

## **Affinity 1411**

### Chapter 1411 Stop Bullshitting!

Boom! Bam!

"Why are you brats so persistent? Did I kill anyone you're acquainted with?" The man asked after forcing both Reynolds and Alice back but was stopped from escaping by Klaus and Aries.

"You're a bad guy, we've made it our business to kill bad guys." Klaus replied.

"Which one of you hasn't done anything bad?" The man asked.

"Me." Klaus raised his arm.

"You've never forcefully taken a treasure from those weaker than you?" The man asked.

"The treasure was mine, I was only taking what was mine." Klaus replied matter-of-factly, he smiled innocently and asked, "Is taking what's yours a bad thing now?"

The man was stunned when he heard this, even Aries couldn't help but take another look at Klaus, Klaus was shameless to the core. Putting it in that manner meant that he obviously took things from those weaker than he is, but it was only because it was his to begin with.

"What... what stupid logic is that?!" The man yelled.

Speaking with Klaus was something he shouldn't have been doing. Klaus doesn't seem to have a care in the world about anything, and he's slowly finding out.

"What? They were mine. I gave them and they refused to give it back. I have every right to beat them up for holding onto something that isn't theirs." Klaus said calmly.

"You're sick in the head." The man gave up on communicating with Klaus and attacked.

Klaus laughed proudly and blocked the attack. He wasn't scared of the man, and if the man thought he would back off, then he was joking.

Klaus' ice wall cracked after being hit, and fell apart, but he had enough time to dodge the attack thanks to his ice wall slowing it down.

"You can't even hit me. Your daughter must be disappointed in you." Klaus mocked after dodging the attack.

The man gritted his teeth and tried to escape.

The second he faced a particular direction, Alice, Reynolds, and Klaus jumped forward and attacked aggressively.

'I knew it! They don't want me to head in that direction.' The man's heart turned cold, he looked behind him and felt his body shake involuntarily.

'Someone dangerous is coming. They're aware of this. Looks like they were the ones who called the person.' The man felt his heart skip a beat and then without worrying about whether he would sustain any injuries, he charged straight into the trio, taking them head-on.

He had already cut off his pain receptors, there was no point in being afraid of the pain he would go through.

The expression of the trio changed and they attacked with increased strength.

'What's holding him?!' Klaus looked behind the man.

They've been flying towards that direction for some time now and should've already shortened the distance. Although it seems far, for Peak Venerables such as themselves, it's something they could cover within a few minutes.

The man saw their eyes and knew he was right. He didn't hold back and attacked with full force.

The trio tried their best but were sent flying by the man's attack.

Klaus was able to pierce the man's right arm with his needle, but to his shock, the man cut off his own arm to stop the freezing.

Reynolds and Alice's attacks were also taken by the man, but he was able to force his way through the trio.

Aries was behind, and seeing the man, she unleashed a powerful attack she had been preparing while the trio tried to stop him.

Boom!

The man blocked the attack and forced her back. Making sure they wouldn't be able to get close to him.

The man was powerful, and after throwing caution to the wind, he was even more dangerous.

Reynolds and Alice were injured, bleeding from the side of their mouth. Klaus wasn't any better, but they could still fight.

Aries had it worse as one of her arms was broken. Unlike the trio who had to cushion the impact of the man's attack together, she was blown away by a full force attack from the man.

The man was desperate and didn't try to block much of her attack which meant he had enough time to attack without her being able to block against it.

The man left the place, rushing away from the area.

"Fuck it! Go after him!" Klaus and the others chased after the man.

Aries stood up and followed behind them. With her injury, she knew her strength would decline during the battle, but she didn't want to stand back.

This man had killed some of her fellow Faction members, a few of them were people she was acquainted with. Knowing that they died because of this man's selfish interest, she wanted to ensure that he was taken down.

Klaus and the others soon caught up with him once again.

But this time, the man was able to hastily deal with them.

The group's strength was slowly reducing, but so was the man's strength. He wasn't at his peak strength, even though he was still on the verge of breaking through, there was no way he could use his full strength. Part of his right foot was frozen, his right arm was cut off. He had to focus some energy into healing those places, so even when he wants to use his full strength, there's no way he can do it.

The group were chasing him as if their lives depended on it which irritated him. He was a figure about to break through to the Sovereign Plane, yet he was being chased by a bunch of Venerables. And these Venerables were kids. Also, there was one who couldn't keep his mouth shut!

If the man had the chance, he would kill Klaus. He has already made his decision, as long as he survives this, he will kill Klaus. He might let the others go, but Klaus was a no-no. He will chase him to the end of the world if possible.

Klaus said things that shouldn't be said and he wanted to make sure he paid for his foul mouth.

Everyone could see the hatred the man has towards Klaus in his eyes. Whenever he looks at Klaus, it is evident that he wants him dead.

Klaus could also feel this as well, but he didn't care what the man felt like. All he wanted to do was to stop the man from escaping. They had to kill him.

The man was trying to escape, while the group chased after him. The fight went on in this manner. When the group catches up with him, the man would strike.

Even though they were being injured, they were still making sure the man was getting slower.

"Fuck! Why are you people so adamant?!" The man couldn't believe his eyes.

The group was already seriously injured, yet they were still coming back. They didn't even worry about their injuries as they came back. Such valor wasn't something he expected.

'Are they afraid of death?'

The man asked himself. The reason he's running so fervently was because he didn't want to die, especially now that he's about to break through. Klaus and the others seem to have thrown their lives away with how they were chasing after him.

Boom! Bam! Bang!

The fight dragged on and it was starting to show its toll on the body of the group, as well as the man.

This time, they paused and exchanged glances. They were all exhausted, and Klaus and his group were bloodied. The man was in no better shape. Parts of his body were frozen and some were missing.

The man wasn't able to cause as much as the group caused him due to their numbers advantage.

"We'll make sure you regret your decision to mess with us." Klaus said with a raggedy voice.

"What do you mean? I was on my own and you people barged into my business!" The man couldn't keep up with Klaus' reasoning.

"I don't care, you messed with the wrong set of people. Even if you're strong, we'll pester you." Klaus waved him off and added, "I know you're about to break through, even with all we've done as long as you're given the chance you'll break through. I will never allow that!"

"We'll have to see who has more zeal to survive this brutal game." Klaus added.

"What do you mean?! You're obviously trying to stall so someone strong will come and end me!" The man was having a mental breakdown.

"That doesn't change anything. If we outlive you then you've failed once again as a father." Klaus said, "Also, you can submit your research as a means of making up for the evil you've done so far."

"What do you mean?" The man asked.

"We might bring back your daughter. I'm friends with some Gnomes, they'll be able to work with it more than you." Klaus said.

"You know some Gnomes?" The man asked.

"Of course!" Klaus exclaimed.

"Stop bullshitting you piece of shit!"

Chapter 1412 He's Here

"You're just a kid who knows nothing. You might be smart, but I know what you should or should not be able to achieve, becoming friends with the Gnomes is one of the things you can not achieve." The man didn't believe a word coming out of Klaus' mouth.

"Do you know the people I can connect you to? Just kill yourself and you'd be shocked." Klaus said with a straight face.

Reynolds and the others took a glance at Klaus. The fact that he could say that with a straight face as if it was something natural baffled them.

'How does his brain work? Who would even think of saying such things?' Aries was beyond flabbergasted by Klaus' use of words already.

She had heard him say things she could never even dream of, yet he keeps saying more. What is worse was the fact that he doesn't even have to think hard before saying such sarcastic words.

It has been a few hours, yet it has been like she had been traveling with Klaus for years now. She couldn't help but wonder how exciting it is to travel with this group. They were clearly all talented, yet they each had other personalities that made them different. She genuinely thought Grey was the only different one given his curiosity towards arrays, but Klaus was just as different as anyone else with his thought process and words.

Reynolds was a deadly fighter, while Alice enjoyed battles, especially ones where she's the underdog. The thrill of defeating someone stronger than yourself has always been magnificent. This is something she has also felt, but it was very dangerous and shouldn't be advised to be done repeatedly. But over the course of the few hours, she has seen Alice do this repeatedly. Even during the trial and the challenges in the arena, she also fought with people stronger than her.

'How did they all end up together?'

