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Chapter 1441 Necromancers Meeting Ground?

Boom!

The puppet exploded loudly sending out a powerful shockwave across the plain.

Grey had already left the place with his friends, escaping to a place that was safe from the explosion. He didn't care if the man got a chance to escape, he had already marked the man and was sure he would be able to locate him again, however, if his friends were caught in this attack, it would be very dangerous.

He didn't forget to take the man who brought the Elder to him. This was a very important person that could be used to his advantage later in the future, so he didn't want him dead yet.

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A few kilometers away, Grey and his friends looked at the large light that was coming from the explosion. Even given the distance, they were still able to feel the power of the explosion.

"That's not a normal puppet. It was created particularly for this purpose." The man who Grey carried with them said.

"Does that mean it wouldn't affect him?" Grey asked.

"He's fine from the explosion. He will feel some discomfort, but it isn't really all that important. After all, he managed to get you off his back, for now." The man explained.

Grey frowned and looked towards the explosion. He tried to sense the man and his expression turned ugly, he couldn't sense the man close by.

"This is bad, he's no longer close." He commented.

"Wait, you can sense him from this distance?" The man was flabbergasted by Grey's words.

What Grey's saying should be impossible for someone in the Venerable Plane, a Sovereign can achieve that, but for a Venerable to be able to sense the position of another Venerable from such distance is shocking.

Grey nodded, affirming the man's words.

"Incredible." The man was lost for words. The fact that Grey could achieve this was beyond natural.

Grey didn't care about the man's praises, he needed to get the man.

"I'm leaving. Don't worry about him." Grey said to the others and disappeared. He was referring to Aries in particular. She had kept her eyes on him all this while, ready to pounce.

The meaning behind Grey's words was that the man was out of the equation and shouldn't be attacked.

Aries didn't mind Grey's words and nodded.

Klaus and the others looked at the man but didn't mind him, since he hadn't tried to kill any of them like Lewis, they didn't have any issues with him. Of course, they didn't like Necromancers, but Grey seems to have some use for these people and they didn't want to bother about it. Read the full version at our official website Freew.n.com

Grey was a smart person and wouldn't do anything that would endanger himself or his friends, so they were confident that the man wouldn't even dare to attack them.

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The sight of the explosion.

Grey came back to see if the man was hiding here. He tried to sense the man and he couldn't sense his presence here. Part of his aura was left here, but he was clearly gone.

"A teleportation talisman." He muttered.

Even though the explosion hadn't died down, he could still sense the presence of the use of the space element.

"Void, can we track it?" He asked.

Void appeared on his shoulder, "Maybe, but it will not be easy."

"There's no harm in trying." Grey said, he thought for a while and said, "He wouldn't dare to return to the Faction. But he won't be far from it."

Void and Grey started sensing the space residues in the place and Void was able to crack open the same portal the man used in leaving. It was very easy as long as one knows what they're doing. While hanging around the bunny, although the bunny was a lazy fighter, it was very good with the space element. Void learned a few things, and this was one of them.

To a certain extent, the bunny could be said to be the best Space Elementalist among them as it could even travel across realms with ease. These secret realms created by the powerful God Plane experts aren't out of reach for the bunny which was a shocking thing. Grey still doesn't know what kind of bunny it was, all he knew was that it had a knack for getting underlings that it could use to beat others up.

The duo entered the spatial tunnel and soon appeared in the middle of a sea, and island to be precise.

Grey didn't recall any sea being close by, nor did he see any islands. He turned to look at Void with a questioning look, but before he could ask any questions, he sensed the presence of the old man here.

"Whoever created this spatial talisman must be an expert." Grey praised.

The island was quite large, but he could sense the presence of the old man deep inside. A forest was on the island which meant that there were also inhabitants.

They were cautious as they moved towards where he could sense the man's aura. Before long, they appeared at a place that made them stop, the reason was that the man wasn't the only one present here, there was someone else, and this person was also close to the old man when it came to strength.

There were multiple people present, and they were all staring at the old man as they conversed.

'Hmm, should I call for backup? Or should I go in alone?' Grey thought as he watched them.

In total, there were only five people, however, each of them was at the Peak of the Venerable Plane and Grey knew they would be difficult to handle alone.

'Void, go back and bring that guy. I'll need him and his siblings.'

Void vanished after Grey's words. Grey knew it would take a while before Void returned, so he kept his eyes on the people in front of him.

These people were all Necromancers, and from the looks of it, they all resided in this Continent.

Chapter 1442 Reassess Your Choice Of Friends

"A nice time to kill off a few Necromancers. I don't think this is the hideout that guy told me about." Grey deliberated on it.

If this was the hideout Lewis told him about, then there should've been Necromancers with weaker cultivation stages, but there are only five Peak Venerables present. Grey couldn't sense the presence of anyone else which also indicated that these were the only people present here.

There are all Beasts in the area, but they were all low leveled and weren't of any threat to him.

A few minutes later, Void returned with the man and his three siblings. The three were under the control of the man which was what Grey wanted.

"I didn't know there's a place like this in the region." The man looked around curiously. This was his first time being here as well.

This confirmed Grey's hypothesis, this wasn't the Necromancers' hideout he was planning to raid with his friends.

"Are you familiar with them?" Grey asked the man.

"Just him. The others look familiar, but I can't put my finger around where I know them." The man replied.

"Okay. The Elder isn't in his full strength, you should be able to handle him. I'll kill off one of them with a sneak attack, do well to kill the person that will appear on this spot." Grey told the man his plan.

Since these people didn't know of their presence, he would use it to his advantage and take out two of them with a single attack. If two of the five people present die from the start, it'll give their group the advantage over them.

His plan was to switch places with one of the men and attack the person close to that person. At first, he wanted to use a wide scale attack, but after thinking about the strengths of each of them, he knew a wide range attack wouldn't be able to kill them all, so instead of doing that, he wanted to focus all his energy on just one person, and he already had his target. A man that had short hair.

