

Affinity 1341

Chapter 1341 Creating A New Technique

Bang!

An ice spear struck the same spot Grey's previous fusion orb cracked. Not just the ice spear, but earth spears, as well as a lightning spear as well.

Grey, seeing the others help out nodded and created two inscriptions.

Since the Skeleton wanted to make use of its superior abilities to stop him from creating the fusion orbs, he would use his inscriptions to fight against it.

The inscriptions appeared inside the light and started attacking the Skeleton.

The Skeleton didn't think too much of the attacks. If it were any Peak Elemental Venerable, they would have to defend against the attack, but not it. It was in a state where its defenses were far superior to even most top al Beasts. It would be almost impossible for these inscriptions to hurt it.

Seeing this, an idea struck Grey. He had never thought of this before, but tough situations make one think more than usual.

'If I can create a fusion orb normally, there's a good chance I can create it with my inscriptions. I just need to overlap three or four. What if I modify the inscriptions?'

Grey paused, while in the middle of battle, he was engrossed in the thought of creating something new that he completely forgot the reason he was thinking about it in the first place.

"Grey! What are you doing?!"

Everyone noticed Grey's absent mindedness, and Victor called out to him.

Grey snapped back to reality and started attacking the crack, along with the others.

To be honest, he was too excited about the thought that just came to him and he even started working on it immediately.

The two inscriptions attacking the Skeleton didn't stop what they were doing, rather, they started to merge together.

The Skeleton wasn't bothering to defend the attack, so it didn't notice that they were merging. It was more interested in stopping Grey from creating any more fusion orbs.

He sensed the deadliness of the attack and didn't want Grey to destroy the light. As long as the light manages to hit them, then he wouldn't need to fight any longer, they would be done.

From how serious the group were attacking, he was aware they had already sensed this.

The crack was getting bigger, but at the pace the light was moving, it would be able to cover the entire room before they managed to even create a small hole in it.

'Void, get ready.'

Grey didn't know what the outcome of his experiment would be, after all, he didn't think something like this would be possible, so he was preparing to bring Void out during the last second to help them break through this light.

He had made use of his fire domain, but it still wasn't fast enough.

Before long, there was only about twenty meters left in the room for the light to cover. However, the inscriptions had already merged at this time. Not just that, but Grey added two more inscriptions to it just to be on the safer side.

The second the last inscription merged into the larger one, Grey experienced something he hadn't experienced in a long time...

'Crap!'

"Stop attacking the light!" He yelled to the others and started to create multiple layers of defense.

His sudden change alerted the others, and trusting that Grey wouldn't play with his life, the others did the same.

The Skeleton was the first to notice something wrong.

"Huh?"

It raised its head, and above it was an unstable inscription that contained unimaginable power.

The Skeleton was stunned to the point it couldn't make a move. The reason its reaction was this strong was because it didn't sense this until the last moment.

Bang!

An earth shaking explosion happened, but the light dome that was supposed to protect the Skeleton from the attacks of Grey and his group became a prison as it stopped the explosion from going out, containing most of the attack before finally breaking down.

Even though it was just the impact from the attack, Grey and the others were still sent crashing into the walls. Each of them created an almost ten meters deep hole in the walls.

Thanks to Grey, the attack didn't affect Sylvia's brother much.

The Skeleton on the other hand was nowhere to be seen. The light from the explosion died down after a few seconds, but it still didn't show up.

Grey and his group came out of their holes, seeing that the Skeleton wasn't present, Grey made a run for it.

He didn't know if the explosion was enough to kill the Skeleton, but he knew this was their chance to escape. If the Skeleton comes out now, it will be angrier than it previously was.

Elaris was stunned by Grey's decisiveness, but she rushed after him, along with the others. When Grey was leaving, he took Sylvia's brother along with him. He felt he was responsible for his safety, so he placed it above others.

The previously small room had turned into a large underground cave. The door was gone, and even the pathway was almost completely destroyed.

The main reason the destruction was this minimal was all due to the light the Skeleton used, if not, the impact would've been far more horrifying.

As Grey bolted for the exit, he saw an almost endless pit. He didn't need to guess what or who created it. This was clearly where the Skeleton sank into. If it survives this attack, it would definitely want to kill Grey at all costs.

Grey's speed when escaping had always been amazing. Without looking back, he ran for it.

Elaris and the others were far behind him, and they were not able to even catch a glimpse of his back. The distance between them was shocking.

All three people behind them were beyond shocked at the pace at which Grey moved. From how Grey moved, they were certain it wasn't the first time he did something like this and ran away.

As they were running, they all heard a bone-chilling roar behind them.

Chapter 1342 An Aggrieved Skeleton

Grey knew who the roar belonged to and didn't want anything to do with the owner.

He ran at his top speed, and before long, they were out of the place. They soon appeared on the Hill with the large stones. The second he came out, he waited for the others.

When they were out, he struck one of the pillars with a powerful punch, and a crack appeared.

"Damn it!"

The pillar was too strong.

He continued hammering down on the pillar. There was no way they could outrun the Skeleton as long as they were in this place, he was well aware of this. The best they could do was to trap it inside this place.

The cracks on the pillar continued to expand, but he could also sense a baleful aura coming from the portal. It was like an open door, and he could hear the hateful screams coming from inside.

The Skeleton was incensed!

Just when the Skeleton was about to get to the door, the pillar finally crumbled, and the door started to shake profusely.

Seeing this, Grey knew even if the Skeleton could come out, it would take a long time for it to stabilize the portal. The reason the portal wasn't wholly damaged was due to the presence of the other four pillars. But passing through it as it is was a dangerous endeavor that would cost the Skeleton a lot.

Grey turned to the others, and they continued their escape. He knew this would only delay the Skeleton and not stop it.

Once the Skeleton was out, it would definitely go after them. Since they'd taken the best treasures this place had to offer, there was no need to stay there any longer.

Also, when passing through the pit the Skeleton fell in, Grey, being a Space Elementalist, managed to get into the spatial storage of the Skeleton and not only steal the flowers but the orb as well. Although he was in a hurry, he still had time to take those things. He had already marked them, so locating their coordinates was easy. He still took some random items. There was no time to look around, and Void didn't want to take on such a risky mission.

