosion ahead of them.

"Thank you." Sylvia's brother thanked him for saving his life.

"As long as you're with me, it's my obligation to ensure your safety. I might be stronger than her now, but she's still scary." Grey replied.

Sylvia's brother understood what Grey was saying. From what he knew, Sylvia tormented Grey, making him fight competition after competition. To some extent, although she was making Grey grow stronger, she wasn't giving him any chance to do anything else. Fighting constantly will make anyone tired. And threatening to beat him up on a few occasions when he refused to go to the competitions.

To some extent, Sylvia could be said to be the one who contributed to Grey's current freakish battle senses. Fighting so many battles in such a short time will make anyone grow at a frightening speed. This was exactly what happened to Grey during the time he spent with Sylvia.

Screech!

They all heard a loud screeching sound come from the place of the explosion, along with the sound was a beam of light that shot at them.

The light possessed destructive power that made everyone's hair stand on edge.

Grey and the others dispersed to different locations, making sure the light beam didn't touch them. They could all sense the power contained within the light beam.

Elaris looked at the explosion and couldn't help but shudder. If she was hit with such an attack, she wasn't certain she would be able to defend against it. She turned to Bang!

The light beam hit the ground, causing a powerful explosion to set off.

Grey made sure to take Sylvia's brother with him since he didn't want to endanger his life.

Elaris looked at the explosion and couldn't help but shudder. If she was hit with such an attack, she wasn't certain she would be able to defend against it. She turned to look at Grey, and the question popped in her head...

Will he be able to defend against it?

She didn't know what the answer would be, but she knew her defensive abilities were not on the same level as that of Grey.

The Giants didn't dare engage the scorpion in a fight.

"How do we deal with it?" One of the Giants asked.

"Its defense is too strong, we can't break it." Another one replied.

Grey appeared close to them and asked, "Do you have the same strength while in this size as when you're in your large form?"

The leader of the Giants nodded.

Grey continued, "Elemental attacks can't work on it for now. We should use brute strength."

He turned to the others, "Anyone with the earth element can join in on the battle. The ice element can be used as well."

He knew his blow to the Scorpion hurt it, and if the Giants joined in, they would be able to deal more damage to it. The Giants are known for their immense physical strength. Adding the earth element as well as the ice ability of the Water Elementalist present, they should be able to defeat the Scorpion in no time.

The Giants followed Grey's plan and they all stood in different directions. The dust cloud from Grey's previous attack died down and the figure of the Scorpion appeared, it looked to be alright, but everyone present had very sharp eyes, they were able to discern that Grey's blow was able to leave a small crack on the head of the Scorpion.

They all couldn't help but take another glance at Grey. One has to know that they've tried all forms of elemental attacks and nothing worked, yet Grey was able to cause a crack on its hard exoskeleton of the Scorpion.

Grey on the other hand didn't think about it too much, he felt it was only natural. After all, he made use of his fire element in the attack as well. And his dimensional slash was aimed at that same spot. He was even surprised at the fact that the Scorpion was able to only sustain that little damage. Any other Magical Beast would've been seriously wounded, yet the attack was able to only leave a small crack on its head.

Chapter 1329 Terrifying Killing Intent

Grey was the one who led the attack, he was the one who brought the idea of them using physical attacks and also earth and ice attacks, and with the help of his space element, he was more mobile.

The plan was for him to attract all the attention to himself and give the others free reign to attack the beast without having to face too much resistance from the Scorpion.

When he arrived in front of the Scorpion, he didn't hold back and unleashed a powerful lightning bolt at it. The Scorpion moved its pincers to block the attack, but Grey drew close to it and attacked once again, this time, with his fist. He struck one of the pincers of the Scorpion.

However, the result of the punch was completely different from the previous attack. The last time, the Scorpion didn't expect his punch to pack that much power and didn't do much to defend against it, and it was also taken by surprise. Now that it knew Grey's ability, it didn't dare to take him for granted.

It reinforced its defense before taking Grey's blow. Unlike the previous time that it was sent flying, it only moved back by a few meters, using its other pincer to swipe at Grey.

Just as Grey was dodging, it unleashed a beam of light from its mouth.

Grey, seeing where its attack was aimed at couldn't help but cuss out lightly. The attack was so well timed by the Scorpion that he was forced to either take that attack head-on or take the pincer attack head-on.