The person he would switch places with was a lady that was sitting close to the man. $\text{fr}\ddot{\text{e}}\text{e}\text{w}\eta.\text{c}\text{o}\text{m}$

The twins' job was to kill the lady he's going to change places with.

"There's an array here." The Twins said.

"It has been sorted. I've bypassed it. They won't sense it until it's too late." Grey waved it off.

The twins were impressed at Grey's efficiency. The fact that he left only a few minutes ago but he had planned so much and even bypassed such a powerful array shows that he wasn't a rash individual.

"Alright, let me know when you're ready." The twins replied.

Grey prepared himself, thinking of the sequence of attacks to use to ensure the man dies before he can even react. A minute later he opened his eyes and said, "I'm ready."

The twins prepared to attack, also controlling their siblings to attack the position Grey was standing on.

"Attack!" Grey said and his figure blinked and changed to that of a lady.

The twins and his siblings didn't waste any time and attacked as soon as Grey's voice faded.

The lady who Grey switched places with didn't know what was happening until it was too late. Her eyes were wide open as the attacks of all four people rained down on her. Even with her Peak Venerable cultivation Plane, she wasn't able to react to such an unexpected attack from people of this strength.

This wasn't the only place an attack was taking place.

On the place the lady was seated, Grey suddenly appeared and his eyes locked on the man's eyes. The man didn't expect the person he was looking to change, nor did he expect to see such spectacular pale blue eyes. The eyes were the last thing he saw before he felt his consciousness start to freeze. Not just that, but he sensed a powerful attack on his body.

He wanted to move, but he found out that his body was stuck to the ground. The gravity in the place had changed from what it used to be, and he couldn't adjust to it in time.

The attack landed on his body, but that was not the end. More attacks rained on him and his eyes continued staring at those pale blue eyes before he finally lost consciousness, he was dead under the barrage of attacks.

Everything happened within a second that the others still hadn't gotten time to process what just happened.

They heard the attacks from the side where the lady appeared, and just as they were turning to look at what was happening, they heard another attack close to them. This was too dangerous.

Their attention turned back to the man Grey chose to attack, and they felt dread when they saw a multicolored orb tossed at them. Without hesitation, they all flew into the sky, retreating from the range of the attack.

"Haha, so easy." Grey's horrifying voice echoed in the explosion before he flew up, confronting them.

The old man who ran here was stunned to see Grey standing before him.

"You... how did you get here?" He asked, shocked.

"I'm a Space Elementalist. Do you think I can't track you down even with that trick of yours?" Grey asked with a sneer.

"Impossible!" The old man exclaimed.

"He's Grey Dawson?" One of the other two who survived asked with a cold look.

"Yes, he's Grey Dawson. The kid the Gnomes want dead." The old man replied.

"And you brought him here?" One of them asked, not pleased with Grey's visit.

"You don't have to argue, I'll be leaving soon. I just need him dead. You guys didn't offend me." Grey smiled, "Hand him over and I'll leave."

The twins and his siblings flew to Grey's side.

"Oh, and I have backup." He added with a cheeky smile.

The men looked at the old man, but the old man said, "You're still a kid, do you think you can trick us?"

"You would need to reassess your choices when making friends." Grey saw the eyes of the duo standing behind the man and said coolly.

Chapter 1443 I Should Join You Too

The old man turned to look at the duo behind him, he could sense their gazes but he wasn't afraid, he scoffed and said, "As much as they would like to ensure their safety, how will they be sure you will agree to let them leave after apprehending me?"

"The second I'm taken out of the picture, they will be heavily outnumbered. We're already outnumbered as things stand, losing one more person will only make their deaths certain, but with me here, there's still hope."

Grey didn't reply, he kept his eyes on the body of the duo behind the old man, awaiting what decision they would make.

"If we hand him over to you, how are you going to guarantee our safety?" One of them asked.

They were accessing their options and it wasn't looking good. Grey killed someone the moment he arrived, this meant that he was strong enough to kill anyone of them. The reason they all felt scared of Grey was mainly due to the fact that Grey had the ability to counter their greatest strengths, their puppets.

Yes, Grey was powerful, but if they were able to use their puppets, they wouldn't be worried. Some of them have top notch puppets that even with the help of the people behind Grey, there was no way they would be able to match them in terms of strength.

"That's the thing, you won't be able to guarantee it. All you have for it is my words." Grey replied with a smile.

"What do you take us for? Idiots?" The other man asked.

"Well, if you put it that way." Grey shrugged.

He didn't really care if these guys agreed to help him out or not.

"If he wanted your help, you wouldn't have killed those two." The old man said to the duo to make sure they understood they didn't stand any chance against Grey if they let Grey kill him.

"Well, you guys wouldn't really let me come in here and demand for his head now, would you?" Grey asked, "The only way you would listen to me is if those two were gone."

"Don't listen..." Freew.n.com

"What's the point of all this, kill them." The man behind Grey said.

"You know what, you're right."

Grey attacked as soon as he finished his statement, but he was blocked from switching places with any of the trio. One of them was a Space Elementalist and he was able to block Grey from using that skill once again.

Grey didn't mind and used his fire element to unleash a rain of arrows at them. He also used an old technique, meteor descent.

The three men used their respective elements to block Grey's attacks.

The twins and his siblings rushed out to fight as well. He had never really liked people to begin with, and since this was one of the few chances he got to kill people to his heart content, then he was going to do it.

Grey, like a flash in the sky, picked out one of the men who was relatively stronger than the rest, leaving the others for the twins and his siblings.

The man Grey picked had the space, lightning, and darkness element. Being a Multi Elementalist meant that he was difficult to handle and Grey didn't want any of them to escape, this was his intention from the start.

When he started the battle with the man, he quickly realized something. This man wasn't like the regular Necromancer, in fact, most of the people he had encountered in this region weren't like the regular Necromancers. These guys also focused on improving their strengths. Of course, not all of them did this, but the majority of the ones he had encountered here had the ability to at least put up a fight with him.

