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Chapter 1451 Hi There, It's Been A While

"My Prince, we need you to come see this yourself. It's a serious matter."

"You're saying you two found a treasure and that filthy human attacked you?"

"Yes, he couldn't defeat us. He has a few tricks, but we dealt a deadly blow to him. If not for the fact that he self-destructed his Peak Venerable puppets, he would've been dead by now."

"Where's the treasure now?"

"That's the thing, we can't take it out of the place, if not, it'll not be as effective as it is there."

The Seventh Prince took a close look at the duo who had their heads bowed. These were the two people who he sent out to follow Robert to apprehend the human girl, he never expected something like this would happen that would cause a fight to break out between them.

"Humans are always greedy, hence their decline." The Seventh Prince snorted and stood up.

"Take me there, we should be fast before that guy comes back with reinforcement." He ordered.

"Don't worry my Prince, there's no way other humans will be as unruly as him to come there, except for 'him'." One of the Gnomes said.

When the Gnome said 'him', the Seventh Prince knew who he was talking about and snorted coldly.

"He's not here, if he is we would've gotten wind of it and ended that bastard."

The duo didn't speak and led the Prince out. For precautionary measures, the Prince took two more Peak Venerables with him. There's a chance that humans would come to the place, so there was no harm in being prepared.

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As the duo led the Prince over, Grey was standing with Robert, amazed at how easy it was for him to control them. After Robert finished working on the first guy, he asked for the other one which Grey gave to him. It took some hours, but he finished working on both and they completely forgot what happened prior to the attack. In fact, they didn't have the knowledge of them leaving the Gnome camp.

"Are you sure this thing doesn't mess with their heads later?" Grey couldn't help but ask. He found it surprising that something like this didn't have any side-effects.

"None of the people I've controlled has ever shown any signs of side-effects. I made sure to complete my study before actually putting it to use on my siblings. A few people died in the process, but it is for a just cause." Robert explained.

"There's nothing particularly 'just' about this. But as long as you're not doing it to anyone close to me, and you're under me, you're I'm good." Grey didn't see anything wrong with what Robert was doing. When he was trying to remove the mark, he did a lot of experiments before finding out that he could use life force to remove it.

A lot of people were sacrificed in the end, and thanks to their sacrifice, he was also able to remove the mark from someone else as well, saving the person's life in the process.

"Make sure one of them is standing close to one of the people sent here. I'd like it if the two of them are standing side by side, if you can not do that, just ensure one of those guys is standing next to them." Grey ordered.

Robert understood what Grey meant by this. Grey was planning to use the same attack method he used when they went to that island. Switch places with one and kill the unsuspecting one, while Robert handles the one he switched places with, leaving the Prince all alone.lights

To be honest, this was a very unique and frightening skill. If caught off-guard, no one, unless the person's cultivation level is well above Grey's own, could block it.

Grey waited patiently for the group to arrive. After a few minutes of waiting, Grey saw the silhouettes arriving from the distance, even before the person leading could be seen, Grey already knew who it was.

"Haha, who would've thought it's this guy again." He laughed at the sight of the Seventh Prince.

He never thought the Seventh Prince would be the one there. There had been so many encounters between the two and Grey has always come out on top whenever they clashed.

'This will be fun.' He smiled.

Robert heard Grey's statement and thought about what Grey made him say. Now he understood the meaning behind the word 'him', and why the Prince had such reactions to it.

Robert did as told and ensured that the duo who accompanied the Prince were standing close to each other. It wasn't difficult since all he had to do was to make the two guys he was controlling stand on the same side and discuss certain issues under their breath. The other two naturally teamed up.

The Seventh Prince couldn't be bothered with what was happening. He told them to find the girl once they were done with this.

As they headed closer to the place, the Seventh Prince felt unsettled, for some reason, he felt something was wrong.

'Since I encountered him, I've been worrying whenever I leave the castle.'

Although the Prince didn't want to accept it, he couldn't deny the fact that Grey had cast a shadow on his head which was playing with him.

The sooner Grey was caught and killed, the better his life would be.

'I just need to end him. Even if not personally, at least I should be involved in it.'

The Prince was lost in thought when he suddenly felt a fluctuation in the space behind him.

His pupils dilated because he was familiar with this thing. He had experienced it before and knew who it belonged to. Before he could react, it was too late.

Grey had switched places with one of the men behind him and he attacked the other one the second he appeared, immobilizing him with a single attack.

The other guy wasn't as fortunate as this one, Robert directly killed him.

"Hi there, it's been a while." Grey waved with a grin on his face.

Chapter 1452 Nothing Can Go Wrong Now

"You... what are you doing here? They said you were training." The seventh Prince felt chills run down his spine when he saw Grey's evil smile.

He was seriously afraid of encountering Grey. When he had the higher cultivation strength he couldn't beat Grey, now that Grey was the one with a higher cultivation level, it is easy to predict who would win if they fought.

"Nothing, I'm strolling and thought I should come say hi to you." Grey replied calmly, he looked at the duo who were standing there without making any movements.

"Kill him!" The Seventh Prince ordered the two of them, pointing at Grey.

"Hehe, how did you think you got into this situation?" Grey asked with a smile.

The Seventh Prince wore a confused expression on his face, Gnomes would never betray their race for a lowly human, this is something he was well aware of. But from what he was seeing, it was as if these two had pledged allegiance to Grey.

He was about to speak when Robert walked out from the side.

"I told you it would be easy." He commented as he flew to Grey's side.

"You traitor!" The Seventh Prince yelled.

"Stop being dramatic, I promised you the opportunity to capture him. Well, here he is." Robert shrugged, not bothered with the Seventh Prince's enraged look.

The Seventh Prince felt like wiping Robert of the face of the world for that statement. if he had the strength to kill Grey did Robert think they would be in such situations now?

He had encountered Grey on a few occasions and had failed miserably in all attempts to end Grey's life. Even during their last encounter, Grey didn't even look at him which although shameful, he felt relieved Grey didn't try to fight with him. There was no way he could match up with Grey.

Even his elder brother wasn't able to stand up to Grey, how did Robert think he would be able to achieve that?

"If you kill me, my father will raze your world and family to the ground." The Seventh Prince threatened.

"As long as you're dead, I'm good. The fact that you won't see it gives me joy." Grey acted like he didn't mind his family getting slaughtered by the Gnomes.

"Oh, is there a way they can find out who killed you?" Robert asked curiously.

"The entire Gnome race knows the only human who would dare to attack and even kill someone like me is him." The Seventh Prince pointed at Grey.

Robert couldn't help but look at Grey. He didn't think Grey was that famous in the Gnome world. The fact that he hadn't even entered the place yet he was well known goes to show just how terrifying he was as an enemy. To be honest, when he fought him for a few minutes, he could already tell how frightening Grey was. If not for the fact that Grey wanted to make use of his abilities, the chances of him being dead would've been really high.

"How can you keep a Necromancer under you? I wonder how the human world would react to this news." The Seventh Prince thought out loud.