Grey wasn't one to be stuck in a dilemma when placed in such positions, without even thinking, he moved back to where the pincer was coming from and silver scales appeared on his arms as he crossed them in front of him, blocking the attack that was coming his way.

Like a broken kite, Grey's figure shot through the air, slamming into one of the sand mountains on the side.

At the time the Scorpion's attack just hit Grey, the Giants, as well as the other Earth and Water Elementals attacked, not giving the Scorpion any chance to reinforce its defense or even prepare for their attacks.

They all made sure before attacking, the Scorpion wouldn't have the chance to block it. It was a well-planned move, and to be honest, it was a good plan.

All their attacks landed on the large body of the Scorpion at the same time. The punches of the Giants, as well as the earth elemental attacks. The ice attacks weren't as many as the earth elemental attacks.

All the attacks simultaneously hit the Scorpion and it let out a pained screech before burrowing into the ground, rushing to leave the area.

Bang!

The Scorpion which just disappeared into the ground was sent flying into the sky, and it crashed into the ground, causing sand to fly all around.

Grey's figure appeared from beneath the ground. He had been waiting for this opportunity after being sent flying by the Scorpion. Luckily, he had the space element, so it was easy for him to return here.

When the others saw Grey's figure, they were a little taken aback, but after recalling how easy it was for him to move from one location to another, they stopped getting surprised by it.

'It's a good thing I marked it while dealing that blow.' Grey thought to himself.

The large frame of the Scorpion sprang back up, confusion evident in its eyes. It thought it had escaped, only to find a powerful force sending it flying from the ground.

It looked around and saw the person behind it. A hint of hatred flashed through its eyes when it saw Grey. Grey was too difficult to deal with, and seeing how Grey's condition was, it couldn't help but feel aggrieved.

Even after taking the full force attack of the Scorpion, Grey was perfectly fine, other than the sleeves of his clothes which ripped apart, there was nothing else. It was as if he didn't get hit by the Scorpion.

The Scorpion wasn't the only one shocked, Elaris and the other two at the Peak were beyond shocked. They all saw Grey taking the blow, but none of them noticed Grey's arm turning silver during the last second before getting hit. So they didn't understand how Grey was able to take the blow without sustaining any injuries.

The Scorpion moved very fast and before they knew it, it was already in front of Grey. Its dangerous tail stabbed at the place Grey was standing, but it didn't meet any resistance, hitting the ground. The figure of Grey which was there started to fade off.

"An afterimage!" One of the Giants said with a serious expression.

"Just how fast is he?"

his extraordinary speed.

A freak born for battles!

Grey having the space element already made him extremely difficult to handle when fighting against him. Now, the fact that he could leave behind an afterimage showed them that he was still very fast without his space element. This meant that if they were planning to seal the space to deal with him, he was still very dangerous due to his extraordinary speed.

A freak born for battles!

This was what they felt Grey was. All the abilities Grey has displayed prove why they felt he was born for battles. He had multiple elements, could easily go from one place to another, and was terrifyingly strong with both his elements and physical strength. He was the perfect warrior.

The Scorpion didn't stand idle after missing the first attack, it sank into the sand and disappeared.

Before anyone could figure out where it or Grey was they all heard an explosion come from the area where Sylvia's brother and the other Giant that was in the Mid stages of the Elemental Venerable was located.

The expressions of everyone changed, however, they noticed the explosion wasn't because the duo took a blow, rather, it was the clash between Grey and the Scorpion. The duo was perfectly fine thanks to Grey who made sure the duo didn't feel any impact from the attack.

"Stay in the air, don't give it the chance to attack you guys." Grey said before trying to force the Scorpion back.

The others at the Peak came at this time and they all attacked, embroiled in a fierce battle with the Scorpion.

Magical Beasts, especially types like this Scorpion that didn't only have a powerful attack but also possessed a powerful attack were very rare. They were too difficult to handle. Even when fighting against multiple people at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane, it was still not overwhelmed.

But after taking a few hits from the Giants and Grey, it started to show signs of wearing down.

Although its armor only had a few cracks, it was evident that its innards had suffered a great deal of damage from the attacks.

Everyone could see this as the speed of the Scorpion reduced significantly.