During his earlier times, the Necromancers he encountered were only those who focused on improving the strength of their puppets. There's also a difference between the methods applicable here.

'I wonder if this has something to do with whoever brought it here. Why's it so different?'

This was the thought in Grey's head as he fought with the man, not giving him the chance he wanted to escape.

The man didn't bring out his puppet since he knew of Grey's abilities. This made life difficult as he found it hard to keep up with Grey's strength. Grey was too powerful, and he could see it just from the first few exchanges.

"A kid like you shouldn't be allowed to wander on your own." The man said as he exchanged blows with Grey.

The strength of Grey's attack forced him to take some steps back, but he wasn't harmed by the attack.

"Who says I'm alone?" Grey asked while attacking once again.

"We've all heard about your travels. News of you being in this region has spread across the Continent. People will be coming for you soon, especially those who are interested in the rewards offered by the Gnomes." The man said.

"Let them come, I've never been afraid of anyone." Grey didn't seem phased as he continued his assault on the man.

The man could barely hold his own as Grey attacked with ferociousness.

The man looked at the old man who brought Grey here with hate, to a certain extent, he wanted the man dead. If not for the fact that Grey doesn't have a good relationship with Necromancers, he wouldn't mind handing the man over.

When he looked at the twins, his eyes sparkled.

"Since those people are with you, why don't I join you?" He offered.

"Not interested."

Grey's reply was accompanied with his earth domain's gravitational field.

The sudden change in gravity threw the man off balance and he found himself going down.

Grey attacked at this moment, slamming the man with a large earth hammer. The man tried to dodge the attack, but Grey locked the space, making sure there was no way the man could escape it.

With no other choice, the man took the attack head-on, striking it with a lightning bolt.

Bang!

Chapter 1444 Different Puppets

The strength from Grey's hammer sent the man crashing into the ground.

The man slammed heavily, causing a large crater on the ground, followed by a large dust cloud.

Grey didn't move from the place he was standing, he squinted his eyes and saw a flash heading at him from the dust cloud.

He wanted to use his space element to escape, but just like what he did to the man, the space around him was locked and he was forced to take the attack head-on.

After the attack left the dust cloud and came to view, he noticed it was a puppet holding a large sword. The speed of the puppet was beyond his expectations and before he could react, it was already before him. He didn't have the time to cut off the link to the puppet as he was forced to block what was before him.

He blocked the attack, but the strength of the puppet was unlike anything he had ever experienced.

His eyes widened when he took a closer look at the puppet.

"A Barbarian."*freewn.com*

Shock was written over his face, but he didn't stop blocking the attack from the puppet. The Barbarian was at the Peak of the Venerable Plane, but that was not what made it different, it's the fact that there was no way it would be worried about Grey causing it any harm which would make the Barbarian dangerous. Other than that, the puppet was different, Grey could tell it wasn't under control by the man.

"Hahaha, after we heard about you, we've been researching unendingly to get a way to have puppets we won't be linked to, and I got it. You don't need humans for this, but Barbarian. Hahaha!" The man laughed out loud from the rubble as he stood up.

The reason he hadn't brought it out earlier was due to not having the time. He only had two Barbarian puppets, and given their strength and features, he needed time to mark Grey, ensuring that the puppet fought with only Grey and no one else.

Of course, there was a massive disadvantage with this since it meant there was no way he could do combined attacks with his puppet, but as long as he could survive against the infamous Grey Dawson because of this, then he was satisfied.

Grey didn't have the time to look at the man as the attack on him continued from the Barbarian.

'I didn't expect I'd fight one of you in this state.' He thought as he looked at the listless eyes of the Barbarian that had only him in his head.

The Barbarian had been ordered to only attack Grey, which means no matter what happens, until Grey was dead or the Barbarian was kept by the owner, it would continuously fight with Grey.

Grey didn't feel any pressure, he created a large sword with the fire element and slashed it at the puppet.

The puppet blocked the attack with its blade and used the water element to grab hold of Grey's leg. The puppet created a tentacle-like water and after grabbing Grey, he dragged him towards him while simultaneously swinging his sword in that direction.

'I hate these guys.'

Barbarians have always been great fighters. A Barbarian in the same stage as most humans would almost always win a one on one fight.

This Barbarian showed the difference between its kind and humans. Even with the man's strength, he still wasn't on Grey's level, but the second it appeared, it showed the difference.

Grey created an earth wall to slow down the sword before using the lightning element to destroy the water that was holding his leg.

After doing that, he was about to attack when the man appeared behind him, sending out a large darkness palm.

The palm spread out and when it got close to Grey, it closed.

Grey burst out with blue flames and silver lightning, shattering the palm into particles.

The man didn't say anything, all he wanted was to stop Grey's escape from the puppet, and his aim was achieved as the puppet sliced through the earth wall Grey set up before attacking him with ice spears.

Grey used a stream of flames to burn the spears, melting it before using his inscriptions to attack the man who was stopping his movements.

The puppet moved closer, but Grey was prepared, attacking with a multicolored blade. He used his elements to create a fusion elemental blade, rather than making a normal orb, he ungraded it and created a blade that was even more powerful.

Creating the blade required more time, but it was worth it after he attacked the puppet.

The sword of the Barbarian was cut in half and the puppet could only withdraw from the attack. It might not have the intelligence of a living Barbarian, but its battle experience was still there.

To be honest, Grey was impressed with the man's method. Being able to accomplish something like this was not ordinary.

Unfortunately, the man wasn't someone he needed. He vanished and appeared behind the puppet as it was escaping from the fusion blade, before attacking with a dimensional slash.

The puppet turned around, but it was a little late and the attack struck its shoulders, cutting off the hand it used to hold the sword, which was its left hand.

The man saw this and his eyes almost popped out, "Stop!"

