

Affinity 1481

Chapter 1481 Battling A Sovereign

Grey was on the verge of awakening his wind domain, while the Pseudo-sovereign was on the verge of getting to the Sovereign Plane.

A few moments later.

Both parties burst into laughter simultaneously as the essence faded off.

The man had gotten to the Sovereign Plane. But he didn't know why Grey was laughing in delight. He took a closer look at Grey and realized that he had gotten to the Pseudo-sovereign stage.

He laughed even harder when he sensed this.

A Pseudo-sovereign against a Sovereign was not even a contest. The Sovereign would defeat the Pseudo-sovereign at any encounter.

Grey didn't think much about the man. He looked at himself in pride. Yes, he failed to break through to the Sovereign Plane, but it didn't change the fact that he was one step closer to it.

Getting to the Sovereign Plane from the Pseudo-sovereign stage was easier than getting to it from the Peak of the Venerable Plane.

"Kid, unfortunately, you couldn't stop me. Now, I'll cut off your limbs before taking you to my hideout." The man laughed.

"I'm sorry, but you're not enough to make me scared." Grey didn't feel any pressure from the First stage Sovereign standing before him.

He could sense the power coursing through his body and knew what he was capable of. A First stage Sovereign like this man isn't enough to make him worry, and he was certain of it.

The man didn't think much of Grey's words, he chuckled as he replied, "I'm not going to deny that you're a genius. But a Sovereign against a Pseudo-sovereign? Not a chance."

Grey didn't respond and prepared for a fight. All he needed was for the man to attack and he would retaliate.

The man laughed slightly and sent out a casual attack.

Grey blocked the attack, but he was forced a few steps back.

The sight of this made the man laugh. He knew Grey wasn't his match after his breakthrough, but since Grey wanted to test his ability, he didn't mind waking him back to reality.

'People like this have clouded judgments.'

This was what the man thought of Grey. He felt he was one of those people who didn't know their limits and feel like they can do everything.

He was still Sovereign, yet Grey, a Pseudo-sovereign, felt he had a chance against him. Even if he didn't want to say it, he felt Grey was a fool. Only a moron would have such a thought process.lights

Grey couldn't be bothered with what the man thought of him. He looked at his hand and couldn't help but shake his head.

'The gap is wider than I thought.'

Grey thought to himself but he didn't show any signs of backing off. The gap might be more than what he imagined, but he was confident he could take down the man.

The man wasn't one of the people Grey would back down against. If he were fighting someone on Alice's or any of his friends' caliber, he would've escaped a long time ago. However, this man was one of the weaker people on the same stage. He knew he could close the gap because of this.

The man didn't think about all this. He had gotten to the much coveted Sovereign Plane, his next step was to grow stronger at a faster pace. As long as he could get to the Mid or Late stages of the Sovereign Plane, he would be almost untouchable in the Aurora Continent. This was the life he had been praying for, and with Grey's rich background, this was the only chance he could achieve it.

Grey looked at the man with cold eyes and said, "I'm not on the same level as you when you were a Pseudo-sovereign. You might not be able to fight against a Sovereign, but I can."

"Haha, I'll like to see that happen." The man laughed and attacked once again.

Grey blocked the attack, but was forced back by the force of the attack. He knew the man's attack was above his own, but he had his ways to fight against it.

He didn't dare to phase through the attacks. The man had gotten to a level where he could affect the space around Grey with his attacks. Doing something like that would only put him in serious danger. He is aware of this and didn't try to do it. He focused mainly on defending and also evading the attacks.

There was no point trying to block all attacks. His scales and defensive suit can't take on attacks like these continuously.

The plan was to let the man drop his guard and attack when he was not suspecting.

The man didn't have any plans of leaving. Seeing that Grey was no match for him, he wanted to relish the feeling of oppressing him before taking him out of the picture.

His attacks were powerful and he forced Grey back with each one.

Grey took each attack calmly, making sure he didn't show any weakness. The man was attacking, Grey was evading and defending.

Time went on and the man started to feel bored of bullying Grey. At first he wanted to fill his ego since Grey made life difficult for him while he was in the Pseudo-sovereign stage. Now that he had the advantage, he wanted to make Grey regret his choice of not escaping when he could.

Grey didn't see anything wrong with what the man was doing, he would've done the same. Well, not really. Unlike most people, he didn't like underestimating his opponents.

He continued taking the man's attacks, and when he noticed the man had changed completely from how he previously was, he knew that things were about to get serious. He increased his guard and didn't let anything slide.

He was facing a Sovereign, someone that could wipe out the entire Azure Continent with one move. Red City wouldn't even survive the aftereffects of such an entity.

Chapter 1482 Incredible Explosive Speed

Boom!

Grey's figure slammed into the ground, causing a large crater on the ground.

The man stood in the air, like a supreme overlord, he looked down with disdain.

Grey might be powerful, but he didn't believe he was on the same level as himself. Yes, when he was in the Pseudo-sovereign stage, he wouldn't dare to fight against a Sovereign, and even if he did, he wouldn't do as good as Grey's doing at the moment. This however doesn't change the fact that he didn't think much of Grey.

To him, Grey was a youngster who overestimated his abilities and is paying for it. Anyone in their right minds would've tried to escape, but Grey was fighting with him which he saw as a sign of disrespect. A Sovereign should never be disrespected, this was something that was common, unless it was by another more powerful Sovereign.