"Haha, I'm surprised you're having such thoughts. Do you think you can actually leave this place, alive?" Grey chuckled.lights

Reality soon dawned on the Seventh Prince, he was alone with Grey, and there was no one who could assist him. What was worse is that he had a special puppet that was in the Sovereign Plane, but it was useless here. The rules of this place made it practically impossible for a Sovereign to appear even for a brief moment.

"Don't worry, I don't want to kill you." Grey said, before adding, "However, I want you to work for me. You see, I plan on entering the Gnome race's world, and who else can help me enter other than the son of the ruler?"

When Robert heard Grey's plan, he almost fell to the ground after losing balance mid-air. The entire Gnome race wanted Grey dead, yet he was planning to get into the Gnome race's world. Only someone as crazy as Grey would have such thoughts in mind.

The fact that he even thought about it alone is enough to tell what type of person he is.

"You want to come to my world? Why go through the trouble of planning all this? You should've told me and I'll personally receive you there." The Seventh Prince replied.

If Grey really wanted to come to his world, of course he would accept him. That would be the easiest way to kill Grey. A single snort from his father will end Grey's miserable life.

As if seeing through the thoughts of the Seventh Prince, Grey said, "You see, I do want you to receive me, but under my terms and my control."

With that statement, Grey moved closer to the Seventh Prince and sealed his cultivation.

"Don't struggle, it will be over soon." Grey said as he sealed the cultivation of the Seventh Prince.

"What are you doing?" The Seventh Prince yelled, scared for his life.

"Don't worry, no harm will come to you." Robert stepped forward and said, before placing one hand on the Seventh Prince's head and another on the stomach.

The Seventh Prince was suspended in that manner and soon lost consciousness after Robert started the entire process.

Grey looked at the Seventh Prince and shook his head. He never thought he would be able to do something like this, but being able to encounter Robert meant that he could think bigger than what he originally wanted.

He had always wanted to visit the Gnome world, but he didn't know how to enter and what awaits him there if he ventured there without sufficient knowledge of the place, but with Robert things would be different. He would not only have someone there, but he would have someone that would be able to gain access to most of the important information of the Gnome world.

"Nothing can go wrong now."

Just as Grey made that statement, Robert spoke up.

"There's an array in his consciousness, I can't break it."

"Fuck me!"

Chapter 1453 Following Him Isn't Bad

"What do you mean his consciousness has an array in it? Is that even possible?" Grey was taken aback.

"There's an array in his consciousness, and as you can see, it's clearly possible." Robert replied.

"Is there a way to go through it?" Grey asked.

"It's beyond anything I've ever seen. You'll have to take a look yourself." Robert made way for Grey.

Grey stood in front of the Seventh Prince and his mental energy burst out. When Robert saw this, a thought came to his head, but then he shook his head. Before he could even begin his plan, Grey might've killed him already.

'Amazing!' He was startled with the amount of mental energy Grey possessed. With such mental energy, Grey would have zero issues with controlling ten Peak Venerables which is something only those in the Sovereign Plane should be able to do.

'What sort of freak is he? Freakishly strong with his elements, and now even his mental energy is far above anything I've ever encountered.'

Robert was stupefied by Grey.

While Robert was still wondering what sort of person Grey was, he heard something that scared him.

"I can work on it, but I'll need a few days. The array is made like an alarm, if tampered with, the person who placed this array there will be able to find out about it." Grey explained.

This was an old array, it was like one of the ones he had been studying recently, and he managed to get a thing or two on this. In fact, this array will also help his general array knowledge after working on it.

Robert was stunned by the fact that Grey said he could crack the array and even do it in a way the person who implanted it wouldn't be able to notice.

They took the Seventh Prince and headed towards a cave. With the disappearance of the Seventh Prince, the Gnomes left were a little worried but also free to go search for treasures.

The secret realm was in a peaceful state, and although fights broke out occasionally, it was natural in this place.

Grey was focused on deciphering the array and also learning the art of mind control from Robert. It was best if he had control over the Seventh Prince. As long as he was the one with control, he could do what he wanted without having to miss anything.

Robert didn't have any issues with teaching Grey the technique, of course, as the creator of the technique, he made sure he was immune to it. This was to ensure that Grey never tries to place him under his complete control. The terrible thing about it is that if Grey were to do so to him, there's no way he would be able to find out, hence the importance of making himself immune to it.

It took Grey three days, but he finally completed his objective. Not only creating a loophole in the array, but also placing the Seventh Prince under his control. When he tried to control the Prince for the first time, he was astounded at the feeling.

'Such a strange concept. I'll make sure this thing is never practiced by anyone else.' He thought to himself.

Robert was a dispensable figure, and he wouldn't mind letting him go now that he could achieve mind control on his own. But he didn't mind having a few people under him so he decided to spare Robert.

He controlled the Seventh Prince for a while, making sure he learned how to use the puppets and everything before scrolling through his storage ring.

This was the Seventh Prince of the Gnome race, of course he would have some invaluable items stored there. And Grey was right, he found some top items, but there was one that caught his attention.

'This thing can help fix leaking cores.' He had read about this particular item before, but it was so rare that finding it was almost impossible. He never expected the Seventh Prince to have one in his possession.

Klaus' father, the Principal, had an issue like this after the final battle at the Azure Continent. The last time he spoke with his Teacher, there wasn't much positive news from him about the Principal's condition. With this, he could help restore the Principal back to normal state.

'If I take this he will notice it, but who cares, there's no way he would know that he's under my control.'

Grey didn't bother about how the Seventh Prince would react when he noticed this item missing and took it. He also took some top notch treasures before sending the Seventh Prince back to the Gnome camp.

The duo who were under Robert's control were sent back with him. The person Grey left alive was killed in the end. Robert couldn't put too many people under his control, and already having these two along with his siblings was taxing.

There was no harm in slowly scraping off some of the Gnome race's strength, although two Peak Venerables aren't that important in the general scheme of things, it didn't matter.

"Alright, we should head back now. There's no point staying here." Grey took the lead as they headed towards the exit.

Robert looked at the back view of Grey, still stumped by what happened these past three days. The fact that Grey not only found the loophole, but also learned the mind control technique in such a short time was monstrous. This shouldn't be possible, but Grey did it.

'Following him might not be bad after all.' He thought as he followed Grey.

Grey and Robert left the secret realm in the same manner they entered, without making any fuss. Other than the person guarding the portal, no other human saw them enter and exit the place.

On the Gnome's end, only Robert was seen, and they didn't know anything about him. The Prince left and returned some days after, rushing into his room and telling the others not to disturb him. Only two people of the four who went out with him returned, and no one questioned him.

Chapter 1454 Lunatics

The duo spent a total of three days in the secret realm before stepping out. When they came out, there wasn't any difference from when they entered the place.

The Elder from the Burchard Family guarding the portal expected to hear stories of Grey's exploits in the secret realm once again, but when he was greeted with people casually stepping out without any breathtaking stories, he was astounded. It was common knowledge that whenever Grey steps foot in the secret realm, he causes chaos in the camp of the Gnomes, sending them into retreat.

As a matter of fact, the geniuses who entered during the time Grey came the last time grew the most. They had the opportunity to explore the place and search for more treasures thanks to the fact that the Gnomes were nowhere to be seen.