Grey pretended not to hear him as he used the fusion blade to cut off the other hand. With both hands gone, the Barbarian stood in the sky, with just its legs, it used the water element to create hands made with water and grabbed the sword before attacking.

Grey smiled and charged at the puppet.

The man knew if the duo clashed, his puppet would be destroyed. But when he thought about his safety, he looked away and brought out a talisman which he crushed.

He was covered with the spatial particles as a tunnel opened up, just as he was about to step into it, it shut down.

"Your array was very useful." Grey commented.

Chapter 1445 No Escape

The man was startled when he heard Grey's remark. Grey was still fighting with the puppet and he had gotten the advantage over the puppet.

"The array here..."

The man turned his attention to the array set in this place. He knew of the array and was one of the people who even set it up. When he inspected it, his pupils dilated, he couldn't believe Grey worked on the array right under their noses and they couldn't even sense it.

He was thinking about how Grey was able to sneak so close without them being aware, but now he understood the reason, Grey messed up with the array in such a delicate manner that they weren't even able to find out until it was too late.

'How's he so fast?' The man knew when the old man appeared here injured. Even if Grey came with him at the same time, he would need hours to accomplish something like this. Messing with the array so they couldn't sense him was one thing, remodeling some parts of it to help him stop them from escaping with the space element was another thing which would need a longer time frame to achieve.

They were top arraymasters present, yet Grey has been able to somewhat outsmart them which was unbelievable.

Grey punched a hole in the chest of the Barbarian and chuckled, "Your array is easy to sort out. It's not that complex. I've seen more complex things."

Grey's words shook the man. If what Grey is saying is true, then his knowledge in arrays was shocking for someone his age.

Grey didn't speak any further, casually destroying the Barbarian.

"Do you have more? If not, just surrender."

The manner with which Grey speaks is one that showed his utmost confidence in himself.

"You're powerful, kid, I'll not deny that, but don't think a man on the brink of death isn't dangerous." The man said with a cold face.

"You're not the first person I've faced like this, and you will not be the last." Grey stared down at the man, not worried that the man would be able to escape.

He casually cut the links of one of the puppets of the men facing the twins and his siblings.

The person whose link to his puppet was cut off froze, and so did the other puppets he brought out.

Compared to people like the twins, these old guys have a large number of puppets under them and they have great control over them all. Necromancers mainly revolve around their mental energy, the stronger one's mental energy was, the more puppets they could get under their command. These people have trained their consciousness to a very high level which in turn has increased their mental energy.

When the old man noticed the abnormality with his companion, he realized it was Grey's work and quickly went to aid his partner.

"Keep him busy, will you?!" He scolded the man Grey was fighting with.

The man was annoyed with the old man's statement, but seeing Grey in work against their puppets, he was genuinely scared. Someone being able to achieve this at such a young age will grow up to be a very powerful figure later on.

The fact that Grey has the entire Gnome race and the Necromancers community rattled showed how significant this skill is.

The man gulped and attacked, engaging in a battle with Grey. To a certain extent, he was annoyed that Grey picked him out of them. If Grey had picked anyone else, he would've already tried to escape while fighting the twins and their siblings. There is no point in trying to save the others, his life was more important. And in all honesty, he knew that was what the others were doing as well.

A thought came to his head, but the risk outweighed what the reward was. He wanted to bring out all his puppets, and while Grey was busy cutting off each link, he would escape. He noticed that Grey only needed a second to cut the link between one of the puppets to the man. He didn't need more than a few seconds to escape from this place. So if Grey was focused on all the puppets, he would have the chance to escape and self-destruct them.

But then thinking if Grey is able to cut off the links connecting to all his puppets simultaneously scared him. His brain might be fried if that happens, and he would most likely not be able to move for close to a minute, that's enough for Grey or anyone else to kill him.

'Self destruct, I will self-destruct them. That's my only chance.' He came to a conclusion.

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He looked at the others and didn't even care about them, his safety was the number one priority.

The man was a decisive person.

He was still locked in a fight with Grey while thinking about all this. The moment Grey forced him to retreat with a heavy attack, he took the chance.

At the same time, the old man and the man's other companion came close to him and they all nodded.

The man brought out all his puppets and Grey saw the decisiveness in their eyes.

"Fuck!" Grey realized the danger they would be in, and with both hands spread apart, he did something that shocked everyone.

The Necromancers thought Grey would escape with his entourage, but that didn't happen, rather, a large suction force appeared in the sky and all the puppets were forcefully dragged into a large dark pit in the sky.

"What?!"

"Do it now!"

The men panicked and hastily self-destructed their puppets, but it was too late.

Grey was already prepared for this. This was the reason he worked on the array to begin with. Not just him, but Void was also part of the person who worked on the array.

Boom!

A large explosion happened kilometers away from the island and a powerful wave came from the sea, headed towards the island.

Chapter 1446 Leaving The Region

Grey gave the twins a nod and they sent out a few puppets to stop the large wave of water headed their way.

The trio were shocked that their attempt to escape had not only been sabotaged, but their hopes of fighting back against Grey and the twins had been destroyed with it. There was no way they could fight against the twins who had multiple puppets and also Grey who was stronger than they were. As things stand, they might die under the hands of Grey and the twins.

"Kid... why don't we work for you? You can do whatever you did to him to us as well, we'll work for you, do whatever you say." The old man Grey followed here said.

"That's pretty thoughtful, but I don't need you guys."

Grey didn't say anything else and attacked. The twins and their siblings helped out.

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Back at the forest.

Klaus and the others saw Void come over to take the twins along with their siblings with them, and they knew a battle would definitely start there.

"Why didn't he bring us this time?" Klaus was pissed.

"We're not expendable, they are." Alice explained.

She understood Grey's intentions in carrying the twins and their siblings, and although she would like to help out, she could understand why Grey acted in that manner. He wanted them safe. The attack the old man used was very dangerous and Grey had to take them to a safe place. If Grey was fighting alone, he would've had a better chance fighting against the man than when he was with them. Unless there were more opponents, it's relatively safer and better to fight alone.