"Kid! I'll kill you even if it's the last thing I do!"

The roars of Skeleton could be heard, but it wasn't advancing, which indicated that the portal had stopped it.

Elaris and the others couldn't help but internally applaud Grey's quick-wittedness. In such a situation, they weren't sure they could even think about what he did, and even take the risk of doing it. Only someone as powerful and as quick-witted as Grey would not only think of such a thing but also execute it.

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A few minutes later, they reached the tomb where they first encountered the Skeleton. This time, Grey went straight to the tomb and opened it. His eyes lit up when he saw the items inside.

There were a good number of treasures present inside, and they were ownerless at the moment. Being the generous person he was, he couldn't let them sit idly without any owner, so he picked them up.

When the others saw him robbing the Skeleton's grave, they didn't know if they should feel bad for the Skeleton or commend Grey's bravery.

The Skeleton was already swearing on its life to end Grey, yet Grey was still here, attempting to rob its grave.

If they found out that Grey went as far as taking the flowers and the orb he gave the Skeleton, they would be beyond amazed.

Grey naturally didn't have time to sit and talk, so he left the place as soon as he was done.

The other four followed behind him.

In no time, they were on the long path that led to the tomb. They were all top Elementalists, and their memory was far more potent than a regular human's. It didn't take long for them to navigate through the paths they previously used.

Before long, they were on the spot they split up with the Giants.

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"Should we wait for them?" Brax asked.

"Nope. We're leaving." Grey had no plans of staying there.

The Skeleton might have already escaped from the portal. Once it sees the current state of its grave, it might want to fight to the death with Grey.

Grey would feel a lot safer when he's no longer in this place. In fact, if given the chance, he would leave the secret realm as a whole.

His target had been met, and with the things he had, he could give some to his friends to grow. This will be enough to encourage them to leave this place.

Elaris agreed with Grey. From how the Skeleton acted when Grey stole its flowers, it would definitely come after them as long as they were still inside the pyramid. Their best bet now was to leave this place.

With Elaris agreeing with Grey, the others had no reason not to leave. They all left the place and headed straight for the pyramid's exit.

What happens with the Giants is no concern of theirs. Their truce ended when they stepped into the pyramid.

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Inside the Pyramid.

The Tomb of the Skeleton.

When the Skeleton managed to pass the portal, its previous white bones had a hint of black on them.

"That little brat. I'll kill him. You wait for me to recover fully."

"You dare defy a God."

The Skeleton was rambling when it opened the grave, the flames in its eyes nearly extinguished.

"Gone... they're gone."

It knew only one person dared to empty its grave, and it was the person who left it in this state.

"I should've let him go." A hint of regret was in its voice when it said this.

"At least I got the flowers and..."

The Skeleton wanted to bring out the flowers from its spatial storage, but it was shocked when it noticed not only it missing but other valuable treasures as well.

"Ah!!!"

The aggrieved scream of the Skeleton resonated across the entire Pyramid.

Chapter 1343 Making Trades

Outside the realm.

Grey and the others appeared on the mountaintop. They had been inside not more than a few hours, but it had been quite eventful.

Grey looked around and nodded softly to the others.

"I'll be leaving now."

With that, he didn't even wait for their reply before disappearing.

Elaris stamped her feet lightly on the ground when she saw this. She wanted to ask him if he was willing to help her out with the mark now after they'd gone through this experience together. But from how Grey ran, it was like he was avoiding them like a plague.

"We should leave as well. Since he's not here, the Giants might want to know what we acquired there." She said.

Brax and Victor nodded. Sylvia's brother looked at the place Grey was previously standing on before shaking his head lightly. He left with the group.

Grey clearly had no plans to hang with them, and there was no need to force him to stay.

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At the Giant's castle.

Klaus, Reynolds, and Alice were camping outside the place.

Just like Elaris, they found out about the Giants inviting Grey over. Knowing Grey so well, they knew he would check out the place. So they came to see if anything happened to him.

After arriving here, they discovered Grey and the Giants' leader were gone. They weren't in on where they went, so they decided to wait for Grey since they couldn't communicate with him.

"He should be fine. I heard some humans came here, they might have come to help him out." Alice suggested.

She needed to grow, and although she was worried about Grey's well-being, she knew that Grey was the safest person in this place. With all the trump cards he had, there was no way he could be killed. At most, he would be injured, but he would be able to escape from whatever situation he was placed in.

As long as there were no Sovereigns present here, Grey was literally unkillable unless he wanted to die.

"Let's wait till the end of tomorrow, if he doesn't come, we'll continue with our treasure hunting." Klaus said while looking at the castle with shining eyes.

There was something inside he could sense. He wanted it!

'If only Void were here, he would've been able to take it for me.' He thought internally.

This was the reason he hadn't left this place. His gut feeling was telling him whatever he sensed was very beneficial to him, and he didn't want to leave until he got it. If not for the fact that he wasn't as fast as Grey, he would've charged in and taken it alone.

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On another side of the secret realm.

Grey was standing in front of a giant Tortoise, a small dark red bead in his hand.

"This is my blood essence. I've sealed its aura so as not to attract others. I believe you've prepared yours." Grey said while holding onto the bead.

The large eyes of the Tortoise looked at the small dark red bead on Grey's hand, its eyes glowing in delight.

With this, it would be able to advance and become stronger than all the other Kings in the area. With its new strength, it can enjoy a better life.

The Tortoise opened its mouth, and a large head-sized black bead appeared. Compared to Grey's own, it looked more potent. But the Tortoise didn't care; it was a purebred al Beast, and Grey became this way thanks to having ingested multiple al Beasts' blood essence, which changed his bloodline.

The Tortoise's blood essence was more potent, but Grey's blood essence had a far greater potential. Even the Tortoise was aware of this, hence its lack of complaint even though the blood essence Grey gave it wasn't much.

Grey took the blood essence of the Tortoise. After studying it and confirming it was authentic from Void, he nodded and left.

The Tortoise had zero issues with Grey leaving as soon as they finished the trade. All they needed to do was to trade blood essence, and that had been done.