The Scorpion unleashed a light beam, forcing the others back, but just as it was about to sink into the ground, it felt a powerful suction force drag it into the air, in the direction of Grey who had his palm outstretched.

Grey already alerted the Giants to be prepared for the next round of attacks. He didn't want the Scorpion to escape, and he wasn't in too much of a hurry as he used to be, the reason for this was because he had sensed that Void's movement had come to a stop. This meant that he wasn't going any further.

'Something must've stopped him. I'll kill this guy and make use of its armor.' Grey's eyes shone with a brilliant light as he looked at the Scorpion.

He exuded a shocking killing intent that frightened not just the Scorpion but everyone present. If Grey targeted a weak-willed person with this killing intent, the person wouldn't be able to even lift their hands to defend against an attack from him.

The Scorpion wasn't one of such, it was powerful and had seen its fair share of battles, unless the strength gap was insurmountable, then it would never give up when battling someone like Grey.

Grey attacked with conviction, making use of the space element once more to attack. This time, the power behind his dimensional slash was even greater than what he had ever shown.

He mixed the attack with a hint of spatial distortion, making the attack even more dangerous.

The Giants attacked as well.

Due to being dragged back against its will, the Scorpion was forced to block the attacks coming its way, including Grey's fearful attack.

Bang! Bam!

All the attacks hit the body of the Scorpion, but all the focus was on Grey's attack.

The Giants felt dread when they saw the attack and the intent behind it, some of them were asking themselves if they could block the attacks.

Elaris took another glance at Grey. And for the first time in her life, she started to doubt her abilities.

Chapter 1330 It Looks Delicious

Grey wasn't bothered with the expression of the others, his attention was focused on the Scorpion which used its pincers to block the dimensional slash.

A pained screech was heard before the sound of something large hitting the ground, along with a little dust cloud.

Grey tossed a fireball in that direction, but it wasn't a normal fireball, he only used it to force away the dusk cloud.

A battered Scorpion appeared before them, on the side was one of its large pincers, detached from the other part of its body.

Grey's eyes lit up when he saw this. Due to the Scorpion using some of its strength to block the attacks of the Giants as well as the others, it wasn't able to focus its full attention on Grey's attack which gave Grey the chance to cut off one of the pincers.

The Scorpion screeched in pain and they could all sense that it was about to go berserk after losing one of its pincers. Such an injury was very dangerous to it and it was being clouded by rage at the moment. Its eyes locked onto Grey and even the others could feel the tenseness in the atmosphere.

Grey had a warm smile on his face, it was as if he hadn't even done anything to the Scorpion. Well, in all honesty, if they didn't fight back, the Scorpion would've killed them, so they weren't in the wrong. The only thing was that Grey's smile looked a little evil, given the fact that he just cut off one of the pincers of the Scorpion.

"It's wounded, it'll be even more dangerous now. You guys should be careful, and make sure its full focus is on me before attacking. I can't save everyone." Grey warned.

"We're not weak." Elaris was the one who spoke up.

Grey's statement made it seem like they were weaklings who needed his protection.

Grey shrugged and didn't bother with her, the only person he was obligated to protect was Sylvia's brother, he only warned because he didn't want any issues to come up because of anyone's ignorance.

Just like before, Grey took the lead once again, attacking the Scorpion. He didn't use the dimensional slash once again. Such a powerful attack always takes a lot from the user, mixing it with spatial distortions made it evident.

Grey doesn't usually face things like this due to his immense reserves. Not just him, but most Elementalists always use elemental attacks they know wouldn't take up too much essence so they could fight for a longer period and also protect themselves. Very few of them tend to use elemental techniques that would take up large portions of their essence reserves, but for someone like Grey who has more than triple what any normal Elementalist has, he barely gets to face such events.

But the dimensional slash he just used showed him some signs of using up too much essence.

The Scorpion attacked Grey, but even in its berserk state, it was still watching around, wary of not the others' attacks, but of Grey suddenly unleashing the attack he used a few moments ago. It didn't want to take such an attack again.

This time, it didn't dare to get close to Grey, with the help of its ability to manipulate sand, it was attacking from a good distance away.

Grey was continuously edging closer as he blocked and attacked the Scorpion.

The others were also getting closer to the Scorpion.