The group continued discussing for a long time before Grey appeared along with the twins and their siblings, they also brought back the trio they found there. The duo who were killed were left there, and only the trio were brought back. They were still alive, but they all had dull eyes.

"Kill us, what's the use of keeping us alive?" The old man who was an Elder of the Phoenix Faction said. www.freewm.com

"That's up to her to decide. I've done my part which was fishing you out." Grey threw them at the feet of Aries.

The old man looked at Aries, eyes filled with sadness.

"Elder, you'll be taken back to the Faction for judgment. You and your accomplices." Aries said.

"Then what about them?" The old man pointed at the twins and their siblings.

"They didn't know what they were doing. They were all under your control. It's best if you leave them out of this." Grey said, "Those guys have no clue what they were doing, and I've taken over the one who was behind it."

Aries looked at Grey, even though she was not in support of this, all this wouldn't have been possible if Grey didn't come. He was the one who stopped Lewis, and got him to contact the person that was hidden in the Faction. Who would've expected things would take such a turn and there was someone else inside the Faction that needed rooting out.

Everything happened in a manner she didn't have control over. She opted to let Grey do what he wanted, and since Grey helped deliver this Elder to her, she was grateful. At least an unknown thorn has been taken out of the Faction.

Grey saw the displeasure in her eyes, but he ignored it, choosing not to explain.

"I also have some information I'll pass on to your Faction. It's about the necromancer's camp. There are two, myself and my friends will deal with one on our way out. The other one is out of our league, that's for your Faction to handle."

Aries' eyes widened when she heard there were two camps. She nodded to Grey's words, grateful that he was able to help them in such a way. Even though he took two necromancers who should've been

killed under him, it was clear he wanted to rid the region of necromancers. Also, these people under him will all have to be under control since they do not want to offend their master. All in all, Grey had somewhat eliminated necromancers from their region.

"Let's go. We'll visit the Faction one more time before leaving." Grey said to his friends.

They nodded and headed back to the Faction with the prisoners in tow. Given their speed, it was easy to get back to the Faction grounds.

The event of capturing the Elder took place late in the night, by the time they got back to the Faction, it was already sunrise.

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The Phoenix Faction.

"He's a necromancer?" The Faction Leader pointed at the old man in shock.

This was one of the most respected Elders in the Faction, he found that allegation astonishing.

"Yes, and he has been aiding other necromancers with acquiring the talents from our Faction and turning them to puppets all for the chance to break through to the Sovereign Plane." Aries explained.

The Faction Leader looked at Aries and then at Grey and the others.

"I'll be leaving with my friends..." Grey told the Faction Leader of the location of the necromancer's camp that had a Sovereign and also told him he would be dealing with the other camp.

The Faction Leader was still in a state of shock when Grey left with his friends.

He decided to take the twins along with him to attack the necromancer's camp. There was no harm in having such a figure with them as they razed the place to the ground.

Back in the Phoenix Faction, there was distrust in the Faction due to the revelation of the Elder being a necromancer. The Faction Leader kept it close and only related it to the few people he was confident in their identities. If there were more Necromancers present in the faction, then they were in trouble.

They were aware there's a chance a necromancer might have crept into their Faction, but they didn't expect the necromancer to have such a high status.

Chapter 1447 Unsettled Continent

Grey and his friends left the region, but not the same way they came to it. With Grey's help, they managed to take out two necromancer's camps, while the threat of an Elder from the Phoenix Faction being a Necromancer was also sorted out.

He didn't take the twins with him as he left the region with his friends. After giving them the same orders he gave to Lewis, he left them alone. There was no point speaking too much. He would be updated on what's happening here thanks to his newly found wide network.

'Who would've thought the bunny leader's network had spread even to this region?'

To Grey's surprise, he found out the bunny leader had actually created a large network between bunnies and it was updated on what was happening on most of the regions in the Aurora Continent. The thought that the bunny leader possessed such means was frightening. No one in the Continent would ever suspect that they were being watched by tiny bunnies.

The bunny leader joined the group as they left the region which made it very convenient for Grey. With the bunny leader by his side, he would be able to keep tabs on the twins and keep them in check. He learned the duo had just one name, Robert. It wasn't strange since their parents wouldn't believe they were actually two people and not one person.

The group continued their travel across the continent. freeWn.com

While they've been away from the main stage in the Aurora Continent, trouble has been brewing, the Continent was in danger. Everyone was aware of this, but they didn't know when the darkness was going to strike.

Reports of multiple Gnome attacks have been spread across the Continent, it is unknown if they were true or if this was just a plan by the Gnomes to disrupt the lives of humans. All the people knew was that they had to settle this issue as soon as they could.

Meetings have been taking place in the Continent among the top forces on how to fight against this growing threat. The Gnomes were coming, and it might happen sooner than they expected.

The upper echelons of each Family and Faction were preparing for the war that was coming while the youngsters are allowed to train and grow stronger. The stronger they get, the better their chances of surviving what was coming. Only those who are able to keep themselves alive will live, the rest might die. Not just that, but there's a chance that the Gnomes might win the war which will spell doom for the entire Aurora Continent, and its inhabitants.

While the top powerhouses were discussing on how to counter the threat of the Gnomes, the issue of Grey being in the kill order of the Gnomes was naturally brought up. The Dawson Family were present there, and so was Grey's father, Lucas Dawson.

Everyone at the meeting was curious about the reason the Gnomes would release such an order while offering such rewards. Some Sovereigns were tempted by the rewards offered which showed the value the Gnomes placed on Grey's head.

Lucas told them of Grey's experience in the secret realm and how he humiliated the Gnome race in there. When the others heard about it, and thinking of the proud nature of Gnomes, they felt the chances of what Lucas was saying is true.

Some top Families and Factions present would never take such humiliation from such a young fellow.