This was the strongest thing. Meeting one unique person like them was rare, but the fact that four oddballs could get together and actually become friends was just amazing.

The man was breathing heavily, not attacking any longer.

"Tell me, who's coming?" He asked after a short silence.

"Who says someone's coming?" Klaus asked.

"I'm not dumb." The man looked in the direction Klaus has been occasionally staring at.

"Why did you say that while looking in another direction, are you afraid to look me in the eyes?" Klaus berated the man.

The man wanted to pluck out Klaus' tongue. He was obviously indicating at the place Klaus had been staring at, but Klaus turned it against him and started berating him.

He didn't think he had ever been this angry in his life. In fact, if someone told him he'd ever get this angry, he would never believe it.

Klaus looked at the man, unbothered by his look and said, "It's normal to be afraid of me. I mean, I too would be afraid to stare in the eyes of greatness."

The man was about to explode from anger, but then he breathed out a sigh, he looked at Reynolds and asked, "You don't look too good. I'm surprised you've been able to hold on this long."

"Once you're out of the picture, no one will be able to stop me from escaping." He added.

The man's words made everyone turn their attention to Reynolds, and Klaus and Alice's expressions dropped instantly. Some parts of Reynolds' face had started to turn black.

"What did you do?" Klaus asked, this time, his voice was plain. No sign of anger, no sarcasm, nothing.

"I attacked him before you guys came over." The man chuckled when he heard Klaus' voice and explained, "In some minutes, he'll find it difficult to breathe."

"Unfortunately, you guys can't save him. No healing tonic or method can." The man laughed, he then gave them a sarcastic look, "Of course, I can stop it. And if you're truly friends with the Gnomes, as you said, then they should be able to help him."

"However, he'd most likely be dead before then." The man took pleasure at the expression of Klaus.



He had been tormented by this fellow for so long, and now that he had the advantage, there was no way he was not going to cause him pain. If not for his condition and the fact that it seems like help was coming over to kill him, he would have ensured that he killed Klaus himself. But he didn't have the luxury of time. The main figure holding him down has been dealt with, his chances of escaping before help arrives was higher now.

"Kid, tell me your name. I'd like to know your name so I can hunt you down in the future." The man asked.

But to his surprise, Klaus didn't have the worried look on his face any more. Rather, he was relaxed.

"If you had said there was no way to save him, I would've been depressed, but you saying he can be saved by a Gnome or another necromancer makes it easier for me." Klaus said with a cold smile, "My name is Klaus Ealdian, and don't worry, you'll be seeing me soon. Sooner than you can wish for."

Klaus didn't say anything more, he turned to Reynolds and chuckled, "Bud, keep that ugly armor away. I'll be freezing you until he comes. He'll know what to do, he always knows what to do."

Reynolds didn't argue, he was already overexerting himself trying to keep himself conscious to fight. But seeing Klaus in this state and saying these words, he knew that there was no point in trying to keep the pretense.

Klaus nodded and sealed Reynolds with his ice.

The man and Aries were both speechless. But the man didn't stay to watch, leaving as soon as Klaus did this.

Alice wanted to give chase but Klaus turned to her and said, "Let him go, he's close by. He'll bring him back to us."

Alice nodded and didn't go after the man. Aries looked at them, confused. Both Klaus and Alice didn't show any fear after the man said there was a way to heal Reynolds, rather, they were calm. Klaus even said someone was close and would bring the man back to them.

A minute after the man escaped, a tear appeared in the sky and Grey stepped out of it. He saw his friends, and the frozen Reynolds.

He didn't speak with the others, just exchanging glances with Klaus before disappearing once again.

Aries wanted to stop him, but before she could say a word, Grey was gone.

"You guys think he can deal with him? Aren't you worried he might end up dead?" She asked the other two.

"If he can't handle him then he'll escape. He's the reason we've been stalling that guy, and with what I know about him, this guy will be easy to deal with in his current condition." Klaus wasn't worried, he took a glance at the frozen Reynolds and cursed.

"Stupid fool, you couldn't even speak out. I would've slowed it down while keeping you conscious."

"When you're healed, get ready to go back to death's door, cause I'll be sending you back. Moron!"

Klaus was cursing at Reynolds who couldn't hear his words.

Alice didn't bother as she stared at them. At first she was scared, but the second the man said Reynolds could be healed, she threw away her fear. They had Grey, a freakish genius who has even found a way to deal with not only Necromancers but Gnomes as well. As long as a Gnome or Necromancer can help Reynolds, then Grey is going to be able to help him.

Aries looked at the two friends, stunned beyond words. But then again, she decided to keep shut. Klaus wasn't a fool, he had seen how strong the man was, if he didn't believe in Grey, then it meant that he was sending him to his death.

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Grey appeared in the sky in a forest, and after keeping his eyes shut for a while a cold smile appeared on his face.

"Klaus, you smart fellow."

Klaus didn't leave him chasing after an unknown opponent, in fact, Klaus gave him a perfect way to track down his opponent. While they've been fighting all this while, Klaus was making sure he loaded the man with excess heavy water. The man didn't notice this due to the condition of the battle. One thing about heavy water is that whoever knows how to use it can track it for hundreds of kilometers.

This is something he found out some time back and told Grey of while on their journey. He never expected that an opportunity to use it would come so soon.

Grey's eyes were cold as he rushed after the man. He wanted to capture the man and bring him back to where Reynolds was located. The reason he didn't walk over was

because he had already seen Klaus' eyes and they were hopeful.

Chapter 1413 You Have The Right To Be Cocky

Grey didn't give up in his chase as he went after the trail.

A few minutes later, he looked towards an empty stone building. The building wasn't large but it was quite secluded in the woods.

"Well hidden. A shame for him made sure he wouldn't be able to escape." Grey chuckled and went towards the building.

As soon as he got close, he sensed an unstable aura.

He was about to enter the place when he sensed an attack.

"Oh, an array." He wasn't bothered with the array as he waved his hand which dealt with it easily. The array appeared and broke apart.

Grey noticed movements in the house as the man walked out of the place.

"You're the one who harmed my friend?" Grey took a good look at the man.

The man was staring at the young man standing in front of him, a little stunned. The fact that Grey was able to track him here showed how outstanding he is. However, he didn't sense the aura of a Sovereign, rather, he could tell that he was at the Peak of the Venerable Plane.

"You're the one that's coming?" The man asked, he suddenly burst out laughing, "Hahaha, I should've stayed and killed that punk if I knew it was a kid that's coming."

The man then looked at Grey, licking his lips maliciously, "Looks like I'll kill you first and turn you into a puppet. That stupid kid has halted my breakthrough, I need new supplements to help me achieve what I need."

"Oh, no wonder. Klaus has always been very wise." Grey understood the reason behind the use of such amount of heavy water. It was not only to track him down, if not he wouldn't have used this much, rather, it was to make it impossible for the man to break through to the Sovereign Plane.

The fact that Klaus could think ahead even in their current state showed his incredible thought process.

Grey looked at the man and said, "My friend, the ice guy, he wants me to bring you to him. Apparently, you angered him. I've only seen him this angry on one occasion, and the outcome wasn't nice."

The man looked at Grey, "Even in this situation, I can take you on. I'll kill you and then kill them."

"You see, he's not the only one who's angry. I too am very angry, but I'm quite civil." Grey said with a cold smile.

The man saw Grey's smile and he couldn't help but wonder what's wrong with the kids he encountered today. It was like they were all psychopaths. First it was Alice and Reynolds, and then Klaus who irritated him to no end, and now there's Grey.

Unlike the others, he's getting a different feeling from Grey. It was the feeling of someone capable of achieving anything.

The man's aura burst out and its domineering nature spread out. Even though the man hasn't broken through to the Sovereign Plane, he could be regarded as a Pseudo-Sovereign, an entity that almost got to the Sovereign Plane but failed due to some issues.

There are some people who actually become too strong in the Venerable Plane and directly become Pseudo-Sovereigns, but they are rare. Most Pseudo-Sovereigns always tend to break through to the Sovereign Plane, only a handful find it impossible to achieve.

"You think I'll be afraid because you're a fake Sovereign?" Grey asked mockingly.

The man looked at Grey, "Kid, I'll be a Sovereign soon, and once I've attained that, I'll kill you and your friends. None of you will make it out alive. Even your family members will not be spared."