Humans and Giants don't have any conflicts and they rarely encounter each other, much less fight for treasures unlike the Gnomes who actively seek out humans. The Gnomes need humans to turn into corpse puppets, so they naturally search for them even when the humans are hiding.

The Burchard Family.

Sylvia was sitting in her courtyard, drinking some tea while lost in thoughts. Her serene appearance was a contrast to her feisty nature. The flowers in the courtyard made the atmosphere exceptionally calm as she looked into the sky.

"I never thought I would see you in such a manner." Grey's voice brought her back from her train of thoughts.

Sylvia turned to look at him with a dazzling smile, "You returned earlier than I expected."

"Yes, I've accomplished what took me there." Grey nodded and took a seat.

"Your friends went out to explore the City, they will be back shortly. Why don't we reminisce about the old times?" Sylvia offered Grey a cup of tea.

Grey didn't shy away and took the cup, taking a gulp down, "As much as I didn't like how you oppressed me, I must say your aggressive method was quite effective."

"It's not aggression, you're just not wanting to grow and I had the feeling I needed you." Sylvia chuckled and added, "In the end, I indeed needed you. You helped us defeat them, which was out of my expectations at the time. After all, you were only a weak Origin Plane Elementalist at the time."

"Thinking about it now, I wonder what came over me to believe someone like you would be able to help us in such a battle." Sylvia shook her head.

Grey didn't know the answer to this as well, it was a battle on a stage that he couldn't dare to think of at that time, yet he still managed to not only attend, but even defeat the top people there. It was an interesting experience.

The duo continued talking and before they knew it, a few hours had gone by. They spoke about their travels and how Sylvia forcefully made Grey fight battle after battle at that time.

"My friends are back. We better get going, a war we can't escape is coming, and I don't want to be a burden to my parents." Grey stood up, before walking in the direction of the exit.

"What did you do in the secret realm?" Sylvia asked, making Grey stop in his tracks.lights

"Let's say I found a way to sneak into the Gnome world." Grey grinned as he replied, "Don't divulge this information, the entire Gnome world wants me dead. It's best if they don't expect me."

Sylvia dumbfoundedly stared at Grey, unable to utter a word, she watched as Grey's back view disappeared from her courtyard. She couldn't believe what she just heard. Grey, a known fugitive of the Gnome world, wanted to sneak into the Gnome world.

'I think the repeated battles have messed up with his head.'

This was the only thought in Sylvia's head, she couldn't even stand up, much less think of how to divulge such information. Even if she was being beaten, if she said something like this, the people would think she's crazy and might angrily kill her. Only a crazy fellow would dare to make such statements.

"He truly is something else." She gave a self-deprecating laugh as she continued drinking her tea.

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Grey and his friends left the Burchard manor immediately.

When the others saw Grey, they didn't ask any questions and decided to continue their journey.

On the way, they heard something that made their blood boil. Grey wanted to sneak into the Gnome world, and he wanted them to come with him.

This was heaven-shaking news. If they entered the Gnome world and caused havoc there, they would be able to slow down the process with which the Gnomes would want to invade their world. Of course, there's also the possibility of them increasing the speed. All in all, it was a risk worth taking. Grey and his friends were a group of psychopaths, and it's natural that none of them even had the slightest hesitation towards this, rather, they were all riled up.

Among the group, Robert was the only one who was thinking properly, and he was praying deep down that when the day comes, Grey wouldn't need him to accompany him. Actually, one of the reasons he willingly taught Grey the mind control technique was due to this fear. Yes, Grey wanted to enter the Gnome world, but what about him? Did Grey think he would actually follow him there?

If he was in control of the Seventh Prince, there's a chance he would have no choice, but when he's not in control, he doesn't have to worry about anything.

'You can go there and get captured, I'm not going there with you!' This was the only thing in Robert's head.

The group of friends discussed what they would potentially do in the Gnome world while Robert watched the lunatics as they ventured deep into the Middle Continent, on their way to the Western Continent.

This set of lunatics were on a mission to save their Continent, but before that, they wanted to cross a massive bridge first, becoming Sovereigns.

Chapter 1455 A Way To Heal The Principal

The Venerable Plane is already such a monumental Plane to reach as an Elementalist, but that wasn't the end, to some extent, some might say it's just the beginning. Getting to the Venerable Plane means one has the potential to become a Sovereign.

In the Aurora Continent, Sovereigns were highly regarded. These were the people who show up on most occasions and tend to appear the most. Of course, the true people pulling the strings were those above the Sovereign Plane, but getting to the Sovereign Plane means one has the opportunity to take the step further and become a Half God, and existence akin to a God. According to what Grey knows, his father had already taken the step years ago.

From what he heard, his father is the fastest person to take that step in the last one thousand years or so. He didn't know how difficult it is and neither had he heard anyone speak about it, but given the way it was written in the books he had read, he knew it was something that isn't easy to accomplish.

Grey had always wondered if Void would sleep and then just wake up as a Half God Magical Beast someday. If others hear about that, they might pluck out their eyes. Only someone like Void could achieve something like this with such ease.

Void was currently on the verge of breaking through to becoming a Sovereign. Once he achieves that, then the Half God Plane would be within sight. One thing Grey had heard about the Half God Plane is that it's even harder than when one is breaking through to become a Sovereign.

This is expected since he's already aware that with his Plane, the difficulty of breaking through increases exponentially. There are people who still haven't been able to get past the Origin Plane even before Grey was born, and till date, they're still trying to break through that Plane. Some of them were regarded as geniuses while they were in lower Planes, and even after getting to the Origin Plane.

But they will run out of luck and their cultivation will stagnate, without moving an inch, no matter how hard they try. A few eventually break through after trying all sorts of things, while others remain in that Plane until the end of their lifespan. This is a sad reality all Elementalists have to live with.

Grey was also stuck in the Origin Plane for a long time, and only after figuring out he needed to increase his physical strength did he finally break through the gap. There are others who need just a little enlightenment and they will be able to soar, but not everyone is lucky.

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The group soon got to the Western Continent, and of all of them, Alice's Faction was the first they would get through.

"After getting to the Sovereign Plane, we will meet up to go-ahead with our plan." Grey said as Alice was about to depart from the group.

"You better hurry up, I don't like waiting." Klaus said.

"What are you babbling about?" Reynolds snorted and said coldly, "Do you think you will break through before us?"

"Obviously." Klaus replied matter-of-factly, he looked at Grey and said, "Other than him, no one else is as fast as I am when cultivating. I even caught up with him. Do you think we're on the same speed level?"

"I can still beat you up." Reynolds commented.

"Don't think because I don't like testing your strength means I'm afraid of you. I can beat you with my eyes closed." Klaus said in all seriousness.

"Haha, even if I don't use my Elemental Warrior, you can't beat me." Reynolds retorted.

"Want to try?" Klaus asked with an evil smile.

"I'm not stupid, Klaus. Of course not." Reynolds didn't blink as he replied.

Only Klaus would shamelessly want to fight him, an Eighth stage Elemental Venerable while being at the Peak. Not just that, but adding the fact that Klaus was freakishly strong among those at the Peak.

"Stop being shameless Klaus." Alice joined in on the conversation.