The story wasn't accepted by everyone, but since there was no way to find out what happened from the mouth of the Gnomes, they didn't bother. At least with Grey's presence, he might be able to take some heat off these guys and allow them the chance to think of ways to defeat the Gnomes once again.

Not all top Families and Factions present in the Continent attended these meetings, there are a few who felt they had lifetime enmity with some Families or Factions and therefore can not be in the same place with them unless a brawl will ensue. Of all the Families absent, there's one that particularly hate the Dawson Family. These people want the destruction of the Dawson Family.

The Aurora Continent started to show signs of a calm, even with the repeated meetings, the Continent was slowly getting into a dormant state, like a snake waiting to strike, it started to become less busy. Most of the people in the Continent were focused on getting stronger. Those who aren't strong enough are doing everything they can to become stronger.

The news of the Gnomes possible return had been slowly spread across the Continent to make the residents aware.

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A month went by in a flash.

Since leaving the Phoenix Faction region, the group's journey had been peaceful. There hadn't been anything eventful so far and after destroying the necromancer's camp, they had not been involved in any other form of battle.

They've been sparring more often because of this which pleased Grey, but not the others. Alice enjoyed fighting, so sparring wasn't something she would ever turn down.

Grey and the others were lying in a small cabin when the bunny leader came to them.

It told them of what was happening in the world and the threat of the Gnomes. Its suggestion is that we left this place and hide until the battle was over. The bunny leader, even with its underlings, it didn't like fighting.

Grey went on to pass the message to his friends.

"What are we doing here then? Let's go kick some fucking Gnome ass!" Klaus was pumped when he heard this.

"Not so fast, there are still certain things we don't know about." Alice stopped Klaus from doing anything rash.

"There's no information on their location." Grey said.

"You're like a walking magnet for these guys, just step out and they'll come after you within seconds."

"It's too dangerous. We don't know the strength of all the Gnomes in the region."

Chapter 1448 Revisiting The Burchard Family

Grey and his friends soon heard of a city that was reportedly wiped out by Gnomes close to the region they were.

"We should go check it out." Klaus suggested.

"No, like I said the last time, it's too dangerous."

"We better head back home." Alice said.

Grey and Reynolds had no problems with Alice's suggestion, they also had the same idea in mind. If they followed Klaus' words and encounter people too strong for them to handle, it would be dangerous. As much as Grey hated Gnomes, he has always tried to do things within his abilities. If the Gnomes dared to do something like this, then it meant they were prepared for whatever might happen if the news of this spread out.

They found out about this thanks to the bunny leader's network of bunnies that has spread across the entire Aurora Continent. As it stands, there's almost no one with as much current information as the bunny leader. It knew about almost everything happening in the Continent.

"Our adventure has been cut short by those short bastards. I'll send them all down into a frozen lake."
Klaus complained.freeWn.Com

He enjoyed times like these, having to go back to the Faction is one of the most frustrating things to do. He would have to focus only on training which he didn't even enjoy.

Grey and the others had the same thoughts towards the Gnomes. None of the people in the Aurora Continent liked them, with the exception of Necromancers. The Necromancers know what they stand to benefit once the Gnomes take charge of the Aurora Continent hence their devotion towards helping them.

Given the fact that necromancy came from the Gnomes was also one of the factors that helped solidify their stand in this war. But there are a rare few who didn't entertain the Gnomes taking over the Aurora Continent and wanted them to stay in their own world.

The crew started their journey back to the Western Continent, heading back to their Factions.

Grey had the choice of either going to the Pymond Faction or heading over to the Dawson Family. As much as he liked being with his parents, he felt he would get a better training condition compared to the Dawson Family.

His father is very busy and doesn't always have the time to help him out with his training, but in the Pymond Faction, there will always be someone that could help him out. Of course, there are a few people who wanted him dead, but as long as he played his cards right, he was sure he would be able to keep his life.

As they headed back to their part of the Continent, Grey didn't forget Lewis and Robert. The duo were very valuable and Grey had the plan of taking Robert into the secret realm the Gnomes and humans shared. He wanted to use Robert's ability of mind control to take control over one of the Gnomes so they could have an insider in the world of the Gnome race.

When he told Robert of his plan, Robert didn't have any issues with it and readily agreed to follow Grey there.

The group had to head to the Middle Continent once again, needing the assistance of the Burchard Family.

With Grey's relationship with them, he was confident they would be able to let him enter with Robert. After all, he was the one who helped them acquire it in the first place.

It took them a few weeks, but they finally got to the Middle Continent.

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The Burchard manor.

Sylvia and her father were discussing when a guard came over to tell them of Grey's arrival.

"What is he doing here?" Sylvia's father asked, not expecting Grey to come over at such a time.

"We'll only know when we see him." Sylvia replied. She always had a soft spot for Grey after he fulfilled his promise to her. She never thought Grey would be the one to help them conquer the Nether Faction, but as luck would have it, without Grey, they would've lost this battle once again.

The guard went out to invite Grey and his friends inside the place.

When Grey saw Sylvia's father, he bowed to show his respect to him. He also bowed slightly to also give Sylvia her respect. Even though he was stronger than her now, he still couldn't forget the times she was stronger and forcefully trained him. As much as he hated competitions and tournaments because of this, he also knew her hard training was one of the reasons he was able to grow quickly during a certain period.

After greetings, Grey went straight to the point, "Can I enter the secret realm with him, there's something we want to try out."

When Sylvia's father heard Grey's request, he took a glance at Sylvia. Normally, he wouldn't entertain anyone randomly coming to him for a chance to get into the secret realm, but this was Grey and they were indebted to him. He also heard of how Grey helped out his son and the special guest they had in the secret realm the last time he came.

"Will it endanger the lives of those training there?" He raised a brow.

"No, we're only targeting a few Gnomes. Those close to the top but not at the very top. Of course getting a few at the top wouldn't be bad." Grey explained, he didn't go into details, but he let them know that their target was Gnomes, and he wasn't even going to kill any of them.