Grey, an individual who just got to the Pseudo-sovereign stage was challenging him in a battle and didn't even try to escape.

The man was still staring at the ground when a lightning orb shot at him. The lightning orb had Grey's blue flames surrounding it.

When it got close to the man, he blocked it, but it exploded, sending out frightening levels of force.

The man felt his body shake, but he didn't show it out. This attack from Grey was stronger than anything he had used since the start of the fight. If Grey could continue using this attack, there's a chance he might be able to cause the man some injuries.

This made the man even more infuriated. At the moment, he was angered by Grey's stunning abilities. Envy clouded his mind and he was genuinely ready to kill Grey without even thinking of keeping him captive. Such a figure was too dangerous to capture and left alive. He would rather he killed Grey and look for other ways to increase his strength than to try to collect any reward from either the Dawson Family or the Gnomes.

Grey shot out of the dust and attacked. This time, he used a three element fusion orb. He didn't want to use all the elements since he wasn't sure he would be able to control his new strength. At the moment, he was using this to test his strength.

This time, the man didn't try to block it, rather, he dodged it. But the fusion orb chased after him.

A pleasant smile was on Grey's face when he saw this. The effects of the man's previous attack had worn off so he wasn't in any pain. With his defensive armor and scales, it was very difficult for him to sustain injuries. Not just that, but on most occasions, he uses his light element as soon as he feels any pain in his body. This made it easy for him to quickly recover from such impacts of attacks, especially when there's no significant injuries.

The man was running to escape from Grey's attack, while Grey stood on the same spot with a mocking expression on his face. He could tell the man was very proud, so the best way to get to him was by using Klaus' technique of baiting. In a short time, the man would succumb to his emotions and would try to kill Grey at all costs.

At the moment, the man wasn't a hundred percent into wanting to kill Grey, he was only attacking due to what he had experienced. Once he steeled his mind into wanting to kill Grey, he would take attacks like these just to get closer to Grey and attack.lights

The man saw Grey's expression, but he didn't lose control of himself. While evading the attack, he sent an attack Grey's way.

Grey stood his ground and actually took the attack head-on. To the shock of the man, unlike the previous outcome, Grey only took a few steps back.

"This is all a Sovereign can muster? I'm ashamed." He shook his head at the man who violently struck Grey's fusion orb that had been pestering him for a few seconds.

Grey laughed when he saw the man's reaction, he attacked once again, this time, using two fusion orbs, both had four elements. He was starting to get serious. There was no way he would let this man win. Of course, he knew keeping the man here was impossible, but he could at least use the man as a means to master his new strength and grow stronger.

His aim was to keep the man for as long as possible. The man wanted to kill him, but he was confident there's no way that was happening. All he needed to do was to use the talisman given to him by his Faction Leader, he would be able to kill this man with a single attack. Even if the man survives, he would be fatally wounded. His Faction Leader was a stronger Sovereign, after all.

The man saw both orbs coming his way and shot straight through them. Making them explode in the process. He was heading towards Grey with a vicious expression.

Grey didn't expect his sudden reaction so he was caught off-guard.

The man was a Wind Elementalist, being in the Sovereign Plane meant that compared to a Venerable or Pseudo-sovereign, he was faster and stronger. He used his superior speed and ability to cut through the attack while quickly blasting through before it exploded.

Grey realized he underestimated the man and quickly changed his tactic.

'I wonder how powerful he is, physically?'

This was something Grey was certain he had the advantage over the man. And there's only one way to find out, getting close to the man and attacking.

The man was coming towards Grey quickly, but Grey didn't shy away, rather, he used his explosive speed and moved at a speed that was slightly faster than the man's speed.

Due to his incredible physique, Grey had shocking explosive speed. In a short dash, he might even be faster than a Second stage Wind Elementalist, much less this man that was in the First stage.

Chapter 1483 Can't Bear To See You Endure Such Torment

The man never expected Grey would move with such explosive speed, nor did he expect Grey to come towards him.

Anyone in Grey's position would be looking to escape from his clutches, yet Grey was not only trying to escape, but he was actively coming his way. The annoying thing is that due to his speed, there's no way he could move away from the incoming Grey.

'I'll prepare an attack before he can.'

This was the only thought in his head. Grey didn't prepare and attack beforehand, so he had nothing to fear. As long as Grey paused to create an attack, he would be able to attack before Grey's able to do that.

Sovereign's can attack almost instantaneously, while Venerables are a little slower compared to them. Grey might be a Pseudo-sovereign, but he can't be as fast as the man.

The man who was waiting for Grey to use an elemental attack was given a rude awakening when he saw Grey's fist striking his chest. Grey was moving at a scary speed, being struck by a fist that was moving at such speed, even if Grey wasn't physically strong, the man would still break a few ribs from the attack.

The man noticed something strange happened, the blow was stronger than what he expected. As a matter of fact, he could sense a hole in his chest.

'What's happening?' The man was confused. He couldn't comprehend the sharp pain he was feeling in his body.

Grey's fist passed through his chest and the bloodied arm was seen on the other side.

Grey stopped moving and the man was sent crashing into the trees on the ground. The man's body crashed on the ground for over five hundred meters, destroying all the trees that were in his path. Even a small hill was destroyed by the force at which the man crashed into it.