"I'm just saying he should not say things he can't do." Klaus shrugged.

Everyone looked at him when he made this statement, even Robert who was standing some meters away from the group. He has traveled with them long enough to know that Klaus always says things he can't achieve.

There was a time they were surrounded by a group of Magical Beasts at the Peak and Klaus shamelessly said he could fight all of them on his own. Did he do it though? Of course not!

Klaus ran into their midst, forcing them to fight with the Beasts. In the end, they ran away after a stalemate.

Of everyone present, Klaus was the one who shouldn't even speak about this topic.

Klaus wasn't bothered with their looks, he said in all seriousness, "Next time, don't say things like this."

Alice gave up and hugged the group while saying her goodbyes before walking towards her Faction. If she didn't do this, Klaus didn't seem to have any plans of stopping his bullshit.

Klaus and Reynolds continued bickering as they went on with the journey. Reynolds' Faction was the next stop. Surprisingly, Grey's Faction was next after Reynolds, but he wanted to visit his parents. This meant he would go close to Klaus' Faction, but he still won't get there.

The group traveled for a few more days before Reynolds was left at his Faction. Klaus urged Grey that they should move at a slower pace, he didn't want to return to his Faction so soon, but Grey wasn't having it. He had important things to attend to and needed to make sure he wasn't delayed.

As they were walking, Grey stopped Klaus to tell him about something he found.

"You're saying it can help my father restore his core?" Klaus asked, agitated.

"That's the use, but we'll only know after we see the Principal." Grey answered.

"Let's go then, what are we waiting for?"

"Calm down. I need to be sure of something first."

Chapter 1456 Short Reunion

"What do you mean you need to be sure of something?" Klaus asked, still agitated.

"I don't want a situation where it won't work. So I'll confirm from my father if this is what I want and then relay the message to Teacher." Grey explained.

"Uncle Chris will understand. Just tell him it might help." Klaus didn't want to wait.

"We've waited for years, what's the point of rushing now?" Grey wasn't in support of rushing, like Klaus.

Klaus thought about it and seeing it from Grey's end, he knew Grey was right.

"Thank you." He said softly.

"For what?" Grey couldn't help but ask.

"Keeping my father in your head. If he hasn't recovered, this should be of great value to him." Klaus said with a serious expression.

"Don't be like that. He's my Principal, and I'm part of the reason he ended up like that." Grey didn't feel he was doing anything out of the ordinary.

"I know, but thank you either way." Klaus said sincerely.

Grey looked at Klaus' serious face and couldn't help but laugh. This was not the normal Klaus he knew, but since Klaus was serious, he wouldn't say anything else.

The duo continued their journey, and on the way, they were forced to stop.

A group was blocking their path, and they wanted payment if the group wanted to pass through this place. If they want to go around, it will take around a week or so. This was the fastest way to get to their destination.

The group blocking their path didn't actually have the strength of a Peak Venerable which made the duo laugh at them.

Klaus could easily turn them all to an ice statue without much effort.

Klaus, who was in a hurry for Grey to speak to his father, didn't even have any time to speak with these people, he directly froze one of them and the others escaped, not daring to fight with them.

Grey laughed "You didn't kill him, did you?"

"Nah, he'll be good in a few hours." Klaus replied.

Grey didn't speak much, he looked at the ice stature and moved it to the side where it wouldn't be damaged before continuing the journey with Klaus. It was evident Klaus wouldn't leave until this matter was settled.

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A few days later.

Grey and Klaus arrived at the Dawson manor.

Grey was already well-known there and he didn't have to stop for any inspection. He took Klaus inside and headed straight for his parent's building. When he got there, no one was home.

The duo went over to Grey's place, waiting for his parents to come back. Grey knew his parents was always busy, but he was a little taken aback when he didn't find the little girl he brought back the last time.

He didn't think too much about it and waited at his place, he knew they would return eventually.

They didn't have to wait for too long, after two days, his father was the first to return.

"Where's mother?" He asked when he saw his father.

"She went out to train the little one. They should be back in a month or so." Lucas replied.

Grey didn't think too much about it, he went straight to why Klaus was still waiting.

"Where did you find this?" Lucas questioned the second he saw the item in Grey's hands, he didn't even reply Grey's question.

"The Prince of the Gnome race had it. He offered it to me so I won't kill him." Grey said.

Lucas looked at Grey, finding it hard to believe this, but he didn't ask too many questions.

Grey didn't say anything else. He knew his father would never agree to him wanting to enter the Gnome world, so there was no need to tell him about it. At least not now.

Klaus was the one who didn't even speak, he only looked on as Lucas studied the item. After some time, Lucas spoke up.

"This should be able to heal an Elementalist's core, but it depends on the damage dealt to it. There are damages that can not be healed." Lucas explained.

Grey went on to tell Lucas about the Principal and how he wanted to use this to heal him.

"You can try, but given the time difference, I'm not very optimistic about your chances." Lucas told them his opinion.

This was a very important treasure and wasting it on someone that doesn't have any hopes of healing wasn't something he could bring himself to accept. However, this item belonged to Grey and he didn't have much say on what it could be used for, especially since the Principal sustained his injuries because of Grey.

Grey told him of his desires and he encouraged it.

Klaus felt hopeful when he heard this. As long as his father could be healed, he was satisfied.

Grey didn't waste any time and contacted his Teacher. Luckily, there was a means of communication between the two, and even though they rarely use it, it was still there.

Grey's Teacher replied quickly, telling him of his intentions to come to the Aurora Continent for an errand. As much as it sounded odd in Grey's ears, there was nothing he could do.

"Teacher will come next week. I'll pass it over to him when he comes." Grey relayed the message to Klaus.

"I would like to see Uncle Chris, it's been a while I saw him." Klaus said.

Grey didn't have any issues with this. To be fair, he also wanted to see his Teacher. The last time his Teacher came to the Aurora Continent, he didn't have the chance to see him. Now, he had the chance to see him.

The duo stayed at the Dawson manor until Chris was available.

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"Isn't this where he said we're going to meet?"

Klaus asked as they waited for Chris.

"Yes. Now we wait." Grey replied.

"We've been waiting for a while now."

"It's not even been one hour."

"That's still long."

"If you don't want to wait, you can leave, you know."

"I'll wait. It's not like I have anything to do in the Faction."

"Then shut up."

"Don't tell me what to do."

Grey and Klaus continued bickering until a silhouette teared through the void and appeared before them.

"How come you are in this exact location?" The figure asked with a shocked expression.

"I'm familiar with places that has a high spatial fluctuations, so I located this place." Grey replied.

"You have the space element?" Chris asked when he heard Grey's explanation.

"Pretty much." Grey shrugged.

When he sensed his Teacher's cultivation stage, he was shocked. He couldn't sense it at all. This meant he was either in the Sovereign Plane or didn't have a cultivation base. Grey believed it was the former instead of the latter. He couldn't believe his Teacher was actually in the Sovereign Plane.

One has to know that they were advancing at a frightening speed, yet his Teacher was faster.

"Oh, you're already at the Peak of the Venerable Plane." Chris was taken aback.