Grey returned to the mountain range. Void told him of a al Beast with a good bloodline they could benefit from. Well, primarily, Void could benefit from it, but it was a Lightning al Beast and might be helpful to Grey. If Grey could absorb some of its blood essence and integrate it with his own, he might be able to awaken a new innate ability.

Void needed it to improve his bloodline, while Grey needed it to gain a new innate skill.

They soon located the Beast, and it was a cat type al Beast.

When the cat saw Grey and Void, it wanted to lash out at them, but Grey's dragon scales appeared and his superior bloodline started to show its use. Void also used his superior bloodline as well. With the duo using their bloodlines to suppress the Beast, it wasn't able to move.

"We need some blood essence, in return, we'll give you something you want."

The Beast wanted to refuse, after all, it wasn't only about bloodline, if the duo weren't strong enough, it might be able to kill them and consume them.

Void unleashed his Peak Rank Seven aura, and so did Grey. To a certain extent, he was almost more al Beast than human given the current state he was in. Of course, he was still human, but he only had a few abilities of al Beasts.

The Beast cowered when it sensed this. There was no way it could compete with the duo standing in front of it. With no other option, it gave them two blood essence. This took a lot of energy from it, but it was better than dying under their hands.

Grey laughed and a white light covered the Beast, he used his light element to heal it. Before giving it a small bit of blood essence. It was one-fourth of what he gave to the Tortoise.

Chapter 1344 Klaus' Special Ability

After making a trade with the cat-type Beast, well, more like oppressing the Beast, he left. He wanted to leave the place as soon as he could.

He brought out his tracking device to see where his friends were located so he could track them down.

'Huh? Why are they together?' When they split up, he didn't expect to find all three together when he left the secret realm.

'Did they find out about the Giants wanting to meet you with me?'

This was the only question that came to his head. He knew there was no way the trio could get together unless they heard about the Giants wanting him or one of them was in a difficult position.

He didn't overthink about it and headed to where they were residing. With his speed, it was easy for him to get to where they were. On the way, he realized it was the Giants' hideout, and it confirmed his first assumption; they must've heard of him being invited over, and they came to see if it was a trap or not.

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It didn't take more than an hour for Grey to get to where his friends were hiding.

"What are you guys doing here?"

His voice startled his friends who were seated.

"Damn it Grey! Stop moving like a thief!" Klaus cursed out while holding onto his chest.

He nearly had a heart attack thinking one of the Giants had sneaked behind them. If not for recognizing Grey's voice, he would've attacked without thinking twice.

"I'm not the one who has poor senses." Grey rebuked.

"What the hell?! Rey, bring out your Elemental Warrior, let's teach him a lesson." Klaus was ready to go to war.

Alice, seeing that Grey would most likely not give in to Klaus, stepped in.

"You really shouldn't be doing this. We'll be forced to attack you one day." She said while standing in front of Klaus.

She might not always support Klaus, but she was with him in this. She just didn't want them to get into a fight here.

Grey didn't speak about it anymore and went back to his initial question, "What are you guys doing here?"

He paused and laughed, "Don't tell me you were worried about me?"

He knew the answer, but he wanted to hear it from Klaus' mouth.

"To hell with you! I wanted to invade this place and called them over." Klaus was never going to accept that he was here because of Grey.

Grey turned his gaze to Alice and Reynolds, and unlike Klaus who could lie to Grey without an eye, they couldn't. So they avoided his gaze.

Grey was already aware of the reasons they were here, but he still decided to play along with Klaus.

"Oh, what might that be?" He asked.

"I don't know, but I sensed it when walking past so I called them over. I heard the leader of the Giants wasn't around, along with a good number of Peak Elemental Venerables. So I'm seeing if I can take it before they return." Klaus explained.

Alice and Reynolds were shocked at Klaus' statement. They didn't think he would cook up such a lie within a few seconds.

Klaus' serious expression surprised them.

"Where's Void?" Klaus asked when he didn't see him on Grey's shoulder.

"He's busy. Why? Aren't I enough to help you steal what you want?" Grey was convinced Klaus was playing around.

"Hmm, since you can sneak up on us, then you shouldn't have any problems with doing this." Klaus replied after thinking for a while, he added, "What I want is in the eastern part of the castle, I've not been there so I don't know what it is, but since you have the water element, you should be able to sense it when you get close to it."

"Uh?" Grey was confused, but seeing Klaus' face, he knew he wasn't lying. What he couldn't understand was why the others didn't know about it.

The facial expressions of Reynolds and Alice indicated this was the first time they were hearing about this treasure Klaus was speaking about.

"Wait, you're serious?" He asked when he saw the seriousness in Klaus' face.

"Why would I lie?" Klaus asked with a straight face.

Grey squinted his eyes and said, "Are you sure about the area you sensed the item?"

Klaus nodded.

"I'll go check it out. If you're right, I'll bring it for you." Grey said and vanished.

"The space element sure is very convenient." Klaus muttered after Grey disappeared.

If he were the one who had the space element, well, he would've taken a lot of items he wanted by now. There have been treasures he sensed but he didn't dare to take them due to the danger that came with them. The ones he takes are those ones he knew he wouldn't lose his life over.

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In the Giants' hideout.

Grey appeared in a secluded place where he was alone. He was still surprised by the fact that Klaus was actually right.

'Maybe he sensed it when he came here searching for me.'

Void appeared and after sensing the area, he didn't find anything nice and disappeared once again.

Grey saw this and concluded maybe it had something to do with only Water Elementalists. The only thing was that he didn't sense it the last time he came here. Well, he didn't really explore the place. Maybe if he had walked to a few places, he would've been able to explore the place and sense it.

'How come he's able to sense it from so far out?'

Klaus was a strange individual. The fact that he could sense something from so far out and Grey, who was inside the hideout still hadn't gotten a wind of it tells you a lot about the type of person he was.

Now Grey was starting to understand why he was able to get so many good things whenever he was out. With such sensory ability towards water elemental treasures, it was a walk in the park for him when it comes to locating them.

Chapter 1345 Depressed Giant Leader

Grey explored the place, going to the side Klaus told him to check. When he got there, he sensed something.

'No wonder it's hard to locate for us. Even when I'm here, I can still barely sense it.' He thought while looking at a particular building.