Grey stood in the air, looking at the result of his attack. A proud smile appeared on his face. This was one of his biggest secret weapons. No one expects an Elementalist to possess such a powerful physical body, so whenever he attacks them, he's always catching them off-guard. Before anyone realizes what's happening, they were already placed at a disadvantage.

Grey only admired his work for a few seconds before he shot towards the man. He knew he didn't have the advantage of power over the man, and he could only use such explosiveness a few times. The man wouldn't fall for it again, so it was best to use this opportunity.

He arrived at the place the man crashed and to his surprise, he didn't find the man.

"Huh?" He raised a brow and his eyes widened.

The man was escaping underground. He never thought the man would escape after being struck by such an attack.

The man didn't want to fight with him again, but Grey felt the need to stop him. The reason for that was because he was a hundred percent certain he had the complete advantage over his opponent.

One of his trump cards was also his ability to create poison miasma in his body. On most occasions when he's fighting people stronger than he is, whenever he gets the opportunity to use his superior physique to attack them, he always pumps in as much essence as he can into their bodies. They usually don't realize it until a minute or so.

Grey hadn't used his miasma for a long while now and he had quite a good amount stored in his body. He offloaded almost everything into the body of the man. Even if he doesn't chase after the man, the man is finished. There's no way for him to recover from the poison miasma, and it would only take a few months before he dies.

Grey, being a good guy didn't want the man to go through such torture before he dies. He felt it was only right he helped the man, by killing him.

The man only managed to escape a few kilometers before his speed reduced. He came out of the ground and saw the hole in his chest. It wasn't healing, rather, it was covered by a black patch.

"What's this?"

Fear and confusion enveloped him. He didn't know what was happening, and how this thing was on his chest. At first, he thought it was from the ground, but after careful consideration, he knew there's no way he could enter something like this without being aware of it. Unless...

"Impossible!"

"Right?" Grey appeared with a smile, he added, "I've always found this ability so fascinating."

The man looked at him, understanding what he meant by his words. This was Grey's doing, and he seemed pleased with himself.

"You... what are you?" The man asked.

"Someone with a massive reward on my head. Capture me and get what you've always wanted." Grey's reply was sarcastic.

The man sensed the strength leaving his body. He soon realized he was infected with.

"Miasma... but how's it possible?" He asked with a confused expression.

He had seen a few people that were stuck in miasma for a short time. They only survived due to not spending a long period of time there. The amount of miasma in his body was more than enough to kill at least two Sovereigns.

"How did you manage to get your hands on miasma? Can it be controlled?" The man was thinking straight and started asking questions.

"It's a long story. I don't think you have such time on your hands." Grey said with a thoughtful expression.

The man's expression changed when he heard this. He knew Grey was right, but he was finding it hard to accept.

There was silence in the place.

Grey broke the silence, "I'm here to help you. I'll make sure you don't have to go through the torment of having to live with this only to die from it."

"What do you mean?" The man asked.

"Simple." Grey grinned, "I'm going to kill you."

Chapter 1484 Change In Physique?

The man was taken aback by Grey's words, but as he felt the strength leave his body as he was getting corroded by the miasma, he knew escaping was out of the picture.

"Please... help me."

The man had crumbled completely. His chances of survival were currently in Grey's hands, and he hated it, but he didn't want to die, not now that he just got to the Sovereign Plane. Everything is supposed to go well after he got to the Sovereign Plane, he would be open to greater chances to grow and become a significant person in the world, but he was on the verge of being killed by a young kid who hadn't even gotten to the Sovereign Plane.

Regret filled his mind, but the emotion in his mind that was more than regret was the will to live. He didn't want to die. This was the start of his journey, so why would he give up now and die?

At the moment, he was willing to do whatever Grey wanted, as long as he was able to live on, even as a slave to Grey, he didn't care, as long as he wasn't killed by Grey.

"You see, I wouldn't mind having someone in the Sovereign Plane to be my servant. But you're not needed. I have people who will get to the Sovereign Plane in a few weeks or months, and they're much more useful than you are." Grey didn't feel moved with the man's begging.

He could also tell the man was on the verge of death, but he didn't care. This was someone who hunted him down, and if not for his strength, he would've been captured by this guy. It was unknown if he would've met a cruel fate under the man or not. Since he had the advantage, he didn't mind killing the man.

The man was about to beg, but his eyes soon turned listless.

The man was in his weakest state mentally, and Grey used his icy flame mental attack on him. The man couldn't defend it and his consciousness was frozen instantly.

Grey destroyed the body with an emotionless expression, he looked in a certain direction and vanished. He didn't want to stay here for too long.

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Some kilometers away.

Conor was still in his hiding spot. He noticed the impacts of the battle had reduced, but he didn't dare to come out. He didn't know what the outcome of the battle was. If Grey was defeated or if he fled the area, he would be the one in danger.

He didn't know if Grey was able to kill those people, all he did was attack and escape under the cover of the talisman's explosion.

He was still hiding when Grey appeared before him.

"They're dead, we should get going." Grey said when he arrived.

"Didn't you break through to the Sovereign Plane?" Conor raised a brow.

Grey saying those people were dead meant that he was the one who broke through and killed them with his new strength.

Hearing Conor's question, an awkward smile appeared on Grey's face as he scratched the back of his head, "Well, I wasn't the one. I only got to the Pseudo-sovereign stage."

"Huh?" Conor found Grey's response unbelievable.