He thought he was the fastest person, but he never thought Grey and Klaus would already be at the Peak of the Venerable Plane.

"Teacher, you're already in the Sovereign Plane." Grey replied, "I'd say you're the fastest person here."

"I'm your Teacher, do you expect us to be in the same category?" Chris asked with a scoff.

Grey didn't say anything, but Chris could see the reply on his face.

Grey caught up with Sylvia who had a higher cultivation stage than his Teacher at the time. He thought he would be ahead of his Teacher, but seeing that his Teacher had a higher cultivation stage, he was shocked.

Chris wasn't bothered with Grey facial expression, he looked at Klaus and said, "You too. How come you're also at the Peak of the Venerable Plane?"

"Uncle, I have a better talent than you, remember?"

"No one has a better talent than I do." Chris didn't even hesitate to say.

"What about him?" Klaus looked at Grey.

"He's my student. Of course he's supposed to be special." Chris said shamelessly.

One has to know that he didn't teach Grey for a long time, yet he was shamelessly saying Grey should have a good cultivation stage at the moment.

"Uncle, how's my father?" Klaus asked.

"He's fine. Can't cultivate, but fine." Chris replied.

Klaus' expression dropped when he heard this. He didn't think the situation was still the same.

"Didn't you say you would help?" Klaus asked.

"I'm doing all I can. But there's no way I can help him." Chris replied downcasted.

"He's here with a way to help." Klaus pointed at Grey.

"I know."

Grey looked at the duo and said, "I can speak now, correct?"

"Yes. Go ahead." Klaus replied.

Grey glared at him but didn't say anything, he showed his Teacher the item and his Teacher took it.

"Why are the Gnomes looking for you?"

Chapter 1457 Short Reunion II

"A long story." Grey scratched the back of his head with an awkward chuckle, but when he saw his Teacher's look, he coughed lightly and explained, "I have a way to make them almost useless..."

Grey went on to tell Chris about his first encounter with a Necromancer and how he managed to figure out a way to remove the mark from his body.

Chris listened intently, he never thought something like this would happen to Grey, but to be honest, he didn't think it was out of the ordinary. When he recalled what happened when Grey entered the trial lands for the first time, he knew Grey was a magnet for trouble.

"Haha, such a good student of mine. Now, come here, tell me how it works." Chris laughed before moving closer to Grey, placing one hand across his shoulder.

"Well, it's not entirely something anyone else can do. There's no point in telling you since there's no way you can use it." Grey replied.

Chris looked at him then threw a glance at Klaus who gave a nod of approval. Seeing Klaus' nod, Chris dropped his head. He knew about the Gnomes and was interested in being able to weaken them just as much as his student, but seeing that there was no way for Grey to teach it to anyone else, he didn't speak about it anymore.

"You two seem to be doing well." Chris said while properly looking at them. He could sense the insane amount of vitality in the bodies of the duo.

"Uncle, why do you look younger?" Klaus asked with a smile.

"What do you mean look younger? I've always looked like this." Chris retorted shamelessly.

"If I recall, at the time I saw you in Red City, you looked a little old." Grey commented.

"You're my student, you're supposed to be on my side." Chris glared at Grey before continuing, "Also, I've always looked this young. I was just keeping a facade so I won't be disturbed by ladies."

The trio spoke for a while before Void and the bunny leader appeared.

When Chris saw the bunny leader, his reaction was one of anger, and he was prepared to attack.

"You know this guy?" Grey asked when he saw his Teacher's reaction.

"That stupid rabbit tricked me into its area and had me beaten by some bigger ones. I had to force it to escape after growing stronger." Chris pointed at the bunny leader.

Grey threw a glance at the bunny leader who dropped its head, pretending it didn't hear Chris' statement.

"Well, looks like I wasn't the only one it tormented." Grey laughed.

Chris stared at it, then at Void before saying with an evil smile, "Want to make me bunny soup? It's been a while since I ate it. And as we have it, we have a good one here."

The bunny leader disappeared the second it heard Chris' words. There was no way he would stay here any longer. Chris seemed to still hold a grudge against it and he didn't want to forgive it even though it was with Grey.

Grey laughed when he saw the bunny leader's reaction before answering his Teacher, "I can search for another bunny here. It won't take long."

"Get to it then, I'll speak with my nephew." Chris waved his hand and moved closer to Klaus.

Even though Grey was his student, he had a better relationship with Klaus since he saw Klaus grow up.

Klaus was also very comfortable with Chris and the duo started to talk about their journeys.

Chris hadn't been doing anything dangerous for some time now. He had been sent on multiple missions by the Old man who was training him, but none of the missions were dangerous. He was sent to locate some Factions that were dormant just like the Old man's Faction.

With a special token, he could locate and even enter these places before communicating with the guardians there. He had been to a total of eight and would be heading to another one after he was done with the boys.

It didn't long for Grey to return with a dead bunny in his hand. The bunny leader was very efficient and found one very quickly.

Grey prepared bunny soup for the group and they all ate, with the exception of the bunny leader who was seemingly sad at the demise of the bunny. It felt that bunny would've been good for his army, it was already at the Peak of the Sage Plane and would be getting to the Venerable Plane in a short time. Yet it was taken down with a single attack by Grey.

The bunny leader didn't speak much while the others ate. During the entire period it was there, Chris was giving it menacing looks and it shuddered at the thought of Chris attacking.

Chris was a Sovereign, not a Venerable he could easily escape from. If Chris wanted to attack, it would be dead. But from the relationship between Grey and him, it was obvious Chris was restraining himself.

To be fair, it indeed terrorized Chris. Tricking him to believe it was defenseless while taking him to his area where the other bunnies ganged up on him. In the end, Chris was only able to escape after sustaining some injuries. But who could be blamed, Chris wanted to take some of the items from its garden. It didn't like sharing those things.

Grey didn't know the details of what happened between them, and when he asked his Teacher for more details, his Teacher sent him flying.

This casual strike from his Teacher showed him the massive gap between a Venerable and a Sovereign. He didn't even have time to react before he was sent flying. His Teacher was lenient, making sure the attack wasn't harmful. He just wanted to make sure Grey was sent flying for asking such questions. And when Grey came back, his soup mysteriously vanished. Well, the plate was still there, but its contents had mysteriously disappeared.

Grey looked at both Klaus and his Teacher, but both of them had the same expression as they did before he was sent flying. It was as if nothing happened.

'Damn it! Now I know where he got his character.'

The more he looked at Klaus, the more he understood the reason he was acting so shamelessly. Growing up with someone like his Teacher by his side, even though the Principal was decent, there was no way Klaus would be decent having someone like that by his side.

Chris was eccentric and did whatever he wanted without fearing what the consequences may be. He was very smart, but his strength made him a somewhat reckless figure who did whatever he wanted. Growing up with someone like that meant the young Klaus would learn from him more than his father since he was the fun one.

Now as Klaus grew older and stronger, he was showing the same attributes of Chris. However, although Chris did whatever he wanted, he was also very smart not to overstep his boundaries. A smart yet reckless individual.

Grey was forced to watch the duo eat, and other than him and the bunny leader, the others were busy munching on bunny meat, while slurping on the soup, Void included.