Sylvia's father was a little taken aback when he heard that Grey wasn't going to kill them. According to all he had heard about Grey's exploits in the secret realm, he always gives the Gnomes a run for their money, why the sudden change?

He wanted to ask, but then he realized Grey purposely left out that detail which meant he didn't want to disclose it.

"Alright, you can use it." He readily agreed.

Grey thanked him and left with Robert. The others were left to stay in the Burchard manor.

Chapter 1449 Tricking The Prince

Grey and Robert headed straight into the portal.

This was Robert's first time entering the secret realm and he was astonished at the energy in the place.

"This is a nice place to train. A shame I'm already at the Peak of the Venerable Plane, I would've stayed here a little longer." Robert commented.

Grey nodded, this was a good place to train, but he wasn't interested in training. He wanted to complete what brought him here and head back to the Pyrmond Faction. He planned to visit his parents on the way to the Faction.

"Let's get to work. A Peak Venerable will do nicely." Grey flew up and flew in the direction of the Gnome's camp.

He knew where it was located after attacking the place the last time, so they didn't have to go through the stress of searching for it.

'I wonder if they still gather there.' He thought as he flew in that direction. On the way, he sensed some Gnomes, but he didn't bother with them as their level was too weak. He wanted someone strong and also with a strong background. That way, he would be privy to some secrets of the Gnomes.

It didn't take long for them to get to the place, and when they got there, Grey and Robert hid, hiding their aura as well. Grey didn't want the Gnomes to know of his presence here. He didn't want to kill anyone, and didn't want to draw the ire of the Gnomes towards the humans in this place when he's gone.

They looked at the place and started screening the candidates. He wanted to see if any of the Princes were present, but even after they waited for two hours, he didn't see any signs of the Princes, and rushing into the place would only alert the people there.

'Void, do you remember the faces of the Princes?' He asked Void who was sleeping in his storage ring.

'No. I'll break through soon, don't disturb me.'

Void's reply wasn't what Grey expected, but the news of Void breaking through soon was amazing. Void rarely trains, all he does is to eat and sleep, yet he is able to actually break through with such ease.

To a certain extent, Grey was a little jealous of Void's method of cultivation. How does sleeping make one advance?

Well, Void has eaten a large amount of natural treasures which are all helpful to him and make him grow faster, but the fact that unlike others, he didn't need to cultivate was painful to think about.

Grey left Void alone and looked to the large building, and after a while he looked at Robert.

"You're a Necromancer, Gnomes have a close relationship with Necromancers." He pointed out.

Robert nodded, "There have been times I heard that some meetings were held with Gnomes."

"Are you implying I walk in there?" He asked Grey.

"Yes, since you're a Necromancer, they won't attack you. They will allow you to walk amongst them freely, they might even want your help with targeting humans." Grey explained.

The plan was to get Robert to lure the people out and they subdue the person so Robert can work on the person. According to what Robert told Grey, the person must be subdued so he can penetrate the person's brain with his mental energy. After doing that, he would do whatever he wanted.freewin.com

"Alright, I will go in and bring someone out." Robert nodded and then stood up, walking towards the gate that led into the place.

The Gnome's hideout was like a small town, with a large gate. There were houses in different parts of the place.

The second Robert walked close to the place, three Gnomes stepped out and prepared to attack.

Robert already expected this and quickly brought out one of his puppets, "I'm a Necromancer, I want to come see your leader, I have a proposal for him."

The Gnomes that came out were in the Early stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane, when they saw the puppets, they held back, but they were still prepared to attack.

"A low life form like you think you can see the Prince?" One of the Gnomes said in disgust.

Robert looked at the Gnomes and saw contempt in their eyes, it was clear they didn't think highly of humans.

Grey knew the Gnomes felt they were superior to humans, but Robert hadn't had any encounters with Gnomes and didn't know how they were toward humans. This was his first encounter and he was surprised at the way these Gnomes looked at him.

"This is something the Prince would not want to miss out on. If he finds out that you made him miss such an opportunity, you will regret it." Robert didn't let their gaze and words bring him down.

He looked at them with cold eyes and said, "If you don't want me to go to him, I will leave. But the Prince will eventually find out about this and he will send for me, but it will be too late then."

The three Gnomes exchanged glances and then decided to take Robert inside. They didn't know if he was lying or not, but they didn't want to offend the Prince. The Prince has been in a bad mood for some months now.

Robert was escorted into the place, heading for the castle that was situated in the camp. This was the place the Prince resided.

He looked around and saw other Gnomes looking at him with scorn, they clearly didn't think highly of any human, not even one that was a Necromancer.

Robert didn't mind the looks as he walked towards the building.

Inside the building.

The Prince was seated in the middle seat, and there were five people with him, discussing.

The large metal door was knocked and one of the Gnomes stepped in.

"My Lord, there's a human here to see you, he said he has a proposal you won't want to miss for you."
The Gnome said while bowing.

The Prince looked at the Gnome and said, "Bring him in."

If Grey were here, he would've recognized the Prince. It was none other than the Seventh Prince, someone he had encountered on both sides of the secret realm.

The Gnome went outside and brought Robert into the place.

One of them pushed Robert at the back and said coldly, "Bow."

Robert looked at him, and then turned to the Prince, bowing slightly before looking him in the eyes.

"You said you have a proposal for me, I'm listening." The Prince went straight to the point.

"I would like to talk to you alone, my Prince." Robert said.

The seventh Prince looked at the five people in the room with him and signaled for them to step outside. They didn't go far away, just by the door.

"Don't come close, say whatever you want to say from there." The Seventh Prince said when he saw Robert taking a step.

Robert halted and said, "There's an important person that is coming in here later today. She's the daughter of one of the top powerhouses in my Continent."

"Of what use is this information to me?" The Seventh Prince asked coldly.