Sensing that it wouldn't be able to defeat them, the Scorpion gave up on stopping them and rushed straight at one of those using ice. It wanted to kill that person before escaping.

The person it picked was Victor. Victor didn't expect the Scorpion to come after him since its focus had been on Grey since the start of the battle. However, he had been in a few battles and knew not to panic.

Using the earth element, he covered himself in armor before attacking with a large hammer. The hammer was an elemental weapon, imbued with the earth essence, the hammer increased in size and its weight increased significantly.

The hammer crashed into the Scorpion and it halted its movement, that was enough time for the others to react to the Scorpion's change of opponents.

Grey was the first to react, after already marking the Scorpion, it wasn't hard for him to appear close to it. After appearing, he attacked with the earth element, creating a large earthen hammer and slamming it at the same spot Victor's hammer hit.

The Scorpion which halted its movement was forced back.

Elaris made a move at this moment, with a move of her hand, an ice hammer appeared and it struck the Scorpion at the same spot Grey and Victor's attack hit.

Not just her, but the other Giants attacked, their target was the same spot.

After the third Giant's fist hit the spot, a cracking sound resounded in the area, the Scorpion's hard shell had been broken through.

Unlike the previous times where only cracks appeared, this time, its soft flesh came into view.

The Scorpion screeched in pain.

When Grey saw the meat poking out of the broken shell, the first thought that came to his head was...

'It looks delicious.'

'Void, come back, have you tasted Scorpion meat before?'

'Huh? Scorpion meat?' Void replied.

Grey could almost see Void drooling when he heard how he responded.

'Yes, I'm about to kill this thing, and the meat looks delicious.'

Grey's words enticed Void.

'Keep some for me, I'm coming.'

'I'm not going to cook it now, you starving cat.'

There was no way Grey would cook it now, he still had to search for treasures, what time does he have to deal with cooking?

'Alright, but be fast with it. I want to taste it. From how it looks, I think it will be delicious.'

Grey laughed and continued his attack on the Scorpion.

At the moment, the Scorpion was trying to escape with all its might. But there was no way Grey would allow his dinner to get away so easily. Even when he didn't have the thought of eating it, he would not let it escape, much less now that it has enticed his hunger.

If not for the treasure, he would've eaten the Scorpion immediately after killing it.

He secretly kept the pincer he cut off the last time. With only one pincer, the Scorpion wasn't as dangerous as it used to be.

Grey once again used dimensional slash, mixing it with spatial distortions to ensure it was very powerful. With a single slash, he was able to cut off the tail of the Scorpion. And just like before, he kept it in his spatial ring.

This time, he wasn't subtle, and the others saw it, but they didn't care, they were more interested in the treasures that lay inside the pyramid.

In no time, Grey had cut off all eight legs of the Scorpion, as well as its last pincer.

When everyone saw the condition of the Scorpion, they took a peek at Grey who was looking at it weirdly. It didn't take long for them to understand what Grey wanted.

They could all see the excitement in his eyes, and with the continuous licking of his lips, they knew he wanted to eat it.

Elaris found it odd that Grey had such a character, while the others didn't think too much about it. They've all seen top experts who loved eating different delicacies.

Grey was the one who dealt the killing blow, and before the others could heave a sigh of relief that the powerful Scorpion had been killed, Grey kept it in his storage ring. His countenance returned to its normal indifference after keeping the body of the Scorpion.

He opened his arm and tossed a small black orb at the leader of the Giant. It was the core of the Scorpion. This was a Peak Rank Seven Magical Beast, and although no one said anything about Grey keeping its body, they all eyed its core. The only reason they kept shut was because Grey was the one who made sure they could kill the Scorpion.

Receiving the core from Grey reaffirmed their assumption about Grey only wanting the body of the Scorpion. Of course, they all knew that the body of the Scorpion was also a good thing to possess since there were a few valuable things in it, but nothing was as valuable as the core which Grey passed to the Giant without hesitation.

"Keep it, you're the one who made it possible." The leader of the Giants gave it back to Grey.

Grey held it and chuckled, "I already have a few of these to play with, who wants it?"

Victor raised his hand and Grey tossed it to him as if it was a useless item.

Victor didn't know if he should be happy or sad at the core he just received, after all, it was as if everyone was rejecting it.