

Affinity 1461

Chapter 1461 Making A Deal With A Dragon II

Grey was startled when he heard the question the Dragon asked. He had never expected that the Dragon would be willing to make a deal with him. He even suggested he could offer something that would keep the Dragon alive a little longer but the Dragon doesn't seem to have any interest in temporary solutions, rather, it wanted a permanent one.

Grey remained silent, and after a while he moved his head slightly, "What's the deal about?"

He wanted to know if it's something within his capabilities before agreeing. What if it was something about sneaking into a Dragon tribe? With his current strength, the only thing that awaited him was death. This was something he was certain of, so he didn't want to take such risks. He preferred that the Dragon told him what the mission was first before he agrees to whatever deal the Dragon asked.

'Are you willing to take my offspring and bring it up?' The Dragon transmitted her voice, at the moment, she was finding it harder to speak in the human tongue, so he opted to transmit her voice.

"Oh..." Grey never expected such a request from the Dragon. It was literally giving him the go-ahead to take her baby. Most Dragons wouldn't want a human to have custody of their children, but this one doesn't seem to have a choice.

'I have something precious, I might be dying, but I'm a Dragon, after all.' She said with a proud pose.

Grey saw the elegance of the Dragon and nodded. To be honest, he never thought a chance would come where he would get one of the legendary Beasts. Having the baby Dragon had already made this journey worthwhile, even if there was no chance he couldn't break through.

He didn't show the excitement out, but internally, his blood was boiling.

"If I agree to take care of your offspring, this is a big if, what's in it for me?" Grey asked. He didn't want the Dragon to think that he felt privileged to train a Dragon, therefore, asking for a reward would make the Dragon know he wasn't one of those people who took Dragons as supreme beings.

'Like I said, I have a special treasure I can pass onto you, and a Dragon technique, however, I'm not sure you can learn it since it requires one to have Dragon scales.'

The Dragon was in the middle of speaking when Grey's body glowed with bluish light as scales appeared on his body. He awakened his water domain thanks to something from Dragons, and it seemed to be from a Water Dragon.

The Dragon was taken aback when she saw the scales on Grey's body.

'I stand corrected, you do have the facilities to learn this technique.' She said after seeing Grey.

Grey motioned for the Dragon to continue.

'Does this mean you accept the deal?' The Dragon asked.

Grey thought about it and nodded, "All I have to do is train your offspring, correct?"

'Yes.'

"Revenge?"

'You don't have to. There's no point in having revenge against him.'

"What if the opportunity arises in the future?"

'Then do what you must.'

Grey nodded, even though he wasn't obligated to take revenge for the Dragon, as long as he was going to take care of her offspring, then he was going to make sure if the opportunity arose, he would take revenge for her.

"Pass on the technique to me and some memories I can pass on to your offspring."

Grey had read about Dragons being able to pass on their memories to the next generation or someone of their choice. He didn't doubt it in any bit since it was something he read from a book at his father's house.

The Dragon didn't argue and moved her large claw in Grey's direction. Grey didn't move since he wasn't afraid of being attacked by the Dragon.

She placed the tip of her claw on Grey's forehead and a bright light passed through her claw into Grey's head.

Grey's eyes shone brilliantly and he couldn't help but shiver from the influx of information into his head. It was almost as if he was living through the life of the Dragon. From the Dragon she had the offspring for to her tribe, he saw it all and even how to get into the tribes. It was a strange experience. This was the first time he was experiencing something like.

After a while his eyes dimmed. He had not only learnt about the life of the Dragon, but he had also learned a few techniques from the dragon tribe. Each Dragon tribe had a special technique, and according to the hierarchy, there was a Dragon tribe at the top that had a technique that could make Dragons take the form of humans. It was said to be passed down from the Dragon God and only those worthy of it could learn it. Regrettably, this Dragon's tribe didn't have such technique with them.

Grey found out the name of the Dragon and also the name of the Tribe Leader's son who attacked her. Her name was Melmera, while the name of the Tribe Leader's son was Sirevius.

After taking in so much information, Melmera looked at Grey and said.

'I have two elements, and I can give you the essence of one of them. Which would you prefer?'

"What are the elements?"

'Water and... the darkness element.'

Melmera's reply was within Grey's expectations. He knew the dark color on the horn of the Dragon signified it had either the darkness or space element. He wouldn't mind taking the essence of either since it would mean the chance of awakening either of the domains. He didn't really care which one he awakened, as long as he awakened a new one, he was satisfied.

Grey didn't think twice as he said, "The darkness element."

'You also have the darkness element?' Melmera knew Grey had the water element, and she could sense a vast amount of earth, space, fire and lightning element around him. This meant he had five elements, having the darkness element meant that he had six elements.

The senses of Dragons were very sharp, so she was sure of what she sensed.

Grey nodded, there was no point in hiding from her. Since he would be taking care of her offspring, he needed to come off as someone she could trust.

"I'm curious about something." He spoke up.

Melmera looked at Grey curiously.

He didn't mince his words as he asked, "Why do you trust me? You've just been betrayed by one of your kinsmen, why do you think a greedy human like me would not take advantage of your predicament?"

'I'm just placing my hopes in you. I can't say I'm certain you will hold your end of the deal, but I believe you would at least want to have a Dragon. We are at the top of the Magical Beasts' world, no human would pass up the opportunity to have a Dragon as a loyal companion.' Melmera explained.

Grey couldn't help but applaud her statement. In all honesty, she was right. There was no human that could pass up the opportunity of having a Dragon. Even the top powerhouses wanted Dragons, but only a few have them, especially one of such pure bloodline.

Most of the Dragons used as steeds are those with impure bloodlines, they have all the features of a Dragon, but they lack the essence of Dragons. In truth, Dragons like Melmera who had such high bloodlines are what are regarded as true Dragons, the rest can be called Dragons, but they know they're not on the same level as these true Dragons.

Grey was impressed with Melmera's thought process.

"There's another thing, I can't wait until it hatches..." Grey explained his purpose of coming to this forest and the responsibility that was on his shoulders.

Melmera didn't complain, rather she looked at the egg before saying.

'I have a way to quicken the process, but it means I will die after it hatches.'

Melmera's voice was calm, it was as if she wasn't afraid of death. As long as her offspring could live, she was okay with dying. This was something Grey believed all parents had. Well, there are a few who aren't afraid of sacrificing their children to save their lives, but he knew the majority of them didn't want anything to happen to their children.

"Alright, go ahead with the process. Is there a way you can pass on some memories to it before you hatch it?" Grey wanted the Dragon to know a few things about its life after it hatches.

Melmera didn't have any issues with that, as a matter of fact, she had already done that. She only transmitted the information of her making a deal with Grey to the Dragon.

Grey watched as Melmera started the process, and as he looked at the egg, he couldn't help but recall how Void, a cat, seemingly came out of an egg.

Chapter 1462 Birth Of Eisendrache

A.N: Reload the last chapter, it has been fixed :(

Grey watched the whole process while thinking about Void's hatching. Void ate his treasures as he came to life. The scene of a small cat sleeping inside his bag with a big protruding stomach was funny as he thought about it.

'I wonder what type of cat Void is...' He thought to himself as he watched the scene before him.

It took almost one hour for the process to complete, but then Grey started to hear cracks from the egg. Melmera has quickened the whole process and the egg which was supposed to take a few more weeks hatched in less than one hour.

'Changing the time of something is really strange.' Grey thought.

He recalled the time he spent with the old Turtle that seemingly had the ability to change the time in the space. He spent what seemed to be weeks there and it was only a few days. It was a strange concept.

Time isn't something he believed could be played with, but there are two instances now that he has witnessed it himself and he was starting to have another thought about it.

If there's a way he could mess with time, then he didn't mind doing it. Take for instance he could isolate himself somewhere where the time was moving around ten to twenty times slower. He would be able to achieve something of twenty years in a year there. Just the thought of this made his blood boil, unfortunately, it was something that was out of reach.

There was also something the Turtle said about Void being from somewhere else.

Grey threw all these to the back of his head, there was no use in thinking about them now. He had more important things to attend to now which was surviving. The Aurora Continent was on the verge of being attacked by the Gnomes, according to what he knew, this was what was referred to as the War of Gods that happened years ago.

Many heroes fell during that war and it was on the verge of happening once again. There's a chance humans might not survive it this time, or even if they do, he might not necessarily be alive since the Gnomes wanted him dead at all costs.

The cracks on the egg started to increase and before long, a small Dragon head popped out.

The head looked around and placed its eyes on the large Dragon that was looking at it, exhaustion evident on its fate.

"My dearest Eisendrache, I'm afraid I will not stay with you through your journey. You must stay with this human..." Melmera paused as she looked at Grey.

Grey knew she didn't know his name and he went on to say it.

"Grey Dawson, he will be your guide and also your family. He will take care of you, and you will do the same."

The little Dragon, Eisendrache didn't say a word as Melmera said her last words to her child. Eisendrache, a male dragon came out of the egg, a supposedly joyous day was one filled with sadness. His beady eyes were filled with tears as he seemingly knew what was happening. His mother, Melmera was dying, and there was no way to save her.

The human who was standing by the side, Grey Dawson was the person she was handing him over to. She didn't know his character, but she didn't have any choice. Having his mother transfer some of her memories to him meant that he was very smart, even for a newborn.

Dragons aren't like humans who tend to be incapable of doing anything at a young age, especially the types like Eisendrache whose parents transfer some of their memories to.

Melmera knew transferring most of her memories to him would affect his growth, so she only transferred the ones she felt he needed. However, those were enough for him to gain a little information about some things.

Grey didn't say anything as he watched the mother and son share the last moments.

A few minutes later, Melmera glowed with a brilliant light as two lights came out of her body, a bluish and a darkish light. One shot into Eisendrache's body while the other went Grey's way.

'This is the essence, do with it whatever you want.'

Melmera's voice came with it.

Grey looked at the light, and then at Eisendrache, he shook his head with a wry smile and waved his hand. The light shot into Eisendrache's body. He had both elements of his mother, but there were two more colors on his horn which meant he had four elements.

This information shocked him to the core. The two elements were the wind and earth element. As much as he wanted the darkness element, he didn't mind giving it to the little Dragon.

Melmera and Eisendrache were shocked at the decision of Grey.

"I may want benefits, but I'm not heartless. Let him have everything." Grey said when he saw the look Melmera was giving him.

The look the little Dragon gave him changed slightly as there was a little softness in it.

Eisendrache absorbed everything, and the Dragon which was born only a few minutes ago started to see a change in its cultivation stage.

Eisendrache went from Rank One to the Fourth Rank in the blink of an eye.

Grey watched everything unfold before his eyes. Eisendrache started to grow in size, and before long, the small Dragon was almost the same size as Grey.

One has to know that a fully grown Dragon was well over eight meters long and fifteen meters long.

In the space of a few minutes, Eisendrache went from barely half a meter to close to two meters tall and over four meters long.

As Eisendrache was growing in size, Melmera was turning into lights. Grey could see that she was starting to fade away.

Eisendrache was growing stronger while Melmera grew weaker.

A few minutes later, Melmera faded away, while Eisendrache was over three meters tall in the end.

Grey watched everything with a sad expression. He didn't expect to see something like this.

Chapter 1463 A New Member Of The Family

Eisendrache started crying as soon as his mother turned into light particles.

Grey didn't rush to move close to him, he stayed in the same location as he watched the saddened Eisendrache.

He stayed for a little while, before walking over to where Eisendrache was located.

"Hey..."

Eisendrache looked at Grey while prepared to attack. He was in Rank Five while Grey was a Peak Venerable which was equivalent to the stage his mother was in, Rank Seven. Even his mother at the Peak wouldn't be able to defeat Grey, much less a Mid stage Rank Five Dragon.

"Don't do that. Even your mother in her prime can't beat me, much less you in your current state." Grey's words was like pouring cold water on his body, Eisendrache calmed down, but the tears on his face were evident.

"I can't say I understand how you feel, but to a certain extent, I know what it feels like losing a parent, both in my situation..."

Grey tried to calm Eisendrache down, after all, he was only a child. Even though he was quite large for a little Dragon, he was still only a child.

Grey spoke with him and was able to go close to him after a while. Eisendrache wasn't evil, he just didn't feel okay with what just happened.

Grey didn't rush his conversation with him which gave him the chance to accept him.

Eisendrache was a little child Grey had to raise, and after having to deal with Void's shenanigans, he didn't think Eisendrache would be worse.

Void was a magnet for trouble, he literally always goes in search of trouble actively which was a characteristic Grey thought only Klaus possessed.

After they stayed for a while, Grey said.

"I promise to help your mother take revenge. I know it's your job, but I can't allow a child like you to take on such a responsibility. He's someone I can deal with now, but there's no way I can sneak into the tribe." Grey explained, he looked at the agitated Eisendrache and said, "I'll wait till I'm strong enough to do whatever I want."

Eisendrache didn't see a problem with his statement. The fact that Grey passed on his supposedly payment over to him meant that he wasn't like other humans, he was greedy, but to a certain extent. And when he saw the memory of his mother with Grey, he saw the place where Grey was asking for revenge. This meant he had it in mind, but would only do it when he could.

Eisendrache didn't say anything more and asked when they could leave this place.

"Well... you're a Dragon. As much as I would like to take you out of here with me openly, I can't. You're one of the most sought after Magical Beasts in the world. The second you step out, even other Dragons will want you." Grey didn't dare to take the risk of bringing a Dragon out with him.

He didn't mind keeping him in his spatial storage, but the problem is that, unlike Void and the bunny leader, the Dragon couldn't enter on his own.

He couldn't keep a living Magical Beast in there, but Void could.

Eisendrache looked at Grey, with a sad expression.

"Don't worry, I have a way to sort this out." Grey consoled him before contacting Void.

'Hey bud, come over to help.' He transmitted his voice to Void.

'There's a battle ongoing, once it's done I'll come.'

Grey didn't have any issues with that, rather, he started playing around with Eisendrache, seeing how proficient he was with his elements.

It took a while but Void came over eventually.

"Fuck! Why are you so deep underground?!"

Void complained so he appeared with water falling around him. He hated getting wet, but he made a mistake when calculating Grey's location and appeared inside the depths of the lake. He was soaked, to say the least, and was fuming!

"Stop complaining, Void." Grey said.

When Eisendrache saw that the figure Grey was waiting for was a cat, he was taken aback. Originally, he thought the person Grey was waiting for was another human, he never expected the figure to be a Magical Beast. And given how Void spoke to Grey, it was clear that their relationship wasn't that of a Magical Beast and a human.

"Oh, a giant lizard, how nice!" Void said as he looked at Eisendrache.

"Stop being rude, Void." Grey reprimanded Void before saying, "This is Eisendrache..."

Grey told Void about what happened when he came here and Void couldn't help but take another look at Eisendrache.

"So you're saying we have a means of transport now?" Void asked.

Grey couldn't help but facepalm. He just recalled how Void treated Dragons. Unlike humans, Void felt Dragons were inferior creatures which was a shocking thing to say.

Dragons are even more powerful than humans, yet Void felt that they were inferior to him. Void has never seen Dragons as beasts above him in any way.

"Void, he's like a baby brother to you. Don't tell me you want to use your baby brother as a stead?" Grey asked with a long face.

"Well, he's quite big. What's the problem with sitting on his head?" Void retorted.

Grey peeked at Eisendrache and gave him a look of 'reduce your size'.

Eisendrache did as told by Grey and reduced his size to the same as Void.

"I've already seen your size, do you think you won't be my stead?" Void asked.

"Void, don't annoy me." Grey said with a cold expression.

When Void saw Grey's expression, he smiled pleasantly and said, "I'm joking. Welcome to the family oversized lizard."

Seeing the change in Void's disposition, even though he still referred to him as an 'oversized lizard', he noticed he at least gave in to Grey's demands. Now he didn't have to worry about being oppressed by Void.

"I have to hide him in the spatial storage. Do what you're good at."

Chapter 1464 No Treasures, Just Responsibilities

Void took a look at Eisendrache and without hesitation, he teleported him into the spatial storage.

'So easy. I wonder why he's able to bend the rules of space to his favor and I can't.' Grey pouted as he thought.

This was something he has never been able to understand. Void and the bunny leader were able to access his spatial storage and even that of others they are stronger than, yet he couldn't. They could even enter and actively stay there, but Grey couldn't bring in living beings, except on a few occasions like the triplets from the horned race.

"Hey, why can't I do this and you can?" He couldn't help but ask.

Void shrugged as if saying he had no idea and before Grey could speak, he disappeared.

Grey could only watch him leave with veins almost popping on the side of his head. Since Void broke through, he had been very cocky.

He sighed and muttered, "I need to break through."

After looking at the place, other than the egg, there was nothing left. Thinking about it, he picked up the egg shells and threw them into his spatial ring. These were the shells of a Dragon, of course they might be special. He didn't know if there was nothing special about them, he was just going to keep it for the time being. The origin of this chapter's debut can be traced to N0v3l--B1n.

After a while, he looked around, since there was nothing to do, and he already had a means to increase his domain. Of course, it wasn't a hundred percent certain, but he felt the chances were high, so he decided to study the technique Melmera passed on to him.

The technique involved the delicate use of the dragon scales. According to it, it's a means of deflecting attacks coming his way without having to expend too much energy. All he needed to do was to vibrate his scales in a certain manner and towards a certain direction and each attack sent at him would be deflected.

This doesn't mean he could deflect all attacks, just the ones within his capabilities. If he were to be attacked by some Late stage Venerables and he used this technique, he should be able to deflect the attack. But Late stage Venerables like Alice and Reynolds were not added to this mix.

People like those two possessed a stronger attack power compared to normal Late stage Venerables. But in general, with this technique, he could easily stroll into a crowd of Late stage Venerables without having to defend against their attacks.

'Pretty cool'

He soon started to practice the technique, but as time went on he realized it was very difficult to achieve. This was something that involved moving all the scales which were supposed to be on his body. There were hundreds of scales on his body, and he needed to control each of them in perfect synchronization.

Controlling one proved difficult after a few hours and he could only give up with a shake of his head. He was a fool to think a technique passed on by a Dragon would be easy to practice.

'I should get going, there might be other opportunities for me outside.'

This generally wasn't a great opportunity, yes, he had a Dragon, but he couldn't extract Eisendrache's blood essence without his permission. It was safe to say that as long as Eisendrache didn't agree to it, he couldn't have some of the much desired blood essence.

Rather than getting an opportunity, he got a young Dragon he had to be responsible for instead.

Grey scanned the place one more time, and after confirming there was nothing present, he dived into the pool, swimming towards the surface of the lake.

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Time went by and it has been over two days since they came here.

"Why am I so unfortunate?" Grey sighed when he looked at the item in front of him.

A great treasure was born in the woods, but it was practically useless to him. One of the things he hated about his new strength was the fact that it was getting harder to see things that could quickly increase his strength, unlike when he was in lower levels.

His mind went to Keith and he could only pass on this chance to him. However, Keith was the person leading the group and he didn't want to interfere with their expedition.

"He's smart, he wouldn't tell others I'm keeping watch." He said and went over to the group.

Void was bored from watching them and was playing with a black orb that was causing the space around him to crack. When Grey arrived, he felt his heart palpitate when he saw that orb. The orb was strong enough to kill him, this wasn't something he doubted.

"Fuck! Put that thing away!" He yelled from a distance.

"Relax, it's not dangerous." Void said while playing like a normal house cat as he hit the orb which was tied to a string.

Grey felt his heart beat faster with his hit Void gave the orb. If that orb fell to the ground, at least an entire kilometer or two would disappear from the face of the world, and Grey wasn't exaggerating.

"Put it away, please. I don't want any incidents." Grey could only say with a soft voice.

If he had the strength to stop this, he wouldn't be scared, but he didn't, and there's a chance Void's casual nonchalance might come.

Void grumpily put the orb away before asking, "What do you want? Didn't you say you're searching for opportunities?"

"I saw something I want to give to Keith." Grey pointed in Keith's direction.

"Oh, him. He's been doing pretty well. He has already fought off two Peak Rank Six Magical Beasts and won." Void recalled who Keith was.

"Good, this is a chance for him to get to the Venerable Plane." Grey nodded.

"I thought you didn't want them to know we're here?" Void asked.

"He's not going to tell anyone about it." Grey didn't see any problems with this.

He quickly sent a transmission to Keith telling him to move away from the group.

Chapter 1465 Shortcut To Success

Keith was looking around as he was giving orders to the others when he heard a voice transmission. He froze for a second but quickly regained his composure.

'I didn't expect him to be the person sent to watch over us. Hehe, I'm in luck.'

He was pleased to hear from Grey. One of the things he has found out with following Grey was that whenever he was traveling with him, he was always getting benefits without having to do much. He had been stuck at the Peak of the Sage Plane for a while now and hadn't been able to find the right opportunity to break through, with Grey here, he suddenly felt like there was a huge opportunity before him.

The fact that Grey contacted him meant that the opportunity might have already presented itself. With a pleased smile, he excused himself from the group and went over to a place where he wouldn't be seen by others.

Grey soon appeared from the void, with Void on his shoulders.

"Why didn't you tell me you're the one in charge of this mission?" Keith asked begrudgingly.

"It was on a short notice." Grey replied and said, "You've been doing well. However, I think it's time you step up a little. The Venerable Plane is just within grasp, and I have the perfect opportunity for you."

Keith was elated when he heard this, he knew this was the reason Grey called him, but he never thought Grey would be so direct. Without hesitation he nodded.

"I've been stuck at the Peak of the Sage Plane for a while now. I have been trying to break through but there has been no chance of doing so."

Grey grabbed him by the shoulder and Keith saw his environment change. He was still in the forest, but he was in another part of it. When he sensed the essence in this place, he realized this was the deeper parts of the forest.

At the time Grey came back, he found a large bird in this place, the bird had its eyes set on the item he wanted to give Keith.

The second it noticed them, it looked at them with cold eyes and its aura spread out, trying to intimidate the duo.

Keith sensed the pressure only for quarter a second and he felt as if his lungs wanted to implode. He found it hard to breathe, but before the pressure could affect him, it vanished into thin air.

"Get the fuck away from my belongings." Grey's voice was calm, but the chilling cold that accompanied his voice made the bird shiver in fear, and after squawking, it flew away, not daring to stay there any longer.

The bird was only in the Mid stages of the Seventh Rank, yet it wanted to intimidate someone like Grey who could kill multiple Beasts at the Peak of the Seventh Rank, much less itself that was so weak.

Keith was in awe of Grey's overbearingness.

This is what the strong do. This was an attribute only the strong could showcase. Imposing overbearingness.lights

Grey said the treasure was his and there was nothing the bird could do. There might be a chance that it had been nurturing this treasure in hopes of using it to increase its strength, but Grey found it and said it was his, and that was the case. There was nothing the bird could do to change it.

Keith looked at Grey's back view, but Grey didn't think much about it. He didn't want to kill the bird since there was no need, hence his tactic of scaring it off.

He said to Keith, "That's it. I believe you will be able to break through after consumption."

"I'll help you set up an array to ensure you don't attract attention."

Grey left the place as soon as he was done speaking. This was a Magical Beasts' forest and possessed powerful Beasts. He had already encountered a Dragon, although it was all due to circumstances, he didn't want to take any chances. If another legendary Beast were to be attracted over due to Keith breaking through, and it happens to be stronger than he is, then he was toast.

He went to work while Keith grabbed the opportunity presented before him. This was something he would never give up, and since Grey was going to watch over him and ensure his safety while he breaks through, there was no point in thinking about anything else.

Time went by and before long, the process was complete.

Keith had broken through to the Elemental Venerable Plane with the aid of the treasure. He didn't consume the complete treasure, but what was left is inside his body and will make him grow at a quicker pace during the early stages of the Elemental Venerable Plane.

"How nice."

Grey commented as he appeared. He was pleased that his friend broke through and looked to be very close to the Second stage as it is. He could sense there were still leftovers in his body and if his calculations were right, then it should get Keith to the Fourth or Fifth stage within a few months.

"It's all thanks to you." Keith said with gratitude, his eyes were filled with emotions.

Since he encountered Grey, he hadn't done anything for him, yet Grey had been helping him over and over again. He even made him relevant in the Faction. Now he has helped him to get to the Elemental Venerable Plane.

"I don't know how I can repay the kindness you've shown me all this while." He said with his head lowered.

"Haha, you don't need to talk in that manner. We're friends, it's only right I help you get stronger." Grey said, he added with a smile, "You would do the same for me if you were in my position. So there's no need to repay me."

Keith laughed and nodded, "Most definitely. I didn't think you would help me so early after your return. Having a friend like you is like a shortcut to success."

Chapter 1466 Abominable Act

Grey and Keith continued talking for a while before Grey took him back. Keith was the leader of the group yet he had been away for quite some time, and it was best to send him back to the others.

When they returned, the others couldn't believe their eyes when they saw Keith. Some moments ago he was at the Peak of the Sage Plane. He walked out and came back after some time and he was already in the First stage of the Elemental Venerable Plane. This was something that was unbelievable if they didn't experience it.

One thing they found shocking was the fact that Keith didn't cause any commotion as he broke through. Even though it could be controlled, they should still be able to at least sense it. However, they didn't sense anything, rather Keith walked out from where he hid as a First stage Elemental Venerable.

Grey watched the entire scene from the sky before smiling to Void, "See how nice it is to help friends."

Void didn't show much reaction on his face, only taking a glance at Keith's expression before looking away.

"When are we leaving?" He asked tiredly.

"They'll be here for a while." Grey replied, after watching Keith for a while he said, "I'm heading deeper."

"If I contact you know I'm in trouble." He added before disappearing.

He wanted to head to the side that had Rank Eight Magical Beasts. If he were to be sensed by any of them, he would be in serious trouble, this was not something he wanted for himself.

Void could only complain after Grey left him to babysit the group who came into the forest.

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On Grey's end, he was very careful with his movement as he moved into the area he knew belonged to those Rank Eight Magical Beasts.

These beasts wouldn't think twice before taking his life. The Dragon blood essence in his body would make him easily noticeable by other Dragons, but he didn't have to fear being sensed by these other Beasts.

Unlike the Rank Seven Magical Beasts area of the forest, this area had tribes. Each Magical Beasts were part of a tribe and there was a clear hierarchy. The tribes had outer and inner areas. The weaker beasts are in the outer areas while the stronger ones are in the inner area. Beasts born in the inner area of these tribes usually possess top tier bloodlines of their respective species.

Grey arrived on the perimeter of one of these tribes, searching the memories he was impacted by Melmera, he knew this was the Lizard tribe.

Only special Magical Beasts like Dragons and other legendary Magical Beasts have multiple tribes in the inner part of the forest which is referred to as the inner court amongst these lower leveled beasts. Each type of Lizard species resides in the Lizard tribe.

"If I recall correctly, she was attacked by one guy from the Lizard race who was promised some benefits." Grey murmured to himself.

He didn't know the benefits the Lizard was promised, but it was something that should be worth it since it dared to attack a Dragon.

After thinking about it, he decided to take the risk. The Lizard was one of the weakest Magical Beasts who attacked Melmera, and was injured during the fight. Even though it had been weeks ago, Melmera believed it would still be hurt, and so did Grey.

He traveled through the outer regions of the tribe in a very cautious manner. If his aura was sensed here, then he was doomed. Even Void would have a difficult time taking him out of this place.

He sneaked through the place, escaping from the senses of the Lizards guarding the place. Most of the Lizards were in the Sixth Rank, but he occasionally saw a few in the Early stages of the Seventh Rank.

It took a while, but he soon saw a Lizard that fit the image of the Lizard in Melmera's memory. All he needed to do was to take it out of this place and interrogate it.

He didn't only want to interrogate it, but he also wanted to see if there was anything worth taking in the outer regions. Most of the Lizards in the inner region wouldn't take some treasures in the outer region seriously.

It took a few hours, but he managed to follow the Lizard until it was alone before appearing. According to the memory of Melmera, the Lizard was in the seventh stage of Rank Seven. The Lizard before Grey was indeed in the seventh stage of Rank Seven, and he could also sense remnant aura from Melmera's essence. As someone who had seen Melmera's essence, he could catch the aura no matter how small it was.

Without hesitation, he took the Lizard and disappeared from the place, moving to the perimeters of the tribe.

The Lizard didn't panic when it saw the change in scenery. It felt since it wasn't killed by the first attack, it meant the person wanted it alive.

Grey didn't speak much, only asking the vital question, "How did you get injured?"

The Lizard looked at him, and after seeing his eyes and sensing the killing intent, he didn't hide anything from him. When Grey was serious, it was very easy to scare anyone before him. This Lizard was the same, it didn't even have the chance to say anything before it was filled with dread. Grey let it speak after his short intimidation.

"Oh, so you attacked a Dragon. How bold of you." Grey praised sarcastically.

The Lizard dropped its head, given the normal hierarchy, it shouldn't have dared to attack a Dragon, but the chance of acquiring a Dragon blood from the tribe leader was too thrilling to let go. No Lizard would dare to let go of such a chance. Only those honorable Lizards wouldn't dare to attack Dragons, but most Snakes and Lizards wouldn't think twice, especially when the risk is nonexistent.

From what it was offered, there was no risk factor in the plan.

"Well, looks like I'm here to make you pay for your crime."

Chapter 1467 Unexpected Change

The Lizard started pleading for its life. It didn't want to die yet, the only reason it dared to take on the mission was because the Tribe Leader's son told them there was no danger. In fact, it wasn't the only reptile that dared to attack, even a Snake was involved in the attack. The Snake was already at the Peak of the Seventh Rank and was one of the main forces during the fight.

The Lizard was scared, Grey sounded like he wanted to kill it, and it didn't want that.

Grey looked at the Lizard that was trying to plead its way back to life.

"Unfortunately, you already made the mistake and I plan on getting revenge for her. Well, when I can." Grey didn't take its words to heart, he knew every party that was present during Melmera's attacks through her memories and he planned to take all of them out, not just the figure who instigated it.

The Lizard begged continuously and Grey gave an evil smile, "What special treasures are in the outer region of your tribe?"

The question took the Lizard by surprise and it froze, but then a gleam of hope flashed through its eyes. Since Grey was questioning it about treasures, it meant there was a good chance that as long as it gave him the information he wanted, he would let it live.

Without a single ounce of hesitation, it started speaking on all the treasures that were in the outer regions and even how he could sneak in without being detected.

To be honest, Grey was impressed with the Lizard's details in each information.

He told it he would let it go after getting the treasures which the Lizard didn't argue with.

Grey didn't know if he should call the Lizard a dummy or if it was genuinely that innocent.

'It should be smarter than this since it dared to attack her.' He thought to himself.

He threw the thought to the back of his mind before sealing the Lizard's cultivation. It was at that time he realized the Lizard was only trying to get him to leave soon.

Seeing the Lizard's reaction to him sealing its cultivation, he couldn't help but ask curiously, "Did you think I would leave you like this without holding you somewhere?"

Seeing the look in the eyes of the Lizard, Grey almost burst into laughter. There were some cunning Magical Beasts, while there are the dull ones like this Lizard that thinks it's very smart.

"If I go to these places and do not find anything relating to everything you've told me, I'll come back and remove one of your legs, permanently." Grey released a bit of his aura and the Lizard knew he wasn't playing around.

Given Grey's cultivation stage, he could severely wound it and make sure the injury doesn't regrow. The place might heal, but there's zero chances of regrowing any part that is cut off.

The Lizard nodded, affirming that everything it told Grey was true.

Grey didn't hassle with it any longer and shot straight into the tribe. Without any hesitation, he headed for the nearest place. According to the Lizard, there are three places that possessed treasures in the outer region and they were all protected by a Ninth stage of the Seventh Rank. As long as Grey could take out these guards without alerting anyone, he could take all three treasures without having to worry about being caught.

As he moved to the first one, he was cautious, although he somewhat believed what the Lizard said, he wouldn't carelessly risk his life due to a statement of a Lizard that attacked a Dragon.

When he got to the location, he waited patiently as he studied the place. To his surprise, it was everything the Lizard described, not even a blade of grass was in the wrong location.

'It shouldn't be this accurate.'

Grey was taken aback by the Lizard's description. After a while, he followed the Lizard's instructions, of course, cautiously. In the end, he was able to accomplish the task.

The person guarding the place was a Ninth stage Rank Seven Lizard just like the Lizard described.

It was very easy for Grey to immobilize such a Magical Beast.

After taking what he needed, he took the Beast with him. Leaving it there might attract some unwanted attention, and he wanted to complete the process without having to worry about alerting the tribe.

The second place was the same, and it was finally time for the third place. Just like the description of the Lizard, it was also very accurate, nevertheless, during the last mission, something unexpected happened.

Just as Grey was about to take the last treasure, the other two he had in his possession left his spatial ring and merged with the last one that was hanging in the sky.

"Fuck! Don't tell me it didn't know about this?!" Grey was irate. He never expected something like this to happen, if not, he would've been prepared.

During this last phase, he tried to be extra cautious and search everywhere for any traps, but he never expected it to be something like this. What was annoying was the fact that the treasures were lighting up the entire area.

'Damn it!' He tried to hurriedly seal the area, but it was too late, some part of the treasure's aura had already seeped out.

Without hesitation, he grabbed the still merging treasures and disappeared, his target was somewhere unexpected

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Deep in a cave, under a lake.

Grey appeared in the same cave he encountered Melmera.

This was the safest place he could come to with this thing still active. The distance and water should be able to help him out.

Not just that, but he instantly started working on it, and before long, he was able to contain the aura there.

He waited for a few minutes, and after being certain it was fine, he brought it out. He didn't go to the Lizard Tribe's region, rather, he went over to meet up with Void.

Chapter 1468 Traitor

The treasure completely fused before Grey went to meet up with Void.

When the duo met up, Void could tell that Grey was able to get something good. After probing, he got Grey to tell him the item he got.

He only saw it for a second, but he could already tell that it was a top tier treasure.

"This is good stuff. Is there more?"

"None in the outer regions of the tribe. You will be able to get better things in the inner region, but I won't advise it."

The inner region definitely had better items, but the risk was higher. The Lizards they would encounter there aren't those in the Seventh Rank, rather, he would be facing Eighth Rank Lizards who are more deadly.

Void also thought about it, after calculating the risk and rewards he decided to give up.

Grey stayed with them for a few hours before heading back to the Lizard's region. He had to deal with those guys he kept in the cave. Some of them had to die. He didn't want to kill the guards of the treasures, but the Lizard who attacked Melmera definitely had to die.

He wanted to see if he could sneak into the Snake Magical Beast's tribe. If he could, he would kill the Snake that took part of the mission as well. The Snake was one of the main attackers that made Melmera's injury worse.

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In the cave where he kept the guards.

All three guards were still unconscious, while the Lizard who gave him the information was still alive. The second he appeared, the Lizard heaved a sigh of relief and transmitted its voice over.

'I thought you had forgotten us.'

"I can never forget about you." Grey said with an evil smile, and just as the Lizard was expecting him to free it, Grey stabbed a large spear into the chest of the Lizard, stabbing its heart.

"The punishment for attacking a Dragon, a superior species, is death." Grey's voice was ice cold, like an executioner, he executed the Lizard while passing on his final judgment.

The eyes of the Lizard remained wide open and it couldn't say a word even after it had been attacked.

It watched Grey with a look of shock, not believing what was happening. The Lizard was large, but Grey killed it without it being able to even react. To be fair, the difference in strength was massive, and it was just recovering from Melmera's attack during the battle.

Grey looked at the three guards, there was no point in killing them. However, he didn't take them out of this place, he wrote the word traitor on the body of the Lizard he killed before leaving, his next target, the Snake tribe.

He wanted the Magical Beast's kingdom to know that someone was out for revenge, and he would kill only those that attacked Melmera. By the time the people of the inner court will find out about it, the son of the Tribe Leader would know someone is out for revenge, and live the rest of his life in fear of being killed.

Such a psychological torture is even more deadly than actively killing the Dragon. The Dragon will be on edge for the rest of its life, and only when he has confirmed that the person after him is dead will he be settled.

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The Snake tribe.

Just like the Lizard tribe, the weaker and those with impure bloodlines are left in the outer region while the more powerful ones reside in the inner region. Grey's target stayed in the outer region, close to the inner region due to its strength.

The Snake was a golden horned snake, a powerful earth elemental Magical Beast that was very difficult to take down. One of its greatest attributes was its dazzling scales that were almost impenetrable.

Grey knew getting to it would be very difficult since it was very close to the inner region and he might draw the attention of those Rank Eight Beasts. As much as Grey wanted to take revenge, he wouldn't risk his life for it when he knows he can always come back to get revenge against the Snake.

After careful planning, he kidnapped one of the Snakes in the outer region, one he knew was dispensable and he used the mind control technique on it. Although Magical Beasts are different from humans, the mind control technique solely relies on the consciousness of the being, so be it human or Magical beast, as long as they have a consciousness, it could be controlled.

After taking over the Snake, Grey sent it into the tribe and after asking around, he found the Snake he was searching for. The Golden horned snake was very popular due to its unique traits.

Grey didn't waste any time as he hurriedly cooked up a story to lure the Snake out. Given the greedy nature of the Snake, and its urge to grow stronger, this was an opportunity it wouldn't want to miss.

Grey used this against it, and the Snake fell for it. It didn't even doubt the Snake that came to pass on the news of the treasure.

The Golden horned Snake sneaked out of the tribe with the other Snake, while making sure that they weren't being followed.

Grey was waiting for them a long distance away from the tribe. One of the reasons the Golden horned Snake didn't doubt the other Snake was due to the location of the place where the treasure was located. According to the way the forest was shared, only Beasts in the Mid stages of the Seventh Rank reside there. The Snake that came to call it was in the Mid stages, and there was no way it could fight all the others alone.

The deal was to share the treasure equally, but the Golden Horned Snake had other plans. There was no way it was going to give this Snake a share of the treasure.

Chapter 1469 Traitor II

The Golden Horned Snake didn't know that it had already fallen deep into a trap, it was still thinking of ways it would take advantage of the other Snake. Since it was stronger, it believed the other Snake didn't have any share in the treasure.

If only it knew there were no treasures.

Grey was waiting for them at the place they were headed. His plan was a quick sneak attack.

He was an expert in hiding his aura, and as long as the Snake doesn't sense him quickly, he should be able to deal a fatal blow before it would react.

This was a powerful Snake and he didn't want to have a prolonged battle with it since there's a chance others might be drawn to the place. His plan was to deal with it quickly.

After a while, the two Snakes came into his view.

He prepared a deadly attack at the tip of one of his fingers, and after a deep breath, his figure shook and turned to that of a Snake.

He switched places with the Snake which was behind the Golden Horned Snake.

The Golden Horned Snake didn't notice the change until it was too late. Grey's finger was already pointed at the head of the Snake like a gun, it released fire. Just one shot, that was all it took and a multicolored ray of light passed through the head of the large Golden Horned Snake.

One has to know that the Snake was at least ten meters long, yet it was killed with a single attack from Grey who wasn't even as big as the Snake's head.

The gigantic body of the Snake fell to the ground, motionless. It was dead from the attack. Grey's attack ended its life within a matter of seconds.

Attacks to the head have always been more effective when it comes to quick deaths than one to the heart.

Grey looked at the enormously large body of the Snake and couldn't help but think of what price it would fetch if he went to sell it. This was a treasure, but he didn't want it, he wanted the others to know that there was someone who was killing some targets, and all of them had a hand in the death of Melmera.

After Grey was finished, he took them back to the Snake tribe and left them alone in a hidden place. He wrote the word traitor with the blood of the Golden Horned Snake on its body, making sure it would also be seen on it.

He knew the Magical Beasts would know a human is the one carrying these acts, but they would be curious as to the reason a human was killing some of them and writing the word traitor. If some of them decide to investigate, there's a huge possibility they would uncover the truth.

Grey's next target was surprisingly the Cat tribe. There was a cat in particular that had a hand in Melmera's death. It was a Wind Elemental Magical Beast, one of the fastest Beasts in the forest. It was the one that made escaping difficult for Melmera. Even with her powerful attacks, this Cat was so fast that it was difficult to hit it. And it attacked, making sure there was no escape for Melmera.

The cat was also in the Seventh Rank, in the Late stages of the Seventh Rank. As long as Grey catches it unaware, there was no way it could escape. The only issue is that the Cat stayed in the inner region of the tribe. Locating it would be very difficult. As long as he could use the same tactic as he used for the Snake, he would be able to kill it without much hassle.

After a while, he caught a Cat from the outer region and tried to investigate the whereabouts of the tricky cat.

It took a few hours, but he got news after a while. The Cat was actually outside the tribe, and the location was a very favorable one for Grey. The only thing was that it wasn't alone as there were two Peak Rank Seven Cats with it.

Grey wasn't confident he could kill the Cat without being detected, but he was sure before the others could react, he was done with his act.

'I don't want them to know I'm the one.'

Grey is a very famous figure, he didn't know if his fame had spread to the Magical Beast's kingdom, but he didn't want to take any chances. He gave it some deep thought before deciding to see the situation, if the opportunity presents itself, he would kill the cat, if not, then he would move on.

When he got to the location, he almost burst into laughter. It was as if the universe wanted him to exert revenge for Melmera.

'Hehe, even the world hates these guys. I wonder if Melmera was special.' He thought to himself as he prepared to attack.

The Cat he was after was actually all alone. The two Peak Rank Seven Cats were nowhere to be seen. This was Grey's chance, and he was not going to let it go.

When the Cat was less vigilant, he struck. The Cat didn't even know what hit it before it died. Its eyes were still open, staring into space.

Grey was exacting revenge on Melmera's behalf. She was dead, but her offspring is still alive. He also wanted something to do while he was here.

This was the best Beast he could kill, the reason for that was because he was searching for a Wind Elemental Magical Beast all this while, and who would've thought such an opportunity would come to him. Encountering Melmera gave him this opportunity. Without hesitation, he took the blood essence of the Cat, this was what he had been searching for, why would he let go of such a chance?

After taking the blood essence, he left without hesitation, not forgetting to write the word traitor.

Chapter 1470 Heading Into Seclusion With A Goal

Time slowly went by and a few weeks passed within the blink of an eye.

During the past weeks, Grey had been on a killing spree, taking out any of the Magical Beasts involved in the attack on Melmera. To a certain degree, it caused an uproar in the Magical Beasts' kingdom since a human was going about killing some Magical Beasts, but after careful thoughts, they realized there was something strange about the Beasts being killed, they all had a link, and that was working for a certain figure that was close to the inner court.

It's common for those powerful figures in the inner court to have Magical Beasts outside doing some of their bidding, but when all those affiliated to a certain power start to get killed and the word traitor branded on their bodies, it means that something happened behind the scenes that prompted these killings.

Grey couldn't be bothered with what was going through the heads of those in the tribes he had attacked, but he knew one thing for sure, the last three people were proving very difficult to deal with. The reason for this was because they were all in the same place and seldom moved alone. All three were also at the Peak of the Seventh Rank, and he couldn't take all of them out with a single blow.

The best chance was by getting one of them out, after incapacitating it, he would put it under his control and trick the others out of the tribe. His efforts during the past few days however have been futile.

Eight Beasts attacked Melmera in total, and he had killed five who were in different tribes. He's left with these three, but they were cautious given the fact that Grey's attacks on the other tribes had been made known to most of the Beasts in this area. At the moment, most of the tribes are aware of the attacks.

Grey waited patiently for the time to come. Seeing that it would take longer than expected, he decided to try to absorb the blood essence of the Cat. If he's lucky, he might be able to awaken his wind domain which will be a massive step for him. If he's not, there would be no changes.

With his current cultivation stage, it was difficult for him to level up with just this blood essence. If the blood essence was from a legendary beast, then there was a good chance he would be able to break through with its help, but with the current level of the beast, awakening his domain was all he had in his mind.

Grey was about to start the process when he received word from Void, the group was about to leave.

He stopped and looked in the direction of the tribe he camped at the perimeters. He could only sigh as he gave up. He didn't want to leave any of them alive, but since there was nothing he could do about it, he had no other option but to leave.

Grey headed back to the outer regions of the forest to meet up with Void and the others. As he went further away from the depths of the forest, he noticed the decline in the quality of the essence.

"Shame humans don't have the same privileges."

Compared to humans, the Magical Beasts have a better training environment. Of course, those in the inner region and inner court have it better, but even the area that housed Rank Six Beasts has a better essence than most places. Only top Factions and Families can rival these places. The essence in the Dawson Family and that of the Pymond Faction were ahead of even the outer regions of the tribe area in the depths of the forest, but Grey wasn't sure if it would be on the same level as the inner court.

The more he thought about the inner court, the greater his curiosity towards it. If the opportunity arises, he will surely visit it someday.

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"What have you been doing?" Void asked when Grey appeared.

"Nothing important." Grey shrugged his shoulders before looking at the group, Keith wasn't the only one heading back with a big boost, one more person broke to the Elemental Venerable Plane, and from what Grey knew, this guy had been at the Peak of the Sage Plane for over seven years. At the time Grey came to the Pymond Faction, this person was at the Peak.

"At least they grew, unlike me who got a Dragon instead." He murmured before moving with the group.

Void perched on Grey's shoulder as they escorted the group back to the Faction.

If anyone heard Grey's statement, they would definitely try to end his life. Grey treated a Dragon as if it wasn't important. What was worse was that this Dragon had a pure Dragon bloodline which makes its potential limitless, yet Grey didn't see anything with it.

It was strange how Grey didn't care about things that will make others close to the verge of madness.

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The journey to the forest was uneventful, and so was the one back.

The group wasn't attacked by anyone above their league, therefore, Grey's intervention wasn't needed. In the end, if he hadn't assisted Keith, he wouldn't have done anything for the group during the journey.

After they got back to the Faction ground, Grey went to report to the Faction Leader, at least he didn't need to bother about any more missions for the meantime.

He wasn't held back by the Faction Leader, nor was he given another task. The Faction Leader acknowledged his task before dismissing him.

Grey went straight to his building and activated his array. With the array active, no one would disturb him unless it is a matter of life and death.

His first objective was awakening one more domain, if the blood essence doesn't work, he has another alternative. Once he had awakened another domain, his next target was breaking through to the Elemental Sovereign Plane. This was his aim, and he plans to achieve it.