"Here's the thing. I know you're looking to apprehend Grey Dawson. This person has a bad relationship with the Dawson Family. My proposal is this, kidnap the daughter and offer to make an exchange for the head of Grey Dawson with this man. He will not think twice about doing the exchange." Robert explained.

When the Seventh Prince heard this, he stood up.

"This is a good plan. When is this person coming? I need them caught immediately!" The Seventh Prince was excited. Grey was his greatest enemy, he wanted Grey to die at all costs. He had never thought of doing something like this, nor had such an opportunity come his way.

Now that Robert brought such information for him, he was thrilled. This was finally the chance he was searching for to kill Grey.

"My Prince, what about the rewards?" Robert asked with a little smile.

"You will be rewarded when the mission is complete. I'll put you in charge of bringing this person over. You must bring them or I'll have you killed." The Seventh Prince said.

Robert bowed and said, "Thank you, my Prince. I will surely deliver her to you. But I can't do it alone."

"She will be protected by top experts during her time here. There's no way I can deal with them alone."

The Seventh Prince nodded, "Naturally, I'll send my top experts to assist you. Just say what you need."

Robert bowed and told the Prince he would be leaving in a few hours and the Prince should call over the people who would be following him. He didn't need too many people, three would be fine.

The Prince summoned his two strongest experts and told them to follow Robert as he left.

Chapter 1450 Kill Anyone To Stand In The Way

Grey was waiting outside when he saw Robert walking out of the Gnome camp with two Peak Venerables. Even from the distance, he could tell these people were very strong.

'How did he get them to send these two with him so quickly?' Grey didn't know what Robert spoke with the Prince, so he was a little startled that the Prince sent these two with him.

Grey didn't know which of the Princes were present here, but he knew one of them would at least be here and experts like these two are those who are charged with protecting the Prince.

He didn't think too much about it, there was no reason thinking about it. The plan was to immobilize these two and send them back to force out whichever Prince is hidden there. If Grey could get a Prince under Robert's control, they might be able to acquire a shocking amount of information.

Grey wore a cloak and covered his face, he didn't want to be recognized by these Gnomes. As long as they don't recognize him, they will bring out their puppets which will make taking them down very easy for Grey. This was Grey's plan, and since he had Robert there with him, he was certain of victory.

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Some kilometers away from the Gnome camp.

Robert suddenly stopped and looked around, lost in thoughts.

The duo following him stopped as well, when they saw his gaze, one of them said coldly, "You better keep moving, I'm not in the mood to entertain these things. If not for the importance of your information, we would've killed you."

Robert turned around with a smile, "Oh really? I wonder what you will want to do when you know what I have planned for you guys."

The duo changed their expression and turned hastily, and a powerful bolt of lightning was heading their way.

"You traitor! I told the Prince never to believe your kind." One of them shouted as he blocked the attack with the help of his companion.

The strength of the attack was beyond what one of them could block alone. Luckily, they weren't alone, and with the help of each other, they managed to block the attack.

"So powerful! Take out your puppet. Kill that fraud, I'll kill this person." The Gnome who threatened to kill Robert said to the other one.

The duo quickly brought out four puppets each, all at the Peak of the Venerable Plane.

Robert felt his heart palpitate when he saw this. There was no way he could control so many top puppets at the same time. Yes, he could control the minds of three people at the same time, but that was relatively not as taxing as doing something like this.

'They truly are the originators of the technique.' He said internally as two Peak Venerables appeared beside him.

This was his limit, any more than this and he will most likely not be able to control them fully.

The Gnome snorted coldly when he saw the puppets Robert brought out. He attacked, having the numbers advantage, he was able to quickly get the upper hand.

The other Gnome was rushing in the direction Grey's figure was standing.

Grey didn't rush to attack, only staring at the scene. The incoming Gnome and his puppets didn't worry him, his eyes were kept on Robert who wasn't on the same level as the Gnome.

'Four Peak Venerables. How interesting.' He thought as he looked at the Gnome that was already so close.lights

Just when the Gnome was about to attack, Grey took a step forward and the Gnome, to his greatest surprise, froze. He didn't know what happened, but he didn't have control over his body with that step from Grey.

His eyes widened, but there was no way to speak, the reason for that was standing before him, his hand on the stomach of the Gnome. The Gnome snapped out of it, but it was too late, Grey had already sealed his cultivation. Not everyone is as abnormal as Robert who had a twin brother that was comfortably living inside him with a separate core.

Without his ability to use essence, the body of the Gnome fell to the ground helplessly.

Grey didn't rush, rather, he moved to Robert and with a simple glance, the man fighting with Robert froze.

Robert was already waiting for this, and he quickly sealed the core of the Gnome.

He was even faster than Grey when it got to this.

"Thank you."

After saying this, before Grey could even reply, he had already gotten to work, placing one hand on the head of the Gnome and another on the stomach, directly on the spot where the core is located.

Grey didn't bother with him and went over to bring the Gnome he sealed.

When he got to the place, the Gnome had started to run, hoping to escape from Grey. Grey didn't know what to think and with a blink, he appeared in front of the Gnome.

"Where are you going?" He asked calmly.

"You're Grey Dawson." The Gnome pointed at him.

"What if I am?" Grey didn't deny the Gnome's words.

"Why... why are you here?" The Gnome asked

"I was bored, I needed something to excite me." Grey sat down close to him before saying, "Tell me, what is the plan to take over my world?"

"Simple, kill anyone who stands in our way of control." The Gnome replied confidently. Even if he was captured by Grey, he was still a top expert who was part of the prestigious Gnome race.

To all Gnomes, all humans are below them. Humans are inferior beings and shouldn't fight back even when being killed.

"Nice plan. Looks like you won't be able to do something like that." Grey told the Gnome as he dragged him back to where Robert was located.

"Done?" He asked when he returned.

"I still need some time, maybe two hours." Robert replied.

Grey didn't argue with him, he walked to the side and sat down cross-legged.