The building looked ordinary, but he knew otherwise. He headed into the place, and just when he appeared, he overheard the Giants who were guards there speaking about his expedition with their leader.

'Guess they're not back yet. I better take this and leave.'

He could sense the treasure better now and knew it truly is beneficial for Water Elementalists. To be precise, it was great for increasing the ice abilities of a Water Elementalist. He could sense the chill that was coming out of one of the boxes that was on the other side.

The only thing stopping him was not the two guards here, but the fact that there was an array here that would alert everyone once the box was moved.

Since Klaus and the others were close by, it would be a little difficult to escape with ease.

He disappeared and went back to his friends.

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"You're back."

"You're sharper than before."

It was clear that Grey wasn't going to let go of any opportunity to poke fun at the others.

"Did you find it?" Klaus eagerly asked.

"Yes, but I can't take it now. You guys will have to move to another area. It'll make escaping easier." Grey explained.

"Let's go." Klaus stood up and started heading in another direction.

Alice and Reynolds chuckled softly but followed behind him.

Grey was once again left alone. He was a little stunned by the fact that Klaus didn't even argue and left the second he told them to leave this area.

He sighed and waited for a few minutes so his friends would've gone a considerable distance before heading back. He already knew where the box was located.

When he appeared once again, he bypassed the first set of arrays and was able to easily pick up the box, even though the guards were standing there. Only after picking up the box did the array give him away.

He vanished the second the array lit up.

The guards didn't even catch a sight of him, all they saw was the empty spot of the box.

"The box has been stolen."

The guards couldn't believe their eyes. They saw the box a few seconds ago, yet it was gone in the blink of an eye. What was worse was that they didn't even see who did it.

"Quick, raise the alarm. As long as the person is still close to this place, we should be able to locate them." One of them ran out of the room, yelling.

The Giants outside were already aware of what was happening. Seeing one of the guards rushing out in a panic, they knew whoever stole from the treasury was gone.

The reason they didn't suspect any of the guards was the fact that they saw the light flash past them.

Since the box was still in the area close to the treasury where the array was located, they would be able to see it glow. However, the glow was only temporary, it disappeared in barely a second. Whoever took it was even faster than those at the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

Unknown to the Giants, the thief was someone they recently invited to their hideout.

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Inside the Pyramid.

The leader of the Giants noticed his ring glow with a light. He knew what it meant, but he couldn't react, the reason for this was because they were currently battling a vengeful Skeleton. If not for the fact that they were physically strong, they would've been killed by now.

"Damn it! At a time like this?!"

The leader of the Giants was pissed!

The Skeleton they were fighting was the same one Grey provoked before running away.

It was minding its business when some intruders came. At first, it didn't want to react, but then some of them spoke of a human who fit perfectly into Grey's description, and it lost it. It didn't even speak and just attacked, hoping to unleash some of its piled up anger.

It gave them a good beating before sending them out of the Pyramid. It didn't kill them, well, not that it didn't want to, but it realized it was impossible to do so. Hence it let them go, but after a good beating.

When the leader of the Giants saw himself outside the Pyramid, it was incensed. Unfortunately, there was nothing he could do.

"Fuck!"

"Who stole from us! I'll kill that person!"

Since he wasn't as strong as the Skeleton, he wanted to direct his anger at the person that stole from them.

Being the leader of the Giants, he had a connection to the array with his ring and could sense further than the array. Just as he was about to make a move, he saw the light dimming.

"What the hell?!"

He was beyond shocked. The reason the light was dimming was clear, whatever treasure was stolen was being destroyed or used.

"Fuck it!"

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In the secret realm.

Klaus got to work the second Grey handed the box to him. He didn't see any reason to delay.

Alice and Reynolds could only watch with envious gazes.

"I got you guys something from my expedition."

Grey handed the duo a fire and lightning flower each.

The essence they sensed from it stunned them.

They've gotten a few things, but none of them were on the level of the flower Grey handed to them.

And just like Klaus, the duo started absorbing it.

Grey was tempted to absorb the blood essence he got from the two al Beasts, but he was afraid of causing a ruckus. He wanted to wait until the trio were done and then he would get to work. With them looking out for him, he didn't have anything to worry about.

Chapter 1346 Sparring With Klaus

In no time, Klaus' cultivation started to increase. From the Eighth stage, Klaus soon rose to the Ninth stage, and he didn't have any plans of stopping there.

The box contained an ice lotus flower which helped Klaus in his advancing. Grey didn't think Klaus would be able to advance so quickly.

Klaus wasn't the only one advancing, Alice and Reynolds were showing signs of advancing as well. Alice broke through to the Fifth stage, while Reynolds was on the verge of breaking through to the Sixth stage.

Alice was the one with the lowest cultivation base among all of them, but with the help of the flower, she was advancing, even faster than Klaus and Reynolds were in their current training.

Grey had nothing to do, so he sat down and decided to go through the array marks he saw in the secret realm. He felt they were some sort of language or means to communicate with elemental particles. He continued trying, but he still couldn't pry into the mystery they contained.

Two hours went by in the blink of an eye.

Grey was still in the process of trying to unravel the mystery behind the symbols, while the others were still cultivating.

Klaus was the first to open his eyes.

"Hahaha, come Grey, let's spar." He laughed in delight and attacked Grey with a powerful ice arrow.

The speed of the arrow was on par with Klaus' strongest ever ice needle he has made. This showed the enormous increase in his strength. His casual attack was now on par with his strongest attack when he was in the Eighth stage.

Grey noticed Klaus' movement, although he was taken by surprise when Klaus suddenly attacked, he was still very composed. After all, he was quite fast.

Red lightning danced around his body and the arrow passed through his figure. But on further inspection, one would realize the attack hit an afterimage image and not Grey.

Grey appeared behind Klaus and just when he wanted to grab a hold of him, an ice spike came from Klaus' body and hit Grey, forcing him back.

When Grey was hit by the attack, his body started to freeze.

Grey was taken aback when he noticed this. Klaus' attack didn't usually possess such traits, these were new.

"How do you like my new attacks? Touch it and you'll be frozen. Luckily, you're powerful." Klaus laughed.