"If I take you to my family, you'd end up being a servant." Grey's words angered the man.

The man exploded out and attacked.

Grey was a Multi Elementalist who had every element possible, there was no way he was on the same level as Klaus and the others the man was fighting.

An earth wall came from the ground to block the attack.

Bang!

The man's attack hit the wall but it only showed some cracks, it didn't fall apart.

The man was taken aback when he saw this, and just as he was about to attack, he felt a sense of danger and turned to see Grey's fist coming towards his chest.

The man knew there was no way to dodge the attack from such close distance. He used a black orb to strike Grey's fist, hoping to force Grey back. To his shock, this didn't deter Grey's fist, but the fist moved faster and struck him cleanly on the chest.

Grey looked at his fist and shook his head, "A shame I couldn't hit him full blow."

The man was able to significantly reduce the impact of the attack thanks to the darkness orb he used to attack Grey at the last minute.

The man slammed into Grey's earth wall, breaking it apart and continuing his crash. He crashed into some trees, felling them in the process.

The man coughed up a mouthful of blood and looked at his state.

"It hasn't even been minutes since I used that tonic. What's wrong with all these kids?!" The man was stunned.

He used a powerful healing tonic he acquired some years back. The tonic was able to make his healing faster and help him regrow the missing parts of his body. But now Grey's first attack has broken the ribs he just fixed. He couldn't believe all this happened from just one attack.

When he thought about the fact that he didn't take the full powered attack but part of it, he shivered at the thought of what could happen to him when one of Grey's attacks hit.

"A Space Elementalist, no wonder he caught up with me so soon." The man had a worried expression on his face, now he understood why the others were waiting for Grey.

Although it has been just one attack, Grey has shown him that he wasn't like the others and was very deadly. The fact that he was a Space Elementalist made him even more dangerous. Being able to move wherever he wants against an opponent as slow as the man meant that he had the advantage in this fight.

Of course, this doesn't mean the man can't fight with Grey, it just means that he would take a good beating, but there's hope for him to win as long as he fought with his brain.

The man walked out of the place, watching Grey who stood on the same spot, waiting for him.

"Cocky, I must say you have every reason to be." The man praised while spitting off the bit of blood that was still in his mouth, "But one thing you should know is that disobeying your elders will never end kindly for you."

"You're strong, I'll give you that, but if you think you can kill me, then I'm sorry to say that you're dreaming."

Grey tilted his head sideways, and after getting to an angle, he paused, gave a smile and a black long slashed appeared close to the man.

"Fuck!" The man cursed unconsciously.

The danger level of this attack was off the roof. And given how sudden the attack was, he didn't have time to react. He did his best to dodge the attack, but his left arm was hit and was cut off.

"Damn it! I just fixed one and now this?!" The man was irate, but this wasn't the time to feel that way.

Grey was exceeding his expectations, and if this continued, then he would surely die at Grey's hands. He didn't want to die, especially now.

Grey, like a machine, rushed after the man, dishing out one attack after another.

The man blocked as if his life depended on it, well, it did depend on it.

Grey was a mixed form of Alice, Reynolds, and Klaus in one body. He had Klaus' defense, both Alice and Reynolds' speed, and then Reynolds' explosiveness.

Since he was a single entity, it meant he could work in better coordination compared to the others, and he also didn't have to worry about blocking attacks for anyone else.

This is one of the reasons Multi Elementalists are feared. However, not all of them are as well rounded as Grey is. Grey has trained his elements very highly and also attained four domains. Doing that was unbelievable. Only a Multi Elementalist like Grey could put a Pseudo-Sovereign in such a state, other Multi Elementalists, even if they were equipped with the elements Grey is using for this battle, they still wouldn't be able to achieve this feat.

The man focused on defending, he was already injured from the previous battle. He hadn't completely healed up from that battle but he had been injured once again. This was a depressing thing to experience.

Grey wasn't in a hurry, he could tell the man wasn't in a good state, and taking him out would only take some time.

Chapter 1414 Remarkable Specimen

Boom! Bang!

"Damn it!"

Bang!

"Ah! What are you made of?"

An aggravated cry accompanied with pain sounded in the forest. The stone house had been destroyed and this part of the forest had been almost wiped clean of trees from the impact of the battle between Grey and the man.

Grey was currently using his armor, not just that, but he activated his earth domain and made it thanks to a technique he acquired after consuming the Tortoise's blood essence which made his defense almost impenetrable.



The man had managed to land a few attacks on Grey's body, but they all bounced off which angered the man. It was like he was fighting against a figure that can't be harmed. What was the point of fighting against such a person, it was absolutely pointless.

Escaping was out of the question, he knew he wasn't as fast as Grey, so there was no point even attempting that. Grey was relentless in his attacks, not giving the man any chance to even catch his breath. The man had tried to engage him in a conversation a few times since the start of the battle, but Grey hadn't obliged with his intentions which he found very frustrating.

"That friend of yours will die soon, I can feel it. Why don't you take him somewhere he can get healed?" The man tried to convince Grey.

Grey didn't respond, using his blue flames to send a flaming wheel at the man.

The man blocked the attack, but couldn't keep his footing and staggered back.

"Fine! I'll heal him!" The man didn't want to take the risk of fighting a life and death battle with Grey.

One of his hands has been cut off and so had some ribs been broken, but he could work them out later on. If the battle continued, he honestly did not know what the outcome would be, but he was sure that his chances were pretty low.

He's a veteran and knows when there's a chance and when there isn't.

"I'll take care of him, you don't have to bother about him. Worry about your life." Grey finally responded, but it wasn't a reply the man was hoping to get.

"Fine, since that's how you want it, I'll accompany you. After killing you, I'll hunt every single person you know." The man said with a cold expression and a little figure appeared before him.

"I've dedicated my life's work into her body. She contains so much energy, with it, I'll be able to instantly break through to the Sovereign Plane and end you."

The man laughed evilly, as much as he wanted to bring his daughter back to life, his life is the most important in the end. At the moment, there was no way to save his life. If he fought with Grey in this state, he would undoubtedly be defeated and killed.

He raised his hand towards the little figure, and just when he was about to grab her, the figure didn't react the way he wanted. He looked at it and the little figure wasn't as little as it used to be, rather, a cold looking young man was standing in front of him, a punch heading his way.

Grey switched places with the puppet the man brought out. He tried to cut the connection the man had with it and realized it was actually very different from the other puppets he had encountered. He could break the connection, but it wouldn't be instantaneous, so he did the next best thing, he didn't know what the man wanted to do, but luckily, the man spilled the beans.

The man reacted quickly, and created a thick darkness dome that he used to block the attack.

He was covered in the dome, but he was sent flying while still in the dome.

Grey didn't stand to watch, he rushed to where the little girl was and when he saw that she was dead but turned into a puppet, he felt irritated at the man. He wanted to kill the man when he saw this.

He sensed the girl's body and noticed what the man said, there truly is a vast amount of pure energy in her body.

Grey kept the puppet in his spatial storage, while warning Void not to touch it. He wanted to study how the man was able to achieve this feat.

"Where did you put her?!" The man's enraged roar came out from the darkness dome that had cracks all around.

The man wasn't like his previous state, rather, he looked to have entered a frenzied state.

"Looks like this girl is important to you." Grey commented.

"That's my daughter, hand her over." The man attacked while speaking.

The man suddenly grew faster and even his aura changed slightly.

Grey looked at the man and frowned, "At this rate he will break through."

Even with Klaus' heavy water, it could only slow down the breakthrough, not stop it completely. The man is in an enraged state and his senses are heightened. This was normal for Elementalists, especially those close to a breakthrough. A small change in emotions or even environment can arouse them and hasten the breakthrough.

"Good thing Klaus used a lot." Grey heaved a sigh.

If the man truly broke through, then he would escape without looking back. No matter how strong the man would become, there was no way he could travel thousands of meters in one step. But Grey could do that in his current state and he would leave in a flash. But due to Klaus using a lot of heavy water, even with the change in emotion, there was no way he would be able to break through soon.

Grey attacked the man, but the man blocked it. He was in a stronger state compared to before and he attacked, this time, he was the relentless attacker.

However, against an opponent like Grey, that was the worst thing to do. After two attacks, the man didn't attack in that manner and switched up very quickly.