Grey sat next to the bunny leader and they both entered a silent state, it was almost as if the duo were mourning the dead bunny while the others were enjoying it after its death.

Time passed slowly and after they were done eating, they stayed together a little longer before Chris told them he was leaving for his mission.

After bidding him farewell, it was time for the duo to head back to where they came from. Klaus was going back to the Moonlight Faction to try to break through to the Sovereign Plane, while Grey would head to the Dawson Family first before heading for the Pyrmond Faction. His intention was the same as Klaus', breaking through to the Sovereign Plane.

"Bud, break through as soon as you can. I need to make sure the Gnome world is destroyed by me."
Klaus said.

"You don't entirely have the means or strength of doing that." Grey commented.

"Don't underestimate what I'm capable of doing. Once I get to the Sovereign Plane, my ice abilities will see a greater boost. Even you will show me respect then."

"Good luck with that."

Seeing that there was no way to get through to Grey, Klaus grumpily gave up and said, "I'm being serious, break through soon. The war is closer than we think."

He had a long conversation with Chris so he was privy to some things Grey didn't know about. Chris didn't have the intention of telling Grey.

"I can tell." Grey nodded and looked in the direction his Teacher faced.

He knew the reason Klaus made this statement was because of something his Teacher told him.

The duo didn't speak any longer, after a handshake, the duo went their separate ways.

Chapter 1458 God's Favorites

Three days later.

Grey appeared at the gates of the Pyrmond Faction. He looked at it with some emotions. When he came here he was in the Overlord Plane, but in a matter of a few years, he had grown to the Peak of the

Venerable Plane, on the verge of becoming a Sovereign, being close to the very top of the Aurora Continent, yet he didn't feel safe nor comfortable, rather, there was a force urging him to grow stronger.

He was growing stronger, yet the forces after his life were getting even stronger. In the Azure Continent the strongest experts there were only in the Overlord Plane, with a few at the Sage Plane. But now, he was against a foe that had God Plane Elementalists in it. Not just him, but the entire Continent.

The difference between him and the others was that the Gnome race wanted him dead at all costs, while the others could be pardoned if the Aurora Continent was successfully invaded by the Gnomes.

To a certain extent, the humans were all fighting for their lives, but there was a good chance they could also survive under the control of the Gnomes. Yes, they would be restricted from doing certain things, but there was a slight chance they would survive.

Grey was different, with his ability, the Gnomes didn't want him to grow. At the moment, even with his current strength, they feel he's already becoming more of a threat. Someone as dangerous as he is shouldn't have been allowed to grow. However, he was discovered very late which was to his advantage.

At the moment, it was common knowledge that Grey is wanted dead by the Gnomes, and recently, the price placed on his head had been increased.

Grey sorted out his feelings before walking into the Pyrmond Faction. He was still a member of this once prestigious Faction, and would always be. Even though he had some issues with one of the Grand Elders, his status as the son of the great Lucas Dawson was enough to ward off any evil eyes placed on him for the meantime. Other than the Gnomes and Necromancers, the rest didn't want to have any issues with Lucas, hence the reason some people hadn't taken on the task of killing Grey and collecting the rewards.

When Grey entered the Faction grounds, he was surprised that he didn't even get the chance to get to his house before he was teleported to the Faction Leader's place.

Grey bowed to greet the Faction Leader when he saw him. When he sensed the teleportation energy, he knew where it was coming from so he didn't fight it.

"Peak of the Venerable Plane. A prodigy from the Dawson Family indeed." The Faction Leader nodded in approval when he saw Grey's current cultivation stage.

He knew Grey was going to get to the Sovereign Plane faster than his father, Lucas Dawson, but it is looking like it would be faster than what he imagined.

"It's good you've returned safely from your journey." He added.

"Thank you." Grey bowed once more.

"I'm sorry for this, but I was looking for the perfect person to send out for a mission, and since you're here, I couldn't help it." The Faction Leader gave a wry smile.

Grey wanted to reject, but seeing the Faction Leader's sorry expression, he knew he was doing it because there was no other option.

"What is it about?" He questioned.

"You have to escort some of the weaker members into a region and ensure they don't get attacked by Rank Seven Magical Beasts while they train." The Faction Leader explained.

"Can't one of the Elders in the Faction do it?" Grey raised a brow.

From his perspective, this was something one of the Faction Elders should be doing. He wanted to get to the Sovereign Plane. Within these past three days, Void had gotten to the Eighth Rank and has been very cocky.

Whenever Void or Klaus had the higher cultivation stage, they tend to bully him before he catches up. Well, Klaus has always failed, rather, he was beaten up instead. Void on the other hand was too strong and he only attempts this when he's in another Plane. Since Grey caught up with him, he stopped training with Void as much as he used to.

"You're one of the Elders of the Faction, and has recently been announced as one of the potential next Faction Leader." The Faction Leader replied with a grin.

"Uh?" Grey was speechless when he heard this.

He rarely spent time in the Faction since he found out he was from the Dawson Family, yet he was already an Elder and also announced as one of the potential future Faction Leaders?

"I'm sorry, but I can't accept these things. I'm not cut out for leading. I have too many people who want me dead that just being in this Faction is already implicating it." Grey didn't want to take up such a responsibility.lights

"I know, and that will make the others strive to get better, taking this Faction back to where it belongs before the start of the war. In all honesty, I believe you should take up this offer. There are certain things that will be very beneficial to you." The Faction Leader tried to convince Grey.

Grey shook his head, "I'm sorry, but it has never been my intention to rule over a Faction."

The Faction Leader lowered his head when he heard this.

Grey's brows were knitted before he added, "However, I would protect this Faction to the best of my abilities. I've been doing this since I joined the Faction, and until the day I die, I will protect this Faction."

A smile appeared on the face of the Faction Leader when he heard this. To be honest, he was more interested in hearing this than Grey accepting he wanted to become the Faction Leader. Both cases were to the benefit of the Pyrmond Faction, and as long as Grey was willing to protect the Faction, it doesn't matter if he was the Faction Leader or not, at least as long as Grey was alive, they had the backing of the powerful Lucas Dawson.

Grey saw his expression and knew this was what the Faction Leader wanted to hear.

"Also, about the mission..."

"You can't refuse that." The Faction Leader cut Grey off, "You've not been in the Faction for a while now and you need to at least complete some tasks. I'm sorry, but you have to accept it."

"You don't have to worry, they wouldn't be venturing deep into the forest, just enough for them to train." The Faction Leader said, seeing Grey's expression he added, "Also, none of them will be aware of your presence. With your strength, don't tell me you can shield yourself from a bunch of Sage Plane Elementalists."

Grey thought about it and nodded. Since he didn't have any choice, he didn't mind following them. Besides, he had Void who was already a Rank Eight Magical Beast. Void would protect them while he trained somewhere else.

"When are they heading out?" He asked.

"In two days. So you have sometime to rest." The Faction Leader said.

Grey didn't speak any further and left the place, heading to his building.

He was quite famous in the Faction, and the others were able to easily recognize him. As he walked through the Faction, he was getting looks from those around and those in groups started to discuss him. There were a lot of rumors that were about him and one of the most common one was the fact that he was very powerful for his cultivation stage. Not just him, but his group of friends were also very powerful.

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The group of friends were even called 'God's favorites'.

As Grey walked, he heard all sorts of rumors and couldn't help but frown. His reputation had grown more than he expected. He didn't find this pleasing in any way. He liked being anonymous, but with his

present fame, it would be difficult to even walk in the Faction without having so many looks from others.

'Klaus would be enjoying this.' This was the only thing in his head as he dropped his head and walked into his building to hide.

It didn't take long before a visitor arrived. It was none other than Keith, the only person he regarded as a friend in the Faction.

It had been a while he saw Keith, and when Keith entered the place, he found out Keith was already at the Peak of the Sage Plane, and with a little push, he would break through to the Venerable Plane.

"You're back." Keith said as he walked in.

"Yes. I didn't find you in your place so I decided to rest for a bit." Grey nodded.

"I just returned and heard some people talking about you, so I came here as soon as I could." Keith explained.

He tried to sense Grey's cultivation stage, but he couldn't. As a matter of fact, as he tried to sense it, it was as if he was being dragged into the boundless space.

Chapter 1459 Hoping To Awaken Another Domain

Keith couldn't start to comprehend what stage Grey had gotten to now. To be fair, he was growing at a very fast pace, but he paled in comparison to freaks like Grey and his friends. One has to know that they were regarded 'God's favorites' for a reason. At first, Grey was the only one in the limelight, but then the news of three others advancing at a shocking speed started to spread, especially the news of the only male in the Moonlight Faction. It was said that he was an individual the entire Faction was envious of, even the Faction Leader.

Keith didn't think about it much since there was no point in doing so.

Grey spent some time with Keith and found out he was the one leading the group that was about to venture out for training in a forest.

He didn't tell him he would be going with them, but he told him he didn't have anything to fear in the journey as he would be safe. They spoke for a while with Keith telling him about his journey all this while.

Grey listened to everything he was saying while occasionally speaking of similar events he encountered. In general they had a good conversation before Keith left so he could rest.

It had been a while since Grey was settled and felt he was in safe hands, so he did something he hadn't done in a while, which was getting a good sleep.

Elementalists generally don't need sleep. They could stay awake for years, even hundreds of years without sleeping, but occasionally, it was good to have a shut eye. It keeps the mind sharp and refreshed. Grey didn't have any reasons to keep himself awake so he slept.

Time went fast and before long the two days he was given by the Faction Leader arrived.

The lives of the group were placed in his hands and he needed to ensure none of them died. Of course, it didn't mean he had to intervene in whatever battle they were going to have as long as it was within their ability. However, if they were confronted with people above their level, he would step in and ensure that they were safe.

Grey didn't think much about it. All he had to do was scare all the Rank Seven Beasts in the area while keeping the ones in Rank Six there. There's a way for him to do that, without alerting the Rank Six Beasts.

After a short trip, the Pyrmond Faction members were present.

Grey had to follow them through the journey so as to prevent any unforeseen events.

After they got to the place, the first thing he did was to search the area. Only after he didn't find any traces of anyone above the Sage Plane did he go inside, with the others already about to step in.

Grey was very efficient. With Void with him, there was no way anything above the Sage Plane or Sixth Rank could hide from them.

They saw a few Rank Five Magical Beasts at the start of the forest, but they were within the abilities of those who just entered so they didn't bother. Even though Rank Five Magical Beasts should generally be in the depths of the forest, there are a few occasions where they stroll to the edge for certain reasons. This was the reason Grey and Void were at the forefront, ensuring they scouted the place first. They didn't go too far from the group, making sure the group was within their scope.

Void had a larger range than Grey which made it easier for them.

As they headed deeper, the frequency of Rank Five Magical Beasts started to increase and there were even a few Rank Six Beasts that were in the area. But they were still in the Early stages and wouldn't be trouble for a group that had over ten Peak Sage Plane Elementarists.

Soon enough, the number of Rank Six Beasts shot up and Rank Seven Beasts started to appear.

Grey and Void got to work, chasing them away from the area the group wanted to train. They didn't care where they went, but as long as they weren't in this area, they were fine.

The good thing about the Magical Beasts' community is that the Beasts in the Early stages are at the front while those in the Mid stages are above them, and so on. This meant that if they headed deeper, they would mainly encounter Beasts in the Mid stages of the Seventh Rank.

After clearing the area, Grey and Void hid in the skies as they watched the group advance.

To be honest, this was a strange feeling for both. They have always been the ones in these situations while there was a figure watching from afar, keeping them safe. But now, with the increase of their strengths, they are the ones in this situation as they have to protect these weaker people.

Void was about to hide in Grey's storage ring when Grey said.

"I'm going deeper. You're already in the Eighth Rank, watch over them. I need to break through too."

Void didn't even have the time to respond before Grey vanished. In the end, Void was the one who was watching over them while Grey had ventured into the forest.

Void wanted to be the one who entered the forest since there would be good things inside, but Grey was the one who left him there.

He grunted but still stayed to watch over Keith and the others.

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In the deeper parts of the forest.

Grey went straight to the very edge of the part that had Peak Rank Seven Magical Beasts. He knew he could deal with them easily, but after taking a blow from his Teacher, he didn't want to venture into the area of the Rank Eight Magical Beasts.

When Void broke through, he tried to take an attack from him to see the difference between him and a Pseudo-Sovereign, and the difference was beyond words. He didn't know if it was because Void was generally stronger than those in the same stage as himself, but he knew at the very least, Void could kill him with at most three blows. This was a realization that made him know his current place in the world.

Luckily he didn't plan to sneak into the Gnome world while he was still in the Venerable Plane, if not they would've thrown their lives away if they encountered a First stage Sovereign, much less one in the Second or Third stage.

"I need to see if there's any Beasts with special bloodlines present. If there's any, it might be a shortcut to the Sovereign Plane." He murmured to himself.

One of the safest methods Grey knew to improve his strength was by assimilating with Beast blood essence. As long as he gets a top Beast's blood essence, he could easily improve his strength, and there's even the possibility of getting a bonus package as well with it.

This was something he knew all too well, and he enjoyed it. At the moment, he would prefer seeing a Wind Elemental Beast so he could awaken his Wind domain. He already had lightning, fire, water, and earth. If he could add the wind or any other element to it, his strength would skyrocket while having five domains.

This was unheard of, yet there's a possibility Grey would be able to achieve something within such a short time.

He moved across the place while searching for the perfect Beast to take their blood essence, but he didn't find anyone.

'I knew it wouldn't be this easy.' He shook his head with a sigh.

The chances of finding beasts with top bloodlines was very difficult. The beasts that usually have top bloodlines were Dragons, Phoenixes, Griffins. Every beast mentioned there were legendary beasts and always have high and pure bloodlines.

If Grey could capture one of these, he was sure of attaining a good blood essence from them, and being able to awaken whatever elemental domain it's element is. Since he already has the fire, water, lightning, and earth domain, he didn't want to waste his time to capture any of these Elemental Beasts, but if he encountered anyone with either of the four elements he hadn't awakened their domain, then he would capture it with all his might.