The ice lotus he absorbed gave him this new terrifying ability, and he loved it. This will make his ice attacks more potent. If he were to use his ice needles now, they would be even more dangerous. Very few people would be able to defend against them now.

Grey shook off the attack before sending out a palm made of flames. He didn't want to give Klaus the chance to mock him. If Klaus were to get the upper hand in this bout, then he was done for. Given Klaus' usual antics, he would bully him till the end of the world.

Klaus blocked the attack with ease, before sending out an attack of his own.

Grey blocked it and snorted. His eyes turned pale blue and his fire domain surfaced. Even if Klaus had improved in strength, he didn't believe Klaus would be able to oppress him when it came to using their domains.

Klaus didn't hold back and also made use of his domain. His ice domain spread out, freezing everything around them.

"Are you dumb? Do you want to involve them in this too? Stop playing around." Grey made a move when he saw Klaus' domain getting close to Alice and Reynolds.

They were only sparring, he didn't want to disrupt the cultivation of Reynolds and Alice.

"Oh, I forgot about them." Klaus chuckled awkwardly.

To be honest, he was too engrossed in the battle and forgot about the others. All he wanted to do was to see the complete extent of his new ability. And from the looks of it, they were more than impressive. It even exceeded his expectations.

Grey had no issues with him, since he had come back to his senses, then he was fine with continuing the spar.

"Void, watch them."

With that, he disappeared with Klaus.

If the duo were to continue their spar here, they would inevitably disturb the other two.

After saying this, Grey vanished, taking Klaus with him.

Void appeared, grunted softly but still sat down on a tree to watch them. As long as he doesn't have to fight with anyone, then he was okay with watching over Alice and Reynolds.

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Grey and Klaus appeared a few kilometers away from their friends.

"Alright, go all out, I want to see what you're made of now." Grey said to Klaus.

"Don't beg me when I'm beating you up."

"If you can beat me, I'll admit defeat. You know I'm not that petty."

"Watch out for my deadly fangs."

Klaus' scream surprised Grey, but he still comported himself and his skin turned silver. Dragon scales appeared on his body and he let out a soft breath. The cold breath made the grass below him freeze solid.

Klaus cackled and charged at Grey, covering his entire body with ice. He was going to defeat Grey for the first time in years now, and he wanted to savor the moment.

Grey, seeing Klaus in this state didn't panic. With a simple movement, an earth wall rose in front of him, blocking Klaus' movement.

Klaus flew up in a bid to dodge the earth wall, but he was met with an attack that forced him back down. Grey used the earth element to hide the fire elemental attack he wanted to use.

"Fuck! That's cheating!" Klaus yelled.

"How's it cheating?" Grey smiled, he then added, "It's not my fault I have multiple elements now, is it?"

Klaus didn't know what to say, in anger he released his ice domain, hoping to stop Grey from making any further movements.

"These are the scales of an ice Dragon, do you think you're better than they are?" Grey asked with a playful smile.

He walked casually through the ice domain.

When Klaus saw this, he used multiple ice spikes, attacking with them.

Grey didn't bother about them. A thin sphere appeared around him and blocked the ice spikes that came his way.

When Klaus saw this, he almost gouged his eyes out.

"What the hell man?!"

Klaus wanted to give up. Fighting with Grey was a headache. Especially when he was using all his elements.

"Time out! Time out!" Klaus called for a pause.

Grey didn't do anything and waited for him, "What?"

"You're not allowed to use all your elements."

"Oh, how many should I use then?"

"Three max."

"Just that?"

"Also, your space element is ruled out."

"So any three with the exception of the space element."

"Yes."

Grey laughed when he heard this, "But wouldn't that mean if you win, you didn't win me at my peak?"

"It doesn't matter, you're too overpowered with all your elements."

"I see." Grey touched his chin, "What about this, I can use my space element and any other two. This way you'll be more proficient when fighting against Space Elementalist."

"Hmm, understandable."

Klaus nodded, agreeing to Grey using his space element.

Grey laughed when he saw this and his figure faded.

Klaus, already expecting Grey to attack, reacted quickly, blocking Grey's attack.

Grey's fist hit the ice wall that surrounded Grey, but the fist didn't stop, it broke through the defense of the wall, heading straight for Klaus' head.

"Shit!" Klaus shouted and retreated at full speed.

Only now did he recall that Grey's physical strength was far above that of any other Elementalist. In fact, with his silver scales added to it, he was more frightening.

Grey laughed and continued his assault, there was no way he was going to let Klaus get away.

His attacks were fierce, but Klaus' defense was strong as well. Klaus blocked the attacks, making sure Grey wasn't given the chance to get close to him.

Grey was just too freakish!

This was the only thought in Klaus' head.

He held on, and after blocking one of Grey's attacks, he used an ice hammer to strike the ground, forcing Grey to retreat from the broken ice shards that came out of the hammer.

Klaus didn't aim the hammer at Grey, rather, he smashed it into the ground to disrupt Grey's continuous attacks.

Grey commended his efforts, but didn't stop his assault.

With the elements he had in his arsenal, he was a full-time attack minded Elementalist. The only time he doesn't attack as often is when he is surrounded, and even in that situation, he still occasionally lets out outbursts.

Klaus continued his defense, he was well disciplined, not giving Grey any space.

Grey's expression started to become serious as the battle continued. He realized with Klaus' new strength, it wouldn't be that easy to defeat him.

Chapter 1347 Attack Vs Defense

The spar between the duo started to get more intense. With Klaus' strong defenses, Grey was forced to use more destructive attacks, yet Klaus was still able to block them.

No matter what type of attack Grey used, Klaus had an answer for it.

"You see, it's not as easy as you thought it would be, right?" Klaus asked with a proud smile after blocking yet another destructive attack.

Grey used three destructive elements, his space element, his fire element, and lastly, his darkness element. Of all his elements, the darkness element has been the only one he had somewhat neglected a lot. Even his light element was used more than his darkness element.

The reason he picked his darkness element was so he could break through Klaus' defense with it.

"You having a higher cultivation stage made it easy for you to defend against my attacks." Grey replied with a smile, he couldn't take away the fact that Klaus was able to defend against his attacks.