Grey was a genius well-known across the entire Continent. There was no way anyone would believe he failed to break through to the Sovereign Plane and only stopped at the Pseudo-sovereign stage. Someone of Grey's caliber shouldn't have any problems with getting to the Sovereign Plane from the Peak of the Venerable Plane.

"It's nothing. We should head back, father should have returned by now." Grey changed the topic.

To be honest, he was a little ashamed of what happened. But there's nothing he could do. He never thought that the essence he needed to break through was more than what just one phenomenon could produce.

One thing he noticed was that his physical body experienced a massive change. In fact, his body was the main thing that absorbed most of the essence, his core wasn't able to absorb enough of it, which caused his failure to break through.

Only after his body seemed to have gotten enough did his core start to absorb more. The impact of his punch on the man's body was more than what he expected. This showed that even he underestimated the strength of his physical body. His explosiveness was also on another level as well.

After the failed breakthrough, he was still fighting so he didn't have the chance to think about the process. But now that he was no longer fighting, he placed his mind on it.

Apparently, his body is a vessel that needs to be filled up. Only after it was filled did it allow his core to absorb some of the essence. But there was a difference with the essence entering his body. It was in a completely fused state. Meaning, all elemental essence was fused before it was absorbed by his body. He didn't know how it happened, but that was how it was.

His core continued absorbing the normal way, while his body absorbed the fused form.

Thinking about it, he didn't think something like this was supposed to happen. Unfortunately, there was no one he could question about what was happening, all he could do was learn on his own. As much as he liked the fact that he is able to use all elements and increase their grades, he found it frustrating that he has to go through all these things on his own.

Grey didn't let this affect his mood, he followed Conor with a bright expression. The Pseudo-sovereign stage was an upgrade, and he already noticed he could fight against a First stage Sovereign which meant he didn't have to worry about being in danger when faced with such opponents.

Grey didn't expect to achieve such a status in such a short time. But he was proud of himself and the fact that he never gave up on himself, no matter the situation.

Chapter 1485 Such A Thing Happened?

Grey and Conor were heading back to the Dawson Family, while the entire Continent was in an uproar.

The apparition of a God appeared in the sky, even though it wasn't clear, it was something that gave some people hope that a God Plane Elementalist might be appearing in the Continent soon enough. If this happens, then the current state of things in the Continent would change drastically.

There are hundreds of Half-God Plane Elementalists present in the Aurora Continent, but none of them have been able to get past this blockade. All they needed was for one person to shatter the shackles and the rest would be able to follow suit in a short time. This is something everyone is aware of, but the problem is that no matter how hard they try, none of them has been able to achieve this.

This was a sign of something, most people didn't know if it was a good or bad sign, but they knew things would be different very soon. The appearance of that apparition means that something was happening behind the scenes, and only a few people might be aware of this.

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The Northern Continent.

When the apparition appeared in the sky, Martha was with Cori in a room. The duo stepped out and Martha looked at the apparition with squinted eyes.

When Cori saw the figure in the sky she smiled and called out softly, "It's him."

Cori's words drew Martha's attention, "Who?"

"Elder brother Grey." Cori said seriously.

Martha's expression changed drastically. The thought of this being caused by Grey didn't cross her mind, but the moment Cori made this statement, she recalled something.

'He has a God's orb in his body. Could this mean that he has the chance of getting to the God Plane?'

Her mind started moving quickly. This was a serious matter. If Grey has the potential to become a God, then he has to be protected at all costs, even if the entire Continent was sacrificed, as long as he got to the God Plane, it was worth it. He would break the chains holding them down and reconnect the rumored broken path.

'If others find out about this, he'll be in danger.' She understood what came with such responsibility.

"Never say this to anyone, okay?" She turned to Cori.

the seriousness in her expression was taken aback, but she nodded her head. She always listened to her. Well, how could she disobey her? She had seen how she handles Lucas whenever he makes a wrong decision or says something wrong. She admired her and wanted to be like her.

Martha smiled and gently caressed her hair. They continued watching the phenomenon, and even when Martha's father came over, Cori didn't make any statement about it apparition being Grey.

Martha wasn't certain, but with whatever that was written in that scroll, and Grey's ability to use all elements, this was quite easy to believe when she connected all the dots. Being able to use all elements was something she felt only a God should be capable of doing, and even in the ancient texts, the Gods that roamed the Aurora Continent didn't have the ability to control all elements which made the God Grey got his orb special.

After a short while, the apparition faded off. She heaved a sigh when the apparition didn't show Grey's visage. The fact that Cori was able to recognize it was beyond her, but she didn't doubt the little girl.lights

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The entire Continent were in a heated discussion about the apparition on the sky.

As Grey and Conor headed back, they noticed that whatever Town or City they flew past, everyone was gathered outside, all discussing fervently. It was fine if it was just one, but three Cities were in such a state and the duo's curiosity made them stop. And when they listened to what happened, their eyes widened.

"You're saying a large figure appeared in the sky?" Conor was in a state of disbelief.

"You didn't see it? I'm certain that figure could be seen across the entire Continent..." One of the young men they asked replied with a serious expression as he explained what happened.

The young man was only in the Overlord Plane, and seeing young people like Grey and Conor, he felt they were on the same level as he spoke to them carefreely.

Conor and Grey exchanged glances.

Conor gave Grey a strange look, while Grey wore a confused expression. He didn't see any apparition.