However, he knew it was a fool's dream if he believed he could locate one in this area of the forest.

A low leveled Dragon was far superior to these guys, and they usually reside in the depths of the forests, just like any other Magical Beast.

A Rank Five Dragon can easily become king in an area like this, as long as it comes from the depths of the forest. None of these Beasts wants to offend the Dragons, so they would usually let them do as they

pleased. Nevertheless, there are a few Beasts who wouldn't mind becoming enemies with the Dragons as long as they break through to the next Rank.

Chapter 1460 Making A Deal With A Dragon

Grey continued to move across the place in search of the perfect Beast or opportunity for him to break through, while the others were training under the watchful eyes of Void. Although Void can be very nonchalant, as long as he was given the job by Grey, he would do his best to accomplish it.

He didn't want to miss out on Grey's delicacies. Just like Chris, he enjoyed Grey's cooking. Not just Chris, but everyone else that is close to him, Grey's parents included.

While Grey was walking around, he got a message from Void about something he found around the place. He couldn't go and check it out since he couldn't take his eyes off the people training but Grey could go.

Grey didn't think twice about it and hastily rushed back. With his strength it only took a few minutes before he returned.

When he got back, Void told him the area he sensed it and told him that there seemed to be a Peak Rank Seven Beast hiding there too.

The place was around the region Early Rank Seven Beasts usually stay in. Hearing that a Peak Rank Seven Beast was hiding there, Grey knew whatever it is Void sensed was worth it. Without hesitation, he rushed there.

And the closer he got to the place, the more he could feel what Void was talking about. He followed his senses and soon saw a large waterfall. A deep lake was beneath the waterfall.

Grey looked at it and he couldn't sense anything from the waterfall, but the lake itself.

"Underwater. I don't want to improve my water element, but there's no harm in checking out what it is." He murmured and shot into the water.

He was a Water Elementalist so he had no problem with breathing under water. With the help of a few air bubbles, he didn't have any problems.

As he went deeper into the lake, he realized it was not a regular lake. The depth of this lake was beyond his expectations, and the deeper he went, the stronger the pressure as well as the feeling he was getting.

The lake was also getting wider and darker. But for someone of his cultivation stage, there was no way he couldn't see in this darkness. A normal human would've died under the pressure of the water, but for Elementalists, especially Water Elementalists, it was a walk in the park.

Grey went deeper and soon noticed the source of the feeling he was getting. There was an underwater cave, and after swimming up, he came out of the water to see a large Magical Beast lying on the ground, beside it was an egg that contained tremendous energy.

Grey almost gasped out loud when he saw this.

'A Dragon!' He laughed internally.

What were the odds of seeing a Dragon this far out? Almost zero, yet here it was, a living, breathing Dragon in front of him, and it even had an egg. From the looks of it, he could guess it was a female Dragon.

The Dragon had dark scales and it gave off an eerie feeling. Its belly had a blue color. Both its horns had two different colors, one dark while the other was blue.

'It has two elements? Water and something else. Space or the darkness element wouldn't be bad.'

Grey started thinking of what elements the Dragon had and what ways it would be beneficial for him. However, his expression changed when he noticed the large wound on the left side of the Dragon as it turned around to inspect the water pool in the cave.

The wound was still very fresh, and when he saw how the Dragon moved, he knew that it was very weak.

"Who's there?"

The Dragon spoke in the human tongue as it questioned.

Grey could sense the tiredness in the voice which seemed like it would fade away in a short moment.

He didn't step out from his hiding place, opting to stay hidden.

"Do not be alarmed, I know of your presence, human. I can sense the dense Dragon essence in your body."

The Dragon spoke one again, and this time, Grey had no option but to step out.

He never thought the Dragon would sense him due to the Dragon essence he consumed.

He didn't show any fears as he stepped out, the reason for this was because he was confident in his abilities, and also due to the fact that the Dragon was seriously injured. He knew it posed no harm to him in its present state.

"Fascinating." The Dragon spoke once again, but this time, its voice contained shock.

At first it could only sense the Dragon blood in Grey's body, but as Grey stepped out, it could sense that there was not just Dragon blood in his body, but other powerful Magical Beasts' blood essence as well.

"Why are you hiding here?" Grey asked calmly.

"As you can see, I'm injured. If I return to my tribe, I will be killed and my child will be devoured." The Dragon spoke slowly, taking deep breaths between each word.

Grey inspected the Dragon and knitted his brow, the injury the Dragon sustained was not as simple as he thought it was. As a matter of fact, it was very severe and the chances of the Dragon surviving it was zero. There was no way it could be saved at the moment.

"What happened to you?" He pointed at the place the dragon was injured.

The Dragon wanted to explain, but it would take too long, after thinking about it, he transmitted its voice into Grey's head, explaining everything within a few seconds.

The Dragon was sent out from its tribe for a mission. On the way, it was attacked by a group of Magical Beasts. All were in the same stage as itself. Being a Dragon gave it the advantage and it was able to fight against them, gaining the opportunity to escape.

To its shock, on its way back, the son of the Tribe Leader stopped it and attacked, using a special technique he seriously wounded her, while also giving the other Beasts the go-ahead to attack her.

With no other option, she fled.

The reason she was attacked was due to the fact that the son of the Tribe Leader wanted her to be his mate, but she didn't and mated with someone else. The son of the Tribe Leader found out when she was close to laying her egg and decided to achieve his plot.

She was lucky to have survived the attacks and even managed to hide someone to lay her egg. Dragons find it very difficult to conceive, but she was one of the few who got pregnant very quickly. She kept it hidden, but for some reason, the son of the Tribe Leader found out and wanted both her and her offspring dead.

The father of her offspring was not from her tribe which made things difficult. The Tribe Leader will find it hard to keep the child since it wasn't from their tribe.

This was the reason she didn't try to go back to the tribe. She has been here for a few months now, and her offspring will be hatching soon, but she wasn't confident she would be able to keep herself alive long enough to take care of it.

Grey listened intently to the Dragon's story. He felt a bit of pity for her since he didn't expect the Dragon tribes to be this way. Since they rarely conceive, he believed they should at least be able to keep all their eggs with them.

"I'm sorry you had to go through all this trouble." He said softly.

He truly did feel pity for the Dragon. Something like this only happened to humans, or so he thought, but this Dragon changed his view on things.

"Your offspring will be coming to life soon, I can help keep you alive for a few more months." Grey had some things that could extend the Dragon's life, but they were very valuable. As much as he wouldn't generally want to use it, he felt pity for this Dragon and he wouldn't really mind helping her.

"There's no point in keeping me alive for a few more months." The Dragon shook its large head.

"What do you mean?" Grey asked.

'Keeping me alive for a few months isn't enough to train my offspring. I need at least fifteen to twenty years. And there's still no hope for me. Death is certain for me with this injury.' The Dragon explained telepathically.

"What do you plan on doing then?" Grey asked.

'Well, I didn't know, until you arrived.' The Dragon gave Grey a deep look.

Grey looked at the Dragon, giving him a strange look. He didn't understand the meaning behind the look he was getting from the Dragon.

"Human, are you willing to make a deal with me?" The Dragon asked with her raspy voice.