Given his attack power, others at the Peak would find it difficult to block against his strikes, well, except for those top-notch defense masters like Klaus. However, Klaus was different from them, he also possessed frightening attack power.

While fighting, Grey had been careful so as not to be hit by any of his attacks. Even with his ice Dragon scales, he was starting to notice that the few times he had been hit by or touched any of Klaus' attacks, he was starting to slow down.

If his hypothesis was correct, then cold was slowly accumulating in his body as he made more contact with Klaus' attacks.

The thought of someone having an ability like this was shocking. With this ability, Klaus could fight with others and just focus on his defense and be able to beat people that were stronger than he is. All he had to do was to make sure he occasionally hits them and in no time, their system will slow down, before freezing solid.

The reason the impact of the ability was slower with Grey was due to his Dragon scales. If Klaus uses this on others, the impact would be faster, and some might not even be able to notice it on time until it was too late.

Klaus was well aware of this, but seeing that Grey wasn't showing any reactions, he felt he wasn't using enough. Well, the problem was that getting to touch Grey with his attacks was very difficult. With the

space element, Grey was almost untouchable. This was the reason he suggested Grey didn't use the space element at first, but after listening to Grey, he felt he made sense and agreed to it.

Had Grey wanted to depend on his speed alone, there was no way he would've been able to defeat Klaus without the help of all his elements. But with his space element, as well as the Dragon scales, he stood a higher chance of defeating Klaus.

Klaus was the first to attack this time, there was no use in talking too much.

The entire area has been frozen solid from Klaus' domain, and even Grey's fire domain didn't seem to be a match for Klaus' newly powered domain.

Grey still couldn't believe a single lotus changed Klaus this much.

'His luck is infinite.' He sighed in dejection.

The reason Klaus was able to receive this item was due to the fact that the Giants wanted to contact Grey but there was no way to contact him, so they sent out word and Klaus came fearing the Giants wanted to do something bad to Grey.

Just the thought that Klaus got this strong and also this ability from this coincidence made them believe his luck was genuinely unbelievable.

Grey blocked the ice attack coming his way with a fire screen, but the screen started to show signs of freezing up.

Seeing this, Grey used his dimensional slash.

At the moment, this was one of the strongest attacks he had in his arsenal. Well, since he couldn't use all his elements, his fusion orb wouldn't be as strong as it used to be. It was better to focus more on using each elemental attack.

Klaus saw the black slash coming his way and reacted accordingly, his ice domain spread out and a thick ice wall appeared in front of him, blocking the attack.

When the attack struck the ice wall, Klaus' expression changed slightly, he noticed it easily breaking through the ice wall. This was a wall he made using the heavy water, yet it was still being destroyed by Grey's attack.

Klaus took another glance at Grey. He couldn't help but wonder just how freakish his strongest attack was.

Of the duo, one was an attack master, while the other focused more on defense. Now, they wanted to see who would be supreme, the attack master, or the master of defense.

'I'll surely hold longer than he does.' Klaus was riled up.

This was the closest he had ever gotten to Grey, and it encouraged him. Now he realized that Grey wasn't unreachable after all. If he worked more than he usually does, then he might just be able to not only get close to Grey, he might one day be able to walk on equal shoulders with him.

Klaus is most likely the only one who had the audacity to have such thoughts. Grey was a genius even older generation geniuses feel they will never be able to reach his level. Given the fact that Grey didn't even start cultivating from the same age as them, and adding the fact that compared to the geniuses who grew up in the Aurora Continent, he was in a more secluded place, yet he was still far above all others made him more terrifying.

Grey wasn't having the same thoughts as Klaus, although he commended Klaus' strength, he stopped joking around.

Three inscriptions lit up in the sky. He wanted to use his strongest attack now. There was no point delaying any further.

Chapter 1348 Here We Go Again

Klaus was able to defend the dimensional slash. After blocking it, he raised his head and saw Grey's inscriptions.

A smirk appeared on his face. He knew the capacity of Grey's inscriptions and knew they wouldn't be able to threaten.

Grey appeared in front of him and threw a punch. But his fist was blocked by ice. The ice stopped the fist when it was a few inches away from Klaus' face.

"This new defensive side of you is amazing." Grey commented.

"Thank you. But I don't see why you're using your inscriptions. They can't break through my defenses." Klaus asked playfully.

"They can at least distract you enough for me to get a good hit." Grey shrugged and retreated.

An ice spike sprouted from the ground, almost hitting him.

Klaus clicked his tongue when Grey dodged the attack. He wanted to use the ice blocking Grey's fist to hold him down, but Grey destroyed it with ease and escaped.

Grey's senses were too sharp, this was one of the reasons it was very difficult to defeat him.

Grey's inscriptions attacked, but none of the attacks were able to get past Klaus' automatic ice defense.

This new defensive system was fully automated and Klaus didn't have to use too much effort. It was as if his ice was conscious and it was able to block any attack coming his way. Well, as long as the attack was not too strong, then it would be dealt with easily. If not, Klaus would have to make an effort.

The benefit of having this was that he would be alerted to sneak attacks faster. Of course, if the person moved with unprecedented speed, even if Klaus senses it, it might be too late.

Klaus didn't worry about the inscriptions that were attacking above him and just focused fully on Grey that was in front of him. He blocked all the attacks while making sure to have as much contact as he could with Grey.

He noticed Grey wasn't as fast as he used to be, which was clearly the effect of his ice. Once Grey's speed had reduced to the same as his or even lower, then he was certain of victory.

'I don't need to do much, all I just have to do is stand here and wait for him to turn into an ice sculpture.'

This was the only thought in Klaus' head. He stopped attacking and focused fully on defending. He didn't pay Grey's inscriptions any mind and just focused on the bombardment he was receiving from Grey.

As time went on, Grey's attacks started to become erratic. Klaus noticed Grey was in a hurry and knew Grey was afraid of slowing down completely. This reinforced Klaus' mind and he increased his focus, defending with everything he had.

While doing this, all three inscriptions merged.

The second all three inscriptions merged, his heart skipped a beat and he saw a grin on Grey's face.