The duo disappeared on the spot, leaving the City and appearing on a hilltop.

"Could the man's process of breaking through have blocked the sky and not allow us to see such a phenomenon?" Grey placed his hand on his cheek while his heart was beating rapidly.

He used his superior ability to hide this detail from Conor as his expression was calm. The description of the apparition according to that young man was exactly how his breakthrough happened. If the young man was correct, that meant the apparition in the sky was a visual of his breakthrough.

'This is bad. Will I get noticed?'

Grey was panicking internally, but in front of Conor, he wore a calm expression.

"Your battle was very serious, covering a large area due to it. There's a good chance it might have blocked us from seeing it." Conor replied.

He couldn't accuse Grey of being the one who caused it, even though he suspected it, he didn't dare to make such allegations.

"What do you think the apparition in the sky means? Did someone become a God? Or did a God come over to take a peek at how we're leaving?"

Grey asked multiple questions in a row. He wore a perplexed expression as everyone else who saw the apparition. There was no way he was going to give himself away.

Conor was also just as perplexed, his suspicion towards Grey was thrown to the back of his mind. There were hundreds of Half-God Plane Elementalists in the Continent, there's a good chance one of them might've actually broken through.

Chapter 1486 The Pros Outweighs The Cons

Grey spent some hours with Conor before getting to the Dawson Family. There's nothing else they could get from the people outside the Family. They've learnt everything there was to learn outside.

When they got to the Family manor, his father still wasn't around. He had to wait for his return once again.

It took a few hours until Lucas finally arrived. When he saw Grey, his expression changed. He knew that Grey had gotten to the Pseudo-sovereign stage with a single glance. He didn't expect it, but he was able to sense it almost instantaneously.

"When did you get to this stage?" Lucas raised a brow, slightly confused Grey was stuck in the Pseudo-sovereign stage. He didn't expect someone of Grey's caliber to fail to break through.

To most people, the Pseudo-sovereign stage was a sign of failure of one's attempt to get to the Sovereign Plane. Seeing Grey in that stage didn't look good.

Grey told him of his experience with the man, and how he fought for his life.

"I see." Lucas nodded, he looked at Grey and said with a thoughtful expression, "You broke through in the process?"

"Yes, during the fight." Grey replied.

Lucas thought about it for a while and asked, "Did you see the apparition that appeared a while ago?"

"Personally, no. But someone told me about it on my way back. At the time, I was still battling with that man. I wasn't given the luxury to look around. And the sky was covered due to the man's breakthrough." Grey explained.

"Do you have any idea if it's connected to you?" Lucas questioned.

Originally, he didn't have such thoughts, but the second he found out Grey was in the midst of breaking through at that time, he started to grow suspicious. It was too much of a coincidence for such a thing to appear when Grey was in the middle of breaking through to the Sovereign Plane. Adding the fact that Grey failed and how the apparition almost completely faded off at one point showed that there's a great chance they might be connected.

Grey paused to think, seeing the seriousness in his Father's eyes, he took it seriously too, "I'm not sure of the specific details or if I'm connected to it. But I can confirm it indeed happened during the battle and during my breakthrough. I don't know what it means."

Lucas looked at Grey with a thoughtful expression and said, "No one should know about this, except your mom, of course."

Grey nodded.

After getting that out of the way, Lucas looked at his son, "Why did you leave your Faction?"

Grey rarely leaves his Faction unless there was something he wanted to do. Either he wants his father's help with something, or he's going out for another journey.

"I'm on the verge of breaking through, and over the last few years, there has always been a commotion whenever I break through a major Plane." Grey explained, he looked at his father before adding, "Something like what happened today, for instance."

Lucas took a glance at Grey and he suddenly understood why Grey came to him. If he causes such a commotion in the Pyrmond Faction while breaking through, there's a chance they will try to investigate why something like this only happened when he was breaking through.lights

"Good thing you came to me." He applauded Grey's smartness. Grey knew what was best for him, and breaking through in his father's presence will put him in lesser danger.

"Alright, I'll make preparations for your breakthrough. Will you need anything?" He asked Grey.

Grey thought about it and told his father of how the essence he absorbed wasn't enough and was only able to break through to the Pseudo-sovereign stage with the help of the essence the man was using to break through.

Lucas wore a dumbfounded expression on his face, "That's possible?"

"I've stopped someone from breaking through by destroying the essence gathered, so I thought of absorbing another person's own, and to my surprise, it worked." Grey explained.

"You mean..." Lucas was finding it difficult to believe, but he knew Grey wouldn't lie to him. And from how the apparition faded at the time, he knew Grey was not lying, but it was still a shocking thing to accept.

How could someone actually achieve something like that?

"Are you sure about this?" Lucas couldn't help but ask once again.

Grey nodded.

"Impressive." Lucas was genuinely impressed with Grey's ability. As if having the ability to learn all elements wasn't enough, now he could even stop people from breaking through. Not just that, but he could absorb the essence for himself.

Grey was a cheat to the rest of the world. Having such abilities shouldn't be possible, but he not only has one, but he has so many.

Lucas has seen him use Dragon scales and knows he's also able to use that. It was another shocking discovery at the time, but that isn't as astounding as what he's hearing right now.

Even someone of Lucas' status was a little envious of what Grey's able to do. This was not something he could do even in a hundred years.

"That orb truly is special. You, my boy, deserved it." He commented as he looked into space.

Grey sighed, "Yes, but now it needs too much essence. I should've gotten to the Sovereign Plane by now if not for it."

"Sacrifices my boy, sacrifices." Lucas didn't think this was a challenge. Compared to the things Grey's able to do thanks to the orb, these obstacles weren't anything serious. As long as Grey could still break through in the end, all this didn't matter.

One thing he knew for sure with the appearance of the apparition is that it is certain, Grey will get to the God Plane as long as he didn't die. For someone to have such a high probability of getting to the God Plane in their world meant more than a little set back.

Chapter 1487 The Ultimate Ice User

Lucas took Grey away from the Dawson manor. Given what might happen, he didn't want to take the risk of Grey breaking through while they were in the manor.

Grey was a very important figure right now. At the moment, Grey represented hope, not just for himself, but the entire Aurora Continent as a whole. A person who can get to the God Plane would change the trajectory of the upcoming war. As long as they could hold on for a year or two, Grey should be able to get to the God Plane at that time.

This was the rise of a God, and with a God Plane Elementalist, the Gnomes wouldn't dare to attack them anymore. Not just that, but Grey would open the way for other Gods to emerge, making the Continent to have more Gods given the large amount of people that were already at the very peak, like Lucas and

the other top powerhouses in the Continent that has been alive for hundreds of years, some even thousands of years.

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Time went by as Grey prepared for his breakthrough.

Lucas was preparing for Grey's breakthrough, while Grey was also doing the same.

The entire Continent was still speaking of the apparition. This was a sign of hope for a lot of people, and they knew this very well. As for others, it was calamity.

To Necromancers, Grey is someone that shouldn't be allowed to grow. But to a certain extent, those Half-God Plane Necromancers wouldn't mind it if Grey got to the God Plane. The reason some of them got into necromancy in the first place is to increase their cultivation stage and try to attain the elusive God Plane. Once Grey opens the door, the rest will be able to follow his footsteps.

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Grey set up a large array in the place while Lucas went out in search of a few items that will increase the essence Grey could absorb. He wanted to make sure the essence wasn't short, so he had to prepare well for it.

Grey on the other hand was also using a gathering array that will act in such a manner and also hide his aura. He was a famous person that if wanted dead by a lot of people, if they sense him while he was in the middle of breaking through to the Sovereign Plane, he would find life difficult.

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In the Moonlight Faction.

While Grey was preparing to break through to the Sovereign Plane, so was Klaus.

Compared to Grey, Klaus didn't need to fear that he might not get to the Sovereign Plane. He was in one of the top water elemental Factions in the entire Continent that deals with ice. There's no way there wouldn't be enough essence for him to break through.

The matter of the apparition was starting to die down, of course there were still discussions, but it wasn't as much as the first few days.

Klaus was in the Faction's special training ground. Sitting in the middle of a large block of ice, his eyes were shut.

Two women were present, watching him. It was as if they were there to make sure Klaus didn't escape.

All of a sudden, they heard Klaus laughing in delight.

"Haha! I'm definitely breaking through before that bandit."lights

Klaus laughed in ecstasy. His eyes opened wide and they glowed with a bright light. His hair stood straight to the sky, as it started to turn white, just like his eyes.

Klaus, in the middle of the ice seemed to have turned into a pure white snow. It was as if he hadn't seen or experienced anything bad. Given Klaus' nature, it was difficult to associate him with a pure person. Even his current psychotic laughter was a pure contrast to the energy he was giving at the moment.

His entire body was covered with a white glow as he actually started to absorb the ice around him.

"The sacred ice!" One of the women shouted.

"Quick! Get the Faction Leader!" The other woman with a higher cultivation stage said in panic.

"Don't worry, I'm already here." A serene voice sounded behind them and snow gathered before them.

The snow formed a figure. A lady who looked to be in her mid twenties appeared, but anyone who knew her knows that she's well over a hundred years. She was calm as she watched Klaus.

"The sacred ice, Goddess." One of the women bowed and said.

"Don't worry about it. I want to see what it makes of him." The Faction Leader said.

Klaus was still laughing like a psychopath as his figure absorbed more of the 'Sacred Ice'.

Unlike others, he didn't need the essence from across the world. The Sacred Ice was present and it will not only fill for essence, but it was the best thing he could actually use at the moment.

Klaus' figure started to freeze up, alarming everyone present, including the Faction Leader.

"Goddess!" One of the women called out I'm fear.

"Don't worry, he should be fine. He knows what he's doing." The Faction Leader said.

She had been with Klaus the most and knew his character, he rarely does things that endangers his life. He has a knack for locating ice elemental treasures. From the first time Klaus came to the Moonlight Faction, he has been wanting to come here. Only now that he was close to the Sovereign Plane did she finally agree to it. Now, she didn't know if it was a good thing or not.

The Sacred Ice started to reduce in size while Klaus' aura spiked in the process. The essence of the world started to gather.

The ice essence that came with it was purely different from when a Water Elementalist breaks through to the Sovereign Plane. All Water Elementalists only draw the water essence, but Klaus was drawing pure ice essence like an Ice Magical Beast.

Only Magical Beasts such as Ice Dragons and Phoenixes have the capacity to do things like these, but Klaus was doing it.

"The ultimate ice user is born."

Chapter 1488 The Ultimate Ice User II

The Faction Leader watched as Klaus was in the final stages of his breakthrough. The temperature around the Faction had dropped even further down, showing the signs of the tremendous impact of Klaus' breakthrough.

In the place Klaus was breaking through, the expressions of the three ladies present soon changed a little. The Faction Leader's mouth twitched softly as she saw something that shouldn't be happening.

"Is... that supposed to happen?" One of them ladies asked with a soft voice, trying to make sure she didn't interrupt Klaus' breakthrough.

The Faction Leader sighed and shook her head, "He's doing it himself."

She has been around Klaus for a few years now and it could be said she knew a little about his antics, and seeing what he's doing at the moment, she knew for a fact that Klaus was doing it on his own.

Klaus was currently floating mid-air, his hair white, eyes glowing, and a majestic long robe made entirely from ice was fluttering in the wind behind him. He made himself a robe befitting of a king as he was breaking through.

The two ladies didn't know what to think about Klaus. He is the greatest genius the Faction had ever seen when it came to life ice abilities. This was one of the reasons he was taken in, and also the fact that he went on to learn the hardest ice techniques with ease.

It was as if Klaus was born to be the ultimate ice user, and seeing what is happening as he is breaking through, they confirmed their guesses, Klaus truly is on course to become the best ice user the Faction will ever produce.

The robe was long and Klaus' figure soon started to descend. It was as if a king appeared before them. He gave them the feeling of a sovereign, not just in his cultivation, but a true sovereign reigning over them.

"It's enough, we get it."

A young lady's voice sounded from behind the Faction Leader and the two ladies. It was one of the top talents in the Faction. She was the number one person before the arrival of Klaus. She couldn't say she hated Klaus for taking her spot, but she didn't have a good impression of him due to it.

When her eyes trailed to the once magnificent block of ice that had been reduced to barely the size of a human head, she almost went red from rage.

"What happened to the Sacred Ice?" She asked one of the ladies.

They might be older, but just like Klaus, she had a high status in the Faction and could question them.

"He absorbed it during his breakthrough." One of them answered.

"He what?!" The young lady couldn't believe her ears.

"It's only right I used it while breaking through. A little sacrifice the Faction has to pay." Klaus was in high spirits, and rightly so. He just broke through to the Sovereign Plane and was in a great mood. He could tell that his ice ability has shot up thanks to him absorbing this ice.

"You greedy, self-centered, ab..."

"Enough!" The Faction Leader stopped the young lady, "The Sacred Ice was on the verge of melting off. There's no need arguing over it."

"But..."

"It's fine. We can get another one." The Faction Leader said.

Klaus grinned as he looked at the young lady with proud eyes, the snow-made robe was still on him and his hair had reverted back to its usual color.lights

"You see, we can get another." He strode forward as he spoke, on the verge of walking out of the place.

The Faction Leader's next statement made him freeze in place. Like shattered ice, Klaus felt his heart break.

"Klaus will get us another one."

"I think there's a mix-up somewhere." Klaus turned around and asked, "I'll do what?"

"You will get us another ice, just like this one. Or else, I'll make sure you cough up every single ice essence you took from it." The Faction Leader wore a dazzling smile as she spoke.

The face of the young lady lit up when she heard this. The Sacred Ice was indeed obtainable, but it was in a very dangerous place, and few Water Elementalist can get close to it without freezing up. An array was placed in the Faction that helps reduce the freezing effects of the ice, giving them the opportunity to cultivate in it.

"I could kill myself. I mean, there's no difference between the two right now." Klaus felt like crying. That was a death sentence, well, at least that is how he saw it.

"You'll be fine. I wouldn't want to kill my precious student." The Faction Leader laughed and disappeared.

"Fuck!" Klaus was visibly upset and the temperature around the place dropped even lower.

Even for these people that were part of a Faction that focuses on ice, they felt a cold in their spine.

The eyes of the young lady dilated when she sensed this. She had always known she was not on the same level as Klaus when it came to pure ice abilities, but experiencing this solidified it.

Klaus stormed off, heading straight for the exit of the Faction. His intentions were simple; Run!

He didn't mask it and headed straight for the gates.

The young lady rushed to report to the Faction Leader, but she was fine with Klaus leaving. She knew for a fact that Klaus would definitely return, so there was no point in chasing him.

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Some kilometers away from the Moonlight Faction.

Klaus looked around in a City, after confirming he wasn't being followed, he heaved a sigh of relief.

'I've always known she doesn't like me.' He thought to himself before disappearing into the crowded street.

Due to the way Klaus broke through, news of it soon started to travel across the Continent. Making the temperature of the entire Faction drop was a stunning feat.

Klaus' fame started to spread, while Klaus himself was making the most of it.

Chapter 1489 Not Fair

Grey had no idea Klaus had broken through to the Sovereign Plane. He was still focused on himself and concealing his breakthrough as much as possible. If the same phenomenon occurs, it might lead people to him, especially if he breaks through. He was afraid that compared to when he got to the Pseudo-sovereign stage, the phenomenon would be greater if he had actually gotten to the Sovereign Plane at the time.

Now, he wanted to conceal it, and so did his father. They both knew the danger that might come with Grey's breakthrough, especially in such a manner. The Gnomes wants him dead. If they find out that

Grey not only has the ability to keep them at bay, but also get to the God Plane, they will do anything in their power to kill him.