The man was still taking the lead, but he didn't try to force his way against Grey anymore, rather, he started attacking ingeniously.

Grey started to show signs of some struggle keeping up with the man. He was faster, but the man managed to break through his defense two times and each of the man's attacks were dangerous. If not for his strong physique, he wouldn't be standing.

The man was dumbfounded at the fact that Grey was still standing. He knew that he had only hit him twice, but each of those attacks was enough to take the life of a regular Peak Venerable. Even if Grey

was not a regular Venerable, he should still show the signs of the attack, but Grey still had the same demeanor and movement from the start. It was as if he hadn't been hit by any attack.

Grey continued fighting and the man soon made use of an array which surprised Grey, but then he recalled about the array he shattered when he arrived.

A battle of arrays had always intrigued Grey. He didn't stop the man, rather, he also created a quick array. He didn't spend too much time and his array was ready when the man's attack was heading his way.

His array blocked the attack coming his way, making sure it couldn't touch him.

The man's eyes were filled with shock when he saw Grey using an array as well.

"What are you made of?" The man asked once again.

At the moment he purely believed that Grey was given birth to, rather, he was created by someone. There is no way a human should have such abilities at such a young age.

Grey didn't reply to the man as he continued to use his array to attack the man.

The man blocked the attack and tried to get closer to Grey, with the help of another array, his speed increased significantly and he was as fast as Reynolds.

Grey used his space element to create a distance between them once again and continued his battle.

He didn't want to allow the man to get close to him. The man's current strength meant that a close battle would be dangerous for him. If he was hit by another of the man's attacks, he wouldn't be able to hold up and might cave in. Once that happens, the man would be able to kill him.

The man noticed that Grey didn't want him close to him and realized his attacks were working, it's just that they weren't enough to take Grey down yet. This thought amazed him, anyone else would've been down after being hit with them, but Grey was still fighting such a high intensity battle.

'A remarkable specimen. I'll keep his corpse intact. Such a puppet will take me to the top!'

And since his daughter was with Grey, he had to make sure Grey releases her before he dies.

Chapter 1415 Broken Universe

Bam!

Grey's figure slammed into the ground, bouncing off it. Grey didn't let his body hit the ground again, he quickly regained himself and flew into the air.

'Dammit! This guy is getting stronger.'

Grey could not only sense the man getting stronger, but he could feel it, literally. The man has been able to break through his defense once again and even managed to break a rib with his attack. Grey's defenses were terrific, yet the man was able to get through them.

The man saw Grey standing once again and felt a surge of anger build up, Grey was too strong. He thought he would be able to take him down after his sudden increase in strength, but it seems that's not going to be the case.

Grey still being able to stand up that fast shows that he's still ready for a fight.

"Kid, have you seen my puppets? They will bring pride to your body. I will bring pride to your corpse. Just give me back my daughter and kill yourself, you won't feel any pain." The man said.

"How stupid do you think I am?" Grey asked with a straight face, he chuckled and said, "You might have the advantage for now, but do you think I haven't been preparing for this?"

The man was taken aback, but the sight of a multicolored orb brought him back to reality. He could feel a chill run down his spine. Not just that, but there was a certain unique energy he could feel from this that somewhat inspired him.

The man acted quickly and dodged the attack, although impacted by the aftereffect of the attack, he was able to dodge it.

"You kids keep motivating me!"

The man yelled and three figures appeared. They were all puppets in the Sage Plane. However, something strange started to happen, these puppets started to merge.

"Fuck!"

Even Grey couldn't keep calm when he saw this.

If Klaus were here, he would've scolded him for giving the bad guy ideas just like Reynolds.

Grey acted quickly, and another orb was sent toward these puppets, this time, the orb was different. He infused more space elemental essence into it to make it more of a spatial attack, but dangerous nonetheless.

The reason for this is that the spatial tear the space element of the attack will create will be amplified by the other elements and this will in turn make the turbulence even more dangerous.

The man saw the attack and without thinking, he retreated from the area.

As he was retreating, the orb exploded and the puppets were torn to shreds before his eyes, even the shreds vanished from the surface of the world.

The man clicked his tongue and took another look at Grey.

"You have so much in your arsenal. If you had met me some hours before this, then I would have not been able to even put up a fight with you. I could barely fight with the Lightning guy, much less you, that's even more dangerous." The man said.

He didn't mince his words, Grey truly was a terrific individual. He was powerful and knew how to use his powers. He didn't hold back while fighting and was also very strategic.

The man was about to move but was hit by an attack that he didn't see come from Grey. He raised his head and saw two inscriptions in the sky.

"An Inscrubber? You truly are a remarkable specimen. I'll enjoy working on you." The man said with a vicious smile.

"Don't worry, I also have plans for you. But my friend will be the one to execute them." Grey said and attacked.

The man didn't fret and continued fighting with Grey.

The battle had gotten to its peak, and the man could tell that in a few minutes, he would be able to break through. Now, he wasn't afraid that Grey would stop him, rather, he wanted to keep Grey alive until after he broke through.

Grey saw the man's eyes and could somewhat tell what was going through it.

'Void, extract whatever is in that girl.'

'She's a little girl.'

'She's dead. You're aware of that, right?'

'Oh, I'm working on it now.'

'Wow! Such an amazing thing. If I eat this I'll break through.'

'You'd break through either way, don't you dare eat it!'

Grey was arguing with Void who wanted to eat the energy while also fighting with the man. The man was stronger, but Grey's speed and inscriptions evened the odds. Now, he changed the use of his earth domain. Rather than using it for defense, he used it as part of his offense.

The change in gravity put the man off, giving him a chance to attack. But the man was so strong that even though he was getting hit repeatedly, he was still able to stand and fight.

The man was tenacious, this could be seen from his battle with Klaus and the others. Even after losing an arm and leg, he was still ready to fight with them. This was all due to him cutting off his pain receptors.

Grey could sense that the man didn't seem to feel any pain and couldn't help but wonder why. At the start of the battle the man would occasionally scream from pain, but all of a sudden, he stopped. It was as if he was a different person.

"How come you're this way?" He asked.

"No pain? Easy, let me kill you." The man said with a smile.

"I'm sorry, but I'll pass."

Grey didn't bother and continued attacking the man. He didn't care if the man could feel pain or not, it had nothing to do with him.

While the battle was going on, the two inscriptions which were attacking the man had already stopped, and something new was taking shape. The inscriptions were merging.



Just like Grey's fusion orb, he was using his fusion inscriptions. With them merging, he would be able to unleash a great attack.

The reason he was slightly hesitant is that he didn't know if the man will be able to survive the attack.

Klaus would kill him if he took the corpse of the man back or if he couldn't come back with a corpse.

The man didn't sense the inscriptions merging, he was fighting with vigor. As the battle went on, he could feel himself growing stronger. The feeling was intoxicating and he placed all his focus on learning more about Grey as they fought. This was the best way to understand Grey's strength.

Boom! Bang!

The battle continued, and a change suddenly appeared in the sky.

The change made the man halt his battle and he forced Grey to retreat.

"Hahaha! It's finally time. I'll become a Sovereign and end all this!" The man laughed in delight, he looked at Grey and said, "Kid, it's your honor to watch me become a Sovereign!"

"Watch as the world gathers all the energy and help me break through and become a Sovereign."

Grey looked at the man. Breaking through to the Sovereign Plane doesn't cause too much commotion, only those around a few kilometers away can sense the exact position of the person breaking through.

Not just that, but other Sovereigns can sense the appearance of a new Sovereign within a few thousand kilometers around them. But they can't pinpoint the location.

Grey looked into the sky, and then at the man. He gritted his teeth and created two more inscriptions. He could barely control the two element fusion inscription, but he wanted to add to more.

He wanted to attack the man before he broke through.

With the surplus energy present here, he didn't have to worry about not being able to have enough essence to sustain the inscriptions.

The man laughed as he looked at Grey's face. The emergence of the other two inscriptions alerted the man and he noticed what was happening.

"Hahaha, a futile effort. To show my benevolence, I'll allow you to do whatever you want. Besides, it'll only take a few seconds before I break through."

Grey gritted his teeth and the other two inscriptions started to merge with the already merged two. Halfway through, the expression of the man changed drastically.

He couldn't sense the aura from them due to the change in the sky, but now that he sensed them due to the instability after Grey added more, he was alarmed.

Whatever Grey was doing was too dangerous. Without even thinking, he tried to retreat, but it was too late. Grey couldn't control the inscriptions and they exploded.

Boom!

The explosion was so massive that it covered over a five kilometer radius.

The sky which had energy gathered from the man who was about to break through was destroyed, not even a bit of energy was left after the explosion happened.

The man who tried to escape was caught toward the edge of the explosion and was struck down, but that was not what scared him, what scared him was that he couldn't feel anything from the universe, rather, his aura started to decline.

"He broke the universe?"

This was the only question in his head as he crashed to the ground.

Chapter 1416 Descendant Of A God?

Bang!

The man crashed into the ground, dazed from what he just witnessed.

Grey was on the other side of the explosion, he was also impacted by it and felt a tinge of burning sensation as the heat from the explosion blew past his skin.

The result of the explosion was beyond Grey's imagination. He knew it would be strong, but he didn't expect it to be this powerful.

"He broke through?" He murmured, but then he looked at the sky and shook his head.

"No, that's not how this usually works. The energy should've been transferred into his body, but now the energy has dispersed."

Grey thought hard and he came to the same conclusion as the man, he has forcibly stopped the man from breaking through to the Sovereign Plane by destroying the energy that gathered in the sky.

'But... that shouldn't be possible, right?' Grey was left speechless by his deduction. If he's accurate, doesn't that mean others could stop people from breaking through to the Sovereign Plane at the last minute. Just the thought of it alone scared him.

If the world were to find out about this, then everyone would be more secretive when they want to break through and have trusted people to guard them from any potential attacks on the energy.

Grey was baffled at the scene, he had never heard of the energy being dispersed before.

'Is it that no one ever attempted to do this?' He wondered as he took to the sky, patiently awaiting for when the explosion would die down.

Without the explosion dying down he could already sense the energy that was destroyed. He literally blew a hole in the sky, causing a large spatial tear. This is something incredulous on its own, dispersing the energy a Venerable wants to use to get to the Sovereign Plane was even more unbelievable.

Grey could sense the presence of the man, he marked him after all and could tell that he wasn't far away.

Just like Grey, he was also impacted by the attack. But unlike Grey, he wasn't fast enough to get to a place with minimal damage, so he was injured from it.

Grey didn't wait for too long as the explosion died down within a minute or so and he went straight to where the man was located.

When he got there, he saw a figure that seemed lifeless. The man was alive, clearly still alive, but his eyes were listless. It was obvious that he still couldn't accept the fact that Grey stopped his breakthrough in such a manner. It was too shocking to accept.

Grey shook his head when he saw this man, "There's no point with me causing you any more harm. Klaus would know what to do with you. You're of no threat to anyone like this."

The initial plan was to destroy the man's cultivation base, but right now, he could sense that the man's cultivation stage dropped from being a Pseudo-Sovereign to being an Eighth stage Elemental Venerable.

Grey didn't know the backlash from not being able to break through a major Plane would be this alarming.

'I really need to be extra careful henceforth.'

He couldn't imagine what would happen to him if he attempts to break through, and while in the process of breaking through, he fails. Klaus would not let him hear the end of it. Not just that, but there were also his enemies who would capitalize on this any chance they get.

Grey knew not just the Gnomes were his enemies, there were also some figures who he had offended in one way or the other who were looking to take him out. There's also the Necromancers.

He didn't dwell on this issue, it was something for the future, it wasn't like he had any plans of failing to break through in the future, so there was no point in thinking about it. If something like that were to happen, he'll go hide behind his father. That's the use of having a strong background, and a powerful father too.

Grey looked at his clothes and realized they had been destroyed from the battle. With a quick movement, he changed and picked up the man who didn't even try to resist.

He took the man who seemed to be lifeless with him as he left the sight, leaving a wreckage behind.

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On Grey's friends' end.

"What's taking him so long? That silly thing is still moving." Klaus studied Reynolds intensely and said.

"He will return soon, you know that man is powerful." Alice said.

"What do you mean? We left that guy at death's door before handing him over to Grey. If I were to catch him in that state at my peak, I would've killed him already." Klaus complained, he looked into the sky and said, "Grey's always so slow."

"You're not even as powerful as he is, yet you're acting all high and mighty." Alice rolled her eyes, but there was worry in her face, just like Klaus, she was worried for Reynolds' safety.

Aries looked at Klaus, dumbstruck. Klaus was just on another level.

Just as Klaus was about to continue speaking ill of Grey, a fissure tore in the sky and Grey's figure slipped through it elegantly, on his shoulder was the man who wasn't moving.

"You killed him?" Alice asked.

Grey tossed the man to the ground and chuckled sinisterly, "No, I destroyed his hope of breaking through."

"Oh, I see. He's in the Eighth stage now." Alice nodded after studying the man.

It wasn't hard to get the current cultivation stage of the man, he wasn't trying to hide it anyway.

The man could barely even see them, his eyes were focused on the sky, and he finally opened his mouth, "How is it possible to destroy the sky?"

He looked at Grey and said, "The universe is unshakable, how can you destroy the energy? That's impossible!"

As the man was speaking, everyone could see that he was on the verge of going mad. He saw something that left him in a state that shook him up.

Aries looked at Grey, and then at the man. She couldn't help but wonder what Grey did that left the man in such a state. Halting the man's breakthrough shouldn't make him go mad, unless he did it in a manner that shouldn't be possible.

'He destroyed the energy?'

Aries wondered and then she recalled the process of breaking through to the Sovereign Plane. During the process, the world would gather a special energy and fill up the body of the Venerable that is breaking through.

"That's can be destroyed?" She blurted out with a shocked expression.

"Who knew?" Grey shrugged, not too bothered about it. He looked at Reynolds, and then at the man, "Fix him."

"You... you... what are you?" The man asked, "Are you the descendant of a God? Only Gods can achieve what you just did. Tell me! I'm ready to be your slave."

The descendant of a God would definitely know a lot of secrets, if Grey were to take him in, he would be able to bring back his daughter.

"Are you brain dead?" Klaus spoke up when he heard the man's demands.

"We want to kill you and you're begging to become his slave? Do you think we'd take an evil person like you in?" Klaus asked.

"Actually, it's not a bad idea. Although he's a Necromancer, and I detest Necromancers, I do have someone there that provides me with some information. It's been a while since I contacted him. I wonder if he knows my identity now." Grey said with a thoughtful expression.

The man did something that intrigued him, which was merging the puppets. As much as he hates Necromancers, this man is clearly a genius. Having such a servant isn't a bad thing, but it's not generally a good thing either.

With how smart the man is, no matter what he does to him, there's a good chance he will be able to destroy it. So even placing an array in his brain or heart wouldn't really be of much help.

"Grey, are you crazy? He tried to kill Rey!" Klaus felt like smacking Grey's head.

"I know, but what's the harm of having one of the enemy's guys? We get more information and other benefits. There's just the fear of him leaking a few things." Grey shrugged, he looked at the man seriously, contemplating if it was worth the risk.

The man would be a good addition to those he has taken in, he just needs to make sure the man's in check and everything would be good.

"Heal my friend, we'll talk after." Grey pointed to Reynolds, and just as the man was about to move, "Also, I'm no descendant of a God."

The man froze when he heard this, clearly hesitating.

"Your choice."

Grey walked to the side after saying this, he was a little tired from the fight, and a few ribs were broken which needs fixing.

Chapter 1417 Evil Grey

"You're just going to leave Rey's life in his hands?" Alice walked up to Grey when she saw him walking away.

"There are two Peak Venerables there, if they can't even stop him before he does anything to Reynolds then they're useless." Grey said calmly, then he looked at Alice with a smile and said, "Besides, do you think I'd be that careless with Rey's life?"

"The technique he used is very delicate, if I'm not careful I might kill Rey while trying to help him. I'm not sure the Gnomes will even be able to create something like this." He added.

A look of realization appeared on Alice's face, now she understood why Grey asked the man to heal Reynolds first. He was afraid of harming Reynolds and could tell that this technique isn't as simple as he thought. He could solve it, but he would need a lot of time, and from the movement of the dark patches on Reynolds' body, they clearly didn't have that much time.

He couldn't take the risk of trying out what he could when there's a chance he might be mistaken and then harm Reynolds in the process. This is one of the main reasons he decided to listen to the man. Of course, there's also the part where the man is a genius. Having someone like this isn't too bad. Controlling him might be an issue, but he has his ways of tracking the man if needs be. All he needs to do is ensure that there's something he can implant in the man's core, and he's about to think of it.

The man seems to be an expert in arrays so doing that wouldn't be good.



"Ah! I got it!" Grey suddenly exclaimed.

Alice looked at Grey, wondering what's wrong with him this time.

"I have a way to control him." Grey chuckled devilishly.

"Sometimes I wonder who's more evil, you, or Klaus." Alice shook her head.

"Klaus is stupid, you can't compare him to myself." Grey laughed.

"What's your plan in controlling him then?" Alice asked.

"He has to agree to be my servant first. I'll take him to my father when we're going back." Grey didn't say and looked at the man who seemed lost in thought.

To be honest, Grey was a little worried since they didn't have all the time. Just when he was about to lose it, he saw the man make a move. The man opened his remaining arm and the dark patches on Reynolds' body started to move, even while Reynolds was still frozen, they could see the dark patches receding.

"Good, he has made his choice." Grey's eyes closed to a slit.

His plan of controlling the man was actually simple, implanting two fusion orbs in the core of the man. He would use an array to keep them stable. The second the man or any array master dares to even touch it, without Grey's presence there, the fusion orbs will explode.

Also, if Grey were to die, the fusion orb would explode too.

For someone like the man who had a good grasp of arrays, this was the best way to get him under control. Even if the man tries to break it, as long as even a tiny bit of the fusion orb absorbs outside energy, it would explode.

The orbs being in the body of the man wouldn't impair the man's cultivation, so it was quite safe.

"Mind telling me how you intend to control him now?" Alice heaved a sigh of relief when she saw the patches on Reynolds' body slowly fading off.

"Simple..."

Grey went on to explain how the fusion orb would work.

When Alice heard that if Grey dies, so does the man, she was flabbergasted at her friend's mind.

"Don't give me that look. I'm only sparing his life cause I feel he has some use to me. If I'm no longer alive, what's he living for?" Grey shrugged when he saw Alice's look.

"Oh, he has information on a spy in the Phoenix Faction that gives him information and sends young talents his way for his research purposes and making them his corpse puppets." Alice recalled the man's words and said.

"That's originally the Phoenix Faction's business." Grey didn't seem to mind.

"Aries heard him speak about this, so we have to take out the Necromancer in there." Alice said.

"Oh, I'll ask him. He should be able to tell us the identity of these people. We'll kill them before leaving." Grey said.

"What about him?" Alice pointed at the man.

"He'll continue staying here, just without his diabolical things. When we're heading back from our tour of the Continent I'll come pick him up." Grey said.

"You already have all this figured out." Alice praised.

"Of course, I think thoroughly before making decisions like this." Grey replied with a smug smile.

"He's done." Grey said after seeing the man collapse on the ground, exhausted, the process wasn't an easy one.

"You're lucky you removed this shitty thing from his body." Klaus said coldly, he didn't like the man since he tried to kill Reynolds, well, not just Reynolds, but himself as well.

Why should he have a good impression of someone like that? But then thinking about it, the man wasn't wrong with some of his words, after all, this was a world where the strong rule and the weak can only be stepped on. The only reason they could force the man to heal Reynolds was because Grey was powerful and the man was weak.

Klaus thawed the ice on Reynolds' body, staring at his friend whose face had previously gone pale regain some color. It didn't take long before Reynolds regained consciousness, he looked around, and seeing the man, he instantly went into attack mode.

"Take off that ugly armor you clown, he's not an enemy, at least right now he isn't." Klaus calmed Reynolds down when he saw him about to attack the man.

Reynolds, although just regaining consciousness, didn't argue and removed his armor. He looked around and saw Alice and Grey talking on the side.

"Oh, he's here already. No wonder." He said calmly, and then a look of shock appeared on his face when he sensed the man's cultivation stage, "What happened to him?"

Klaus looked at the figure Reynolds was pointing at and motioned with his head at Grey, "Apparently he blew up the sky."

"Blew up the sky?" Reynolds was confused.

"If my speculation is right, Grey forcefully stopped him from breaking through even at the last minute, hence the backlash." Klaus said with a hand on his chin.

"That shouldn't be possible unless he killed him, but he didn't kill him, so how was it possible?" Aries interjected in the conversation.

"He blew up the energy that the world gathered for me." The man said in a low voice.

"I've heard you say it, but how's that possible? The energy isn't tangible to anyone else except the person it's meant for. How did he blow it up?" Aries asked, her expression showing that she wanted to find out what Grey possibly did to achieve such a feat.

The man was about to speak when Grey walked over, "It's nothing serious. I just blew it up, like he said. What's the point of asking so much?"

Grey's eyes had a nonchalant gaze, but Aries could tell it wasn't that simple. Knowing that she was somewhat overstepping her boundaries, she shook her head and said, "It's nothing, I was just curious, that's all."

"Alright. Since we're done here, I'll be leaving with him." Grey said that, nodded to his friends, telling them he was still busy with the array and left with the man.

Klaus and Reynolds stretched their bodies and then took a glance at Aries, "Anywhere else we can go? You heard what he said, he's still busy with the array."

"I have to ask that man some questions." Aries said.

She didn't have the time to ask about the person passing on the information from her Faction. This was a matter of utmost importance to the Faction.

"Don't worry, I've spoken to him, we'll make sure you get the information of the person before we leave. We're not fans of Necromancers either." Alice smiled at Aries.

Aries, hearing Alice speak, knew Grey would not hinder her from finding out this information.

"Alright, let's continue then. There are a few places we can go that wouldn't be as dangerous as this, and will be within our level." Aries replied.

"This was within our level, there were just a few mishaps." Alice consoled her when she saw her expression.

Aries nodded and then walked forward, taking them in the direction of the place they could go to spend time before Grey finished with his array deduction with the Phoenix Faction Leader.

The group followed behind her. They were all fired up after their last battle, Alice especially, she could feel the birth of something new in her.

Chapter 1418 Each With Their Selfish Desires

"You decided to follow me, I presume?" Grey asked the man with his hands behind his back as the duo stood on top of a cliff.

The man hung his head low and nodded, "Yes, you might not be of a God's descent, but you're still unique, nevertheless."

"I see. You are following me purely for your selfish desires." Grey turned to look at the face of the man.

"Yes. I won't hide it, I didn't decide to follow you because of the fear of death, I had already given up when you created a hole in the universe, but then my curiosity kicked in and I want to know more about the individual who could do something like this. How better to know if not following?" The man didn't hide his intentions, he was genuinely curious about Grey and what other abilities he possessed.

This was a genius who could quickly learn a few things just from looking at them. Seeing Grey, it was like a box of surprises waiting to be opened to him. He wanted to spend time with Grey so he could see to what extent he could learn.

The attack Grey used to destroy the sky intrigued him too.

"Selfish, good, very good." Grey nodded, he paused and said, "I can't leave you out of a way to control you, so even if you want to follow me, your life and death will be in my hands."

The man didn't argue, "I'm aware of this. I'll be dead if you didn't agree for me to follow you, so do as you may."

Grey was pleased with the man, he didn't stress him which was something he expected, but to his surprise, the man was already aware of what was coming and had embraced it with open arms.

Grey didn't delay and created a fusion orb, while also making a fusion inscription, before sealing them with his array. He made sure to leave them in an unstable state, this way, the second the array formation was touched by outside force other than him, it would explode.

"You see this, the moment I die, so do you." Grey didn't hide that part of the information.

The man didn't argue, "What do you want me to do as my first task?"

"First off, I would like to get the name of the person who is working with you from the Phoenix Faction, and some information about any potential necromancers camp lying around. I have some hatred for Gnomes and Necromancers, and want to wipe them off the surface of this world. Maybe not all the Gnomes, but Necromancers have to go." Grey said calmly.

"I see, there are two hideouts in this region. You probably wouldn't be able to do anything to one of them since they have a Sovereign, but the other one is within your abilities. There are six Peak Venerables and one Pseudo-Sovereign, you and your friends will be able to deal with him." The man said, then he looked at Grey and said, "Also, as for the person in the Phoenix Faction, he's pretty high ranked, but he's still in the Venerable Plane, so it shouldn't be too difficult to deal with him. When you're ready I'll fix a meeting with him."

Grey was impressed at the man's words and nodded, "You can return to whatever you're doing. Stop killing people, I don't like it when innocents die. You can kill those who are enemies and do whatever you want with them. But those who are not shall not be tolerated. One wrong move and it'll be the end of you."

"Yes, young master." The man bowed.

"I don't really like formalities, you can call me Grey." Grey waved his hand.

"Grey..." The man fell silent when he heard the name, it sounded familiar to him.

His eyes suddenly widened and he asked, "You're Grey Dawson?"

"Oh, I'm that famous?" Grey raised a brow. He knew all the Necromancers knew of him, but he wanted to play it cool. Even the entire Gnome race knew of him, why wouldn't the Necromancers?

Almost every top Family and Faction in the Aurora Continent has heard of the name Grey Dawson due to the kill order placed on his head. There are a few people who were hoping to cash in on his head with the Gnomes.

"I get why you're such a wonder now." The man commented.

Grey laughed and looked away, "I'll be leaving now. Just keep doing you, without killing innocent people and youths from top Factions. I don't want any dirt on my name. As you can see, it's quite prestigious."

The man didn't say anything and watched on as Grey disappeared from view.

"Such a strange boy. How can I contact him?" The man muttered, but to his surprise, a small plaque appeared on his hands, and he heard Grey's voice from the void, "I'll be reaching you through this. If you have anything good for me, you can tell me. Other than business, don't randomly reach out, I'm a very busy person."

The man held the plaque and it was a communication device he had never seen before. He sensed it and was intrigued.

"There's a mark on this, he can use this to track me whenever he wants to. Is there a way I can override this to also get his location?"

The man started fiddling with the array on the plaque and a smile appeared on his face, "It's a one way away. Such a smart figure. There's no way I can track him, but he can track me as long as I have this item."

The man kept it in his spatial ring and then a dull look appeared on his face, all his puppets had been destroyed, and even the one of his daughter was taken forcibly by Grey. If he had known he was fighting with the famous Grey, he would never have dared to bring out the puppet of his daughter. It was like showing a thief the location of one's wealth, especially when you can't protect it.

He sighed, "Forget it, forget it."

There's no way he's getting that back from Grey. At most he'll still continue his research, but not kill innocents. Luckily, there are quite a good number of bad guys in the world of Elementalists. All he has to do is find one and he'll be able to continue his research.

He looked around, "I need to heal up. I'm out of good items for healing. Guess I'll have to take my time."

The man left to search for a good hiding spot where he could safely recuperate from his injuries. He could tell his injuries were quite severe, but since he can't feel the pain after cutting his pain receptors, he didn't mind. Since he was still alive, he could heal himself.

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Two more days went by.

Grey was still in the Phoenix Faction, deciphering the array formation with the Faction Leader while his friends were still out.

The array was too complex, and even with all the time spent, they've still not broken much of the array. At this rate, Grey knew the only way he could get this was by staying indoors with the Faction Leader for at least a year, maybe even two or five. He didn't have that time, and with no other choice, he gave up. There's no point in trying to decipher it right now, it wasn't like he needed to use it right away.



The Phoenix Faction Leader was tempted to keep him in the Faction so they could decipher the array formation, he has been trying for so long, and a little kid coming helped him out with his insightfulness, he didn't want to stop it, but he knew he couldn't keep Grey in the Faction.

"It has been wonderful working with you on the array." The Faction Leader said with a smile.

"The honor is mine." Grey bowed to show his respect, he was about to leave when he recalled something and turned to the Faction Leader, "Oh, I have some information that one of your top Faction members, still in the Venerable Plane is working with the Necromancers."

He hadn't told the Faction Leader of the reason he left earlier, only telling him now that he wants to leave.

"The rat has finally exposed himself, I see. Do you know him?" The Faction Leader asked, clearly, he was aware of a rat in the Faction, he just didn't know who.

"I'll need a week. Until then, I'll go hang out with my friends." Grey replied, he then added, "Once he has been caught, Aries will bring him to you."

The Faction Leader nodded, he knew of Grey being someone the Gnomes loathed, which means the same goes for Necromancers. As long as Grey was willing to help take out this rat, he didn't have any problems with it.

Grey nodded and left. He was also contemplating if he should divulge the location of the Necromancers hideout with the Sovereign in it to the Faction Leader.

Chapter 1419 Hypocritical World

Grey left the Phoenix Faction and went to search for Klaus and the rest. Being able to locate them made it very easy and after a few hours of constant flying and teleportation over long distances, he was able to locate the group of four on their way to a cave.

"You guys have been busy." He said when he sensed the aura of all four.

They seem to have been having battles upon battles since he left them. It was very evident in their aura as there was a sharp killing intent looming around them, anyone with sharp senses will be able to sense it from some distance away.

"Not as busy as you, oh young master Grey." Klaus bowed theatrically.

Grey knew what he was implying and chuckled, "It's not as easy as you see it. Either way, I have a good place for us."

Seeing Grey's eyes, they knew that Grey had plans of taking them somewhere dangerous, well, dangerous enough for them to survive, at least.

"Where might that be?" Alice asked.

"A Necromancers camp." Grey gave a soft smile.

"Those guys are too easy for you to deal with, why do you want us?" Klaus said.

"This is a chance to kill some necromancers." Grey shrugged, seeing Klaus' reluctance, he looked at the others, "You guys in or..."

"I'm in." Klaus was the first to raise his hand.

The others nodded as well, they didn't have any good impression of Necromancers and wouldn't mind killing all of them.

"Before that, we have some Barbarians we want to deal with. They've been hunting people from a neighboring town and eating them." Alice said.

"Did you say eat?" Grey asked for confirmation.

The group nodded.

Grey shivered at the thought of Barbarians hunting and eating people. He didn't really see them as another race, he just saw them as overgrown humans. But from the looks of things, it looks like he was wrong.

"Alright then. Let's go, I have nothing to do for now." He opted to follow them.

The group had no problem with having Grey with them, if anything, it would ensure their safety. With Grey's presence, their chances of survival and facing harm has reduced significantly. Well, there were few things below the Sovereign Plane that could harm them, however, if they were outnumbered, they would be in serious trouble.

With Grey in their group, they would be able to escape with relative ease. Grey's space element makes him a great figure for escaping.

Grey didn't know what the others had in mind as they all walked towards the reported location of the Barbarians.

Grey asked and found out only a few Barbarians eat humans right now. According to what Aries knew, during older times, most Barbarians tend to enjoy human flesh, but then humans rose to the peak of the world. Having the strongest individuals in the world meant that they had the highest authority.

For the safety of their race, most Barbarians stopped eating humans and resorted to eating the meat of all Beasts, just like most humans.

Only a handful of tribes among the Barbarians feast on humans, the others would kill when provoked, but they try to avoid conflict with humans as much as possible.

Some hours later, they got to the location of the Barbarians, and they saw large cages hanging in the air, and humans could be seen in them. Each cage contained at least ten people, and a maximum of twenty people. There were over fifteen cages, and each was occupied except one.

"Well, these guys have been eating well." Klaus gave a sarcastic comment when he saw the pile of bones that was on the side of the tribe.

The tribe wasn't large, around three hundred square meters. Like any tribe it contained kids, women, and old people. The strong men were stationed close to the gates and some of them were scouting the place to ensure they were safe.

Grey stared at the people that were hanging in the sky, shaking his head. He didn't feel any emotions from the view since he also kills all Beasts and doesn't feel they were any different from humans other than being from another race.

Unfortunately, he was human and had to fight against anything that threatens the human race. As much as it sounded hypocritical, it was life, and there was no way to change it. If he were to come from the Barbarian race, he would've also hated humans and wanted to kill them since they're threatening his race.

"There are quite a few Venerables present." Grey said to the group.

"Have an exact number?" Klaus asked.

"Probably over fifty. But only ten of them are in the Late stages and above. However, there's another aura I'm sensing, more powerful than a Peak Venerable, but not in the Sovereign Plane." Grey replied.

"A Pseudo-Sovereign?" The others asked.

Grey nodded.

"I'll take care of whoever the person is." Klaus said hurriedly.

"You're only at the Peak, how can you defeat him?" Grey asked.

"You're also at the Peak, why can you defeat him and I can't?" Klaus retorted.

"Probably... because I'm stronger than you are?" Grey raised a brow.

"Fair point, you take him, I'll deal with those at the Peak." Klaus didn't even try to argue with Grey and just moved on.

Even though he said he wanted to take care of the Pseudo-Sovereign, he didn't mean it in any way. There was no way he would fight a Pseudo-Sovereign, the last time he fought someone like that, he almost died, even with the help of Alice, Reynolds, and Aries.

Grey looked at the others and said, "We should deal with those scouting. This is a tribe that will never stop this act unless eradicated."

"None will be left alive?" Alice asked.

"Unfortunately not. They already have these act planted in them, no matter how you try to change it, they will eventually revert back to the same old ways at the slightest chance. You know this, you just don't want to kill the kids." Klaus explained.

Alice dropped her head. Aries had the same reaction as Alice to Klaus' words. They knew he was correct, but the thought of having to kill even the defenseless children didn't sit right with them.

"Sometimes, we have to sacrifice parts of us for the greater good of humans. That's what it means to be stronger." Reynolds said.

"Since when did you start giving motivational words?" Klaus laughed when he heard Reynolds' words.

"What do you mean?" Reynolds frowned, he looked at Grey and said, "So you two can say these things but I can't?"

"Technically, yes." Klaus nodded with a serious expression.

"You two are crazy." Reynolds gritted his teeth at the fact that Klaus and Grey were making fun of him.

Grey and Klaus on the other hand were laughing, holding themselves back not to laugh too loud and draw attention to them.

After they were done laughing, Grey said, "We should get to work. Spread out, kill any Barbarian you find. We'll wipe out the tribe when we're done with that."

Aries nodded and went out. Alice looked at the children in the tribe a little longer and left. If she were killing men and women capable of fighting, then she could do that, but against unarmed children like these, she didn't like it.

Klaus and Reynolds didn't have any reluctance as they went their separate ways.

Grey looked at the place, the children playing, and then turned his gaze to those in the cages in the air. Those were humans, yet they were trapped in such a state.

"A shame. I don't really like such acts, but it's something I can't stop." He shook his head and vanished from view.

He could sense a few Barbarians close by, but his friends were going after those people, so he turned his attention to farther places. Unlike the others who were starting from here, he was going to kill from the other side.

Grey was fast, the scouts weren't in the Venerable Plane yet. There was no way a Sage Plane Elementalist could sense Grey's presence. With a short movement, the figure of the person disappears from view.

Grey was killing them within a second. None of them could stand a chance against him. Not just him, Klaus and Reynolds were on a rampage as well, killing whoever they saw. In no time, they've wiped out all the scouts and rendezvous at the same place.

"All dead on your end?" Klaus asked.

Grey nodded, "What about you guys?"

"Ice sculptures all around. They will shatter in a few minutes." Klaus replied.

Alice and Aries nodded when they saw the gazes of the guys.

"Alright, since that's the case. Let's go save some people." Klaus stood up, taking the lead.

"No plan?" Aries asked.

"What's the point? Only those in the Late stages and at the Peak are our concern. The others will not be able to withstand the aftershock of the battle." Klaus shrugged, standing at the front gates of the tribe.

Chapter 1420 I'll Be Dead Before Then

The Barbarians standing at the gate were alarmed when they suddenly saw a young human standing in front of them with a smug smile on his face, before they could say a word, Klaus opened his arm and they were frozen solid.

Klaus looked at the two figures with a smile and said, "So easy."

"Come on, let's go on a rampage." He let out a burst of laughter and rushed into the tribe, unleashing his domain at everything.

He wasn't softhearted like Alice and Aries, and since his method was the least harmful to the defenseless children, he opted to use his ice domain, freezing anyone below the Venerable Plane.

Those in the Sage Plane couldn't fight against the cold and only managed to withstand it for a few seconds before freezing.

Klaus walked through the tribe, unhindered. Before anyone stepped up, Klaus had frozen almost half of the tribe. Most of them being the children.

"Such vile human, you will pay for this evil act!"

A scream of anger came from the middle of the tribe, accompanied with an overbearing aura that shot towards Klaus.

When Klaus sensed it, he couldn't help but feel his heartbeat increase, not from fear, but from excitement. He wanted to test just how powerful such a figure could be.

"Bud, leave him to me for a few seconds, please." He begged Grey who had appeared in the sky above him.

Grey looked down at Klaus' eyes, and when he saw the excitement, he couldn't help but sigh. With no other choice, he turned his attention to the rest of the people that were rushing out.

"You better not regret this." He left with that statement.

"It's only for a few seconds, I'm not that stupid to want to fight with him for long." Klaus laughed and his body was covered with ice armor.

Alice and the others had arrived, seeing Klaus' work, they were dumbfounded at his ruthlessness. The fact that he had killed so many people before they came was shocking to say the least.

Aries rushed towards one of the few Peak Venerables present.

Alice and Reynolds did the same, leaving the rest for Grey who still hadn't made a move.

Grey looked at the place and quickly came to a conclusion. It was best to continue Klaus' actions. He could see that those at the other side of the tribe were attempting to leave the tribe. This was not something he wanted. At least all those present here must be eliminated. He didn't care if there were others from the tribe outside, he just had to make sure those here were killed.



Grey switched places with one of the multiple Venerables, before unleashing a powerful attack that sent them flying. He not only did that, but he used the process to mark them too.

He wanted to make sure all of them got killed.

After doing this, he made use of his water domain, using his ice ability to freeze those who were fleeing. Klaus was slow since he didn't have any other elements, Grey on the other hand was very efficient. With his space element, he was able to move quickly, stopping those who were trying to escape while also simultaneously dealing with the Venerables.

Within the space of a few seconds, Grey had not only killed almost everyone that was escaping, he had also killed six Mid stages Venerables, and seven Early stages Venerables.

In the sky.

Klaus and the man met eye to eye.

"How come you're smaller than the others?" Klaus asked when he saw the Barbarian that was a Pseudo-Sovereign.

The Barbarian looked at Klaus, and then at Grey who was massacring his people and his eyes turned red, without replying Klaus, he rushed toward Grey.

Klaus, knowing this might happen didn't stand by, he attacked, forcing the man to stop in his tracks.

"I am this tribe's leader. Anyone who dares to offend us will be killed. I'll kill you then kill that stupid kid." The Barbarian said coldly. His small human-like body started to expand, and before long, he was well over three and a half meters. He was even larger than the other Barbarians.

The aura coming off the Barbarian Tribe's Leader was immense, intimidating Klaus.

Klaus naturally didn't have any intentions of backing down. He looked at the man with fire in his cold eyes and said, "I've always wanted to fight someone like you. Let's go!"

Klaus didn't hold back and attacked with a large ice hammer.

The Barbarian Tribe Leader didn't dodge the attack, rather, he threw a fist at it, and in front of Klaus' shocked eyes, the ice hammer shattered with just a single blow.

"Shit!" Klaus exclaimed when he saw this.

Without hesitation, he retreated, not daring to get close to the Barbarian Tribe Leader, but he was met with another surprise. The Barbarian Tribe Leader was a Lightning Elementalist. With a lightning covered body, he moved faster than even Reynolds, appearing before Klaus, sending out an attack.

"Fuck! Grey! Come fight him! I want nothing to do with this bastard!" Klaus yelled as he created a thick ice wall to block the Barbarian Tribe Leader's attack before running away.

If the Barbarian Tribe Leader used the elements to fight, then he would've been able to at least put up a fight against him, but against someone who was using his physical strength and was also very fast, it was a death wish from him if he tried to fight against him, and he knew this.

Grey was in the process of killing some of those escaping when he heard Klaus' yell.

"You can't even hold him back for a minute?" He asked.

"I'll be dead... fuck!"

Klaus ran away after another of his ice walls was shattered with a punch.

"I'll be dead before then."

Grey saw the Tribe Leader and understood Klaus' plight. A lightning based Barbarian is very dangerous.

"Give me some time, I'll be there within a few seconds."

"Fuck! Don't you hear I'll be dead before then?!"