Grey's previous panicky expression was gone, now, he had a wide grin on his face.

He looked at him inquiringly, and Grey pointed above him.

When Klaus looked up, he saw an unstable inscription, but that was not the main issue, the issue was that he could sense the power that was about to explode from it.

"Fuck me!" He couldn't believe his eyes.

There was no way anyone in the Elemental Venerable Plane could defend against an attack of that nature.

"Do you want to kill me?!" Klaus yelled in frustration.

"Of course not. Are you forgetting how great your defense is? You can block this." Grey said with a playful voice.

Klaus felt his soul leaving him as time went on.

"Damn it! I quit. You win!" He yelled in defeat.

Yes, he wanted to defeat Grey, but right now, all he could do was give up.

Grey saw this and nodded, "Oh, I can't stop it."

The inscription was already on the verge of exploding. When Klaus heard Grey's words, he fell on his knees, wanting to cry out his eyes. How could Grey use something he couldn't stop? Was he planning on killing him? Weren't they just playing around?

Grey vanished, appeared beside Klaus just when the explosion hit off and disappeared with him. Klaus had the same dejected look on his face when they arrived at the place they were camped.

Seeing that he was fine, he heaved a sigh of relief.

"Remind me to never spar with you again. You're such a vile person." He said coldly, he added, "If not for the fact that we've come a long way, I would've stopped talking to you."

Grey laughed when he heard this. He could still hear Klaus' heart beating fast.

"You needed to see your face bud, it was hilarious." Grey burst out laughing.

"If you find my expression when facing death funny, then you must be sick in the end." Klaus wasn't in a good mood.

Grey crushed his hopes. At the moment, he realized being on the same level as Grey was nothing more than a pipe dream and he had given up on it. Luckily, he wasn't his enemy.

If he made such a horrifying enemy, he would hide in a cave for the rest of his life.

Grey was laughing while Klaus wasn't in any mood to say anything.

They could still feel the reverberation from the explosion, even though they were kilometers away from the area.

Klaus couldn't help but think about how he would've ended if he were to face that attack.

"How the hell did you even come up with that?" He asked after some silence.

"Easy, it's like my fusion orb, but created with inscriptions. It's actually stronger in this form." Grey explained.

Klaus didn't really know how Grey makes his fusion orb, but he knew it was by combining all the elements.

After a while, Reynolds opened his eyes. He had gotten to the peak of the Seventh stage and was on the verge of breaking through to the Eighth stage. But that was not the noteworthy thing. His Elemental Warrior had gotten to the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

"Hahaha, Grey, let's spar!"

When Klaus saw this, he shook his head in pity.

'Here we go again.'

Chapter 1349 Cruel World

Klaus didn't even put in any effort to stop Reynolds from getting himself beat up by Grey.

Unlike when Grey sparred with Klaus, they didn't exchange any moves here. He directly transported Reynolds to another place.

A few minutes later, they returned. Reynolds was in a sorry state when they returned. Klaus was smart and told Grey not to use all his elements, Reynolds didn't think about that and straight up started fighting with Grey.

Grey didn't give him the chance to state any stipulations for their spar, and he beat the shit out of him.

"Did he use his new technique on you?" Klaus asked when he saw Rey's face.

Reynolds shook his head, but then he realized the meaning behind Klaus' words. Klaus sparred with Grey, and Grey used a new technique on him to defeat him. He wasn't as lucky as Klaus and was beaten blue and black. In fact, he tried running away, but Grey didn't give him the opportunity to do so.

After his event, he had already concluded he would never spar with Grey again.

"Do you think he takes us as his friends?" Reynolds asked with a serious expression.

"Actually, I've been having the same feeling. He tried to kill me when we were sparring. At least you didn't go face to face with death." Klaus replied with an honest look on his face.

Grey was staring at the duo as they spoke about him right before him. They weren't even hiding their urge for revenge. He laughed and came to the conclusion never to allow himself to be weaker than they were. If not, he'd be in deep shit.

Klaus was already hoping to beat the crap out of him, given the last experience, Klaus would most likely beat him until he was close to death.

His spar with his friends showed him their new strength and how it was almost impossible for them to see a match in the Elemental Venerable Plane. If Grey was taken out of the picture, then Klaus and Reynolds could be considered among the very best in the Elemental Venerable Plane.

Even with Grey, they were still considered as such, but Grey didn't make them feel that way.

Klaus and Reynolds continued speaking on how Grey was an evil fiend when Alice opened her eyes. Just like Reynolds, she got to the Seventh stage, merging with the Seelie would take her to the Ninth stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

When she saw how the others were doing, she felt a little downcast. Of all of them, she was still the weakest. At a time, she was the strongest in the group, but not only did Grey top her, but Reynolds and Klaus did the same as well. At least she was still in the same stage as Reynolds, but his Elemental Warrior made it meaningless.

The thought of sparring with Grey didn't even come to her mind. Yes, she knew she might be able to stand her ground against some Peak Venerables with her new strength, but against Grey, there was no need to embarrass herself.

"You guys are done with your level ups. Now it's my turn." Grey said with a smile.

"Why didn't you just do it when we were at it?" Klaus asked grumpily.

"Because someone needed to protect you, stupid."

"Nice, protecting me just to kill me."

"Get over it."

"No, hand over a few treasures. There's something good on you, I want it." I think you should take a look at

"Get away. I already risked offending the Giant race for you, don't annoy me."

"What are you going to do about it? Reynolds is here, don't think we're afraid of you."

"Yeah, the two of us can take you on."

Alice watched the trio as they started bickering, but from what she was hearing, it was like Grey beat the duo after they were done with their training, and now they wanted to pick a fight with him. Together, they stood a good chance against Grey now, but if he increased his strength to the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane, then they didn't stand a chance.

They bickered for a while before Klaus finally let Grey cultivate. Of course, he didn't stop hurling abuses at him. Grey might be stronger than him, but he wasn't on his level when it came to talking.

Before Grey started using the blood essence, he created an intricate array to seal the area, blocking any aura from the blood essence from leaking out.

After doing this, and with the help of his friends watching over him, he started to absorb the blood essence of the Tortoise. Void was not interested in the Tortoise, but he was very interested in the blood essence of the cat-type Beast.

Grey opted to use the blood essence of the Tortoise first.

It took a while, but the blood essence started to merge into Grey's body, assimilating with his already beast-like bloodline.

Grey's body started to glow with a dark brown light. He had already awakened his earth domain when he learned the earth elemental technique from the Old Turtle. Now that he was using the blood essence of an Earth Elemental Tortoise, the domain came up again, and it started to show signs of transformation.

Klaus, seeing this, had tears in his eyes, "Why's the world so cruel to us?"

It hadn't even been up to an hour since his new ability, yet Grey was upgrading his. And four domains! Grey didn't use his earth domain much, and they forgot about it. Now that they saw it coming out on its own, they didn't know what to feel.

"He really is heads and shoulders ahead of everyone else." Alice remarked.

"What do you mean heads and shoulders? He's an entire fucking body ahead of everyone. It's just cheating at the moment." Klaus was dejected.

He could not compare himself to Grey.

Not to forget that Grey also had a water or ice domain, a fire domain, a lightning domain, and now his earth domain.

"At least we get to witness his growth."

"Yeah, I remember the days I was encouraging him to train." Klaus said.

"That never happened."

Klaus' expression darkened, and he retorted, "I was close to him before he knew you guys. I don't like talking about our early days much."

Alice and Reynolds rolled their eyes. There was no way they would believe his lies.

Chapter 1350 You're Leaving Like That?

The next day.

Grey was done with his training, unfortunately, other than the transformation of his earth domain, there were no other substantial improvements. He used the blood essence of the cat-type Beast and his cultivation got to the Peak of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

Now of the four, Klaus and Grey were at the Peak. Alice and Reynolds were in the Seventh stage and they weren't too far from the Peak. They both possessed strength to fight against anyone at the Peak, well, mainly Reynolds thanks to his Elemental Warrior. Alice was a little weaker, but she shouldn't have any problems with fighting others at the Peak, as long as they were not on the same level as Grey and the others.

"Do you guys still want to stay, or should we leave?" Grey asked.

Their original plan was to explore the Aurora Continent, and they've spent quite a lot of time here. He felt it was time for him to leave this place and go to the other continents he hadn't been to before.

"I'm already at the Peak, there's nothing here for me." Klaus said.

Given the restrictions here, he didn't want to break through here. Even if he might be able to, the possibility of having to be attacked by the world wasn't something he wanted to attempt.

The duo turned to Alice and Reynolds. They were the only two who were still in lower stages.

"Let's leave. We have already made good improvements here." Alice said.

When she came here, she was only in the Fourth stage, but now, she has advanced three stages thanks to Grey and her efforts. There was no point staying here any further. Especially since Grey and Klaus wouldn't really improve here. As much as she wanted to catch up, she knew advancing recklessly would do more harm than good.

Reynolds had his Elemental Warrior so he was cool with leaving at any time.

Grey nodded and turned his attention to the human settlement. The portal leading out was close to the human hideout.

"Hmm, looks like they're after the person who stole from them." He muttered after sensing some unrest on the territory of the Giants.

Klaus and the others sensed this as well.

"I think it's best we leave now." Klaus suggested.

Grey nodded and they headed for the exit. Their original mission here had been accomplished so they could leave. The Gnomes were all in hiding and couldn't cause any trouble to the humans that were present.

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The group soon got to the human's hideout on their way out of the realm.

When they got there, Grey saw the group they encountered when they entered. He recalled telling them that they would be free for a week or so to do whatever they wanted since he was going to deal with the Gnomes.

They thanked Grey when they saw him. If not for his words, they would've missed this golden opportunity. Not just them, but multiple Elementalists benefited greatly from Grey's actions of keeping the Gnomes at bay.

Grey made sure to tell them of his departure. If they continued the same way, they risked getting killed by the Gnomes. The Gnomes knew he couldn't stay here forever, so they would come back again. By the time they eventually come back and Grey isn't around, they will take out their anger on the humans that were present.

Word of Grey leaving started to spread among the other humans. They ensured to keep it within themselves so as to benefit more from Grey's previous actions.

The Gnomes wouldn't dare to come out now as they were all afraid of Grey. Only after a long period of time passes and they don't hear or see Grey would they realize he isn't in the secret realm anymore.

Elaris and the others soon got word of Grey's departure and she rushed towards the exit. She needed Grey's help, and wanted to ensure that he helped her.

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At the portal. I think you should take a look at

Grey and his friends were just about to leave when Elaris and Sylvia's brother arrived.

"You're leaving like that?"

Elaris' voice stopped them from leaving.

Grey was taken aback and turned to look at the person who spoke. Seeing Elaris, he didn't know what to see.

Klaus and Reynolds on the other hand had their hands on their mouths.

"Bud, what did you do?" Reynolds asked.

"I must say, she's quite beautiful. You saw her here?" Klaus asked with a teasing smile.

Grey didn't bother with them, "What do you want?"

"You promised to help me with that, but you're leaving like that." Elaris replied.

"I didn't promise to help you with anything. You're the one who's forcing me to help you with it."

"What's the difference?"

"I can't help you out, there are no Gnomes present, and I have a lot on my hands right now."

"Bud, what does she need help with? I can help out." Klaus moved close to Grey.

"You can't help. And don't you have someone already?" Grey pushed Klaus away.

"Yeah, but Rey is single." Klaus pointed at Reynolds.

Grey facepalmed and said, "It's not something you can help out with. Don't bother me."

"Are you helping me or not?" Elaris asked.

When she saw that Grey's friends were in support of her, she wanted to see if they would help her convince Grey.

"I'm not, you can leave now." Grey turned around, ready to leave.

"Why are you so stubborn?" Elaris couldn't believe Grey rejected. She added, "I can offer you some treasures."

"I have more than enough. I'm not interested in working for hire." Grey's reply frustrated Elaris even more.

Klaus and Reynolds felt like beating Grey. A pretty girl was asking for his help and he was rejecting her in such a manner, he wasn't even giving her any face.

"This is why you can never have a girlfriend." Klaus muttered.

Grey took a glance at Klaus and said, "I didn't say I was looking for one. I have more important things to worry about."