Lucas already has a plan he wanted to suggest to the top powerhouses in the Continent, but that will be after Grey's breakthrough. If his plan works, a lot of people, especially the top powerhouses will most likely die, but the possibility of Grey being given the chance to grow and get to the God Plane was not something he wanted to take chances with.

It took a few days, but both Grey and his father were finally ready.

"These should be enough to get two people to the Sovereign Plane." Lucas said as he looked at the large number of treasures lying on the ground, all were absorbable, and they contained an insane amount of pure essence.

'If these aren't enough, then...' Lucas didn't know what to think at the moment. It soon struck him.

'If breaking through to the Sovereign Plane is taking up this much resources, what will he need when he's about to reach the God Plane?'

The question stumped Lucas because he didn't know how to answer it. He is using most of the treasures he had in store, and even had to go out in search of other treasures as well. Not just that but he traded with some people to acquire some of these things.

He shivered at the thought of what Grey would need to break through to the God Plane.

"I'm ready." Grey took in a deep breath. He wanted to break through once again. He could feel that he could activate it whenever he wanted, all he needed was a good amount of resources with him and he should be able to do it.

Lucas nodded and flew up, "I'll make sure the place is secure, you can go ahead now with it."

Lucas disappeared after this statement.

Grey sat down cross-legged and like a magnet, he attracted all the essence in the area towards his body. His body was like the ocean, endless as it sucked in an insane amount of essence.

If his father were to witness this scene, he might freak out from shock. Grey was taking in so much essence that would make even a Mid stage Sovereign explode. It was almost as if Grey wanted to kill himself.

Grey picked up one of the treasures that was a fruit and gobbled it down without hesitation. He didn't stop there, he picked on a magical beast's meat he prepared as well and munched on it.

Grey was feasting on the food while his body was absorbing all the essence from it without stop. The sky surrounding the place started to go dark as a large cluster of thunderclouds appeared with lightning running through it.lights

From the side.

When Lucas saw the sudden appearance of the thunderclouds, he didn't know if to smile or cry. This meant Grey was most likely going to break through at least with the help of the items, but how is he causing such a commotion just by breaking through to the Sovereign Plane?

Lucas didn't understand how it is possible, but as long as he could make sure no one senses Grey's presence here, he was fine.

With a wave of his hand, he created something that looked exactly like the sky and he actually used it to hide the thunderclouds that were above Grey. He didn't want to cause any issues by destroying the thundercloud, but he also didn't want people to see it.

On the other side, he felt an immense pressure and when he raised his head, the figure was once again looking down on them from above. This time, it looked real and the pressure it gave off was enough to make even someone like him shake in his shoes. This was the aura of a God, a dignified person that was high above the rest.

Just this alone was enough to put fear in his heart, he wondered what it would be like to face a God. His fear suddenly disappeared and it turned into excitement. Grey was going to become a God, and that will

open the path for others to follow suit. He has a very good chance of becoming a God as well. Although he knew it wasn't something that was easy to achieve, he believed in his talent.

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The entire Continent once again fell into complete silence. This time, people could barely speak as the pressure the figure was giving off was too strong.

This was a God!

In a busy City street, Klaus was looking at the sky and his face was twitching endlessly.

'Grey... damn it!' He didn't even get the chance to show off his amazing breakthrough, yet Grey was doing something like this?

'How's this even fair?' He dropped his head low.

The first time he saw the apparition, he felt a sense of familiarity from it, but it wasn't solid, so he didn't think too much about it. But now, he could almost recognize Grey's features on the apparition. There was only one way something like that was happening, Grey's on the verge of breaking through.

'This guy will never let me have a good laugh over him.' Klaus sighed. He had given up.

Chapter 1490 Against The Universe

The Aurora Continent was placed in a standstill as everyone watched the figure in the sky.

The figure was staring down with the aloofness of a God, and people found it hard to look into the eyes of the figure.

Klaus recognized the features as that of Grey, but he wasn't the only one. Both Alice and Reynolds also recognized him too.

Other than Cori, they were the only ones who recognized Grey's features from the figure. Even Grey's parents wouldn't know it's Grey if they weren't informed about it by Cori and Grey.

Other than these people, no one else knows this figure has anything to do with Grey. Grey might be famous in the Continent, but there was no way people would associate him with something like this.

There was someone else who had a suspicion, Conor Dawson.

At the moment, Conor was in the Dawson manor, staring at the figure in the sky. He sensed the overbearing pressure that the figure was releasing and he couldn't help but look in the direction his Uncle, Lucas Dawson resided. Grey had been with him for a while. And it was said the duo left for a mission some days ago. No one knew their whereabouts, so there was no way for him to locate them even if he wanted to.

'If he comes back as a Sovereign, does it mean that he's the one who caused it?' He thought internally as he looked at the figure in the sky.

He was skeptical about this, however. Even if Grey does come back as a Sovereign, there's nothing actually tying him to the figure in the sky other than a weird coincidence. From Grey's reaction, he could tell Grey had no idea about what happened. The confusion he saw on Grey's face was enough to let him know he didn't know about the figure in the sky.

He didn't think too much about it, even if he finds out who is making this apparition to appear in the sky, there was nothing he could do about it. With that, he threw the thought to the back of his head as he continued watching the apparition just like everyone else. Everyone had a thought or two about what was happening, but everyone have to keep shut since they did not know the cause of the apparition.

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On Grey's end.

He was absorbing so much essence. The lightning clouds above him raged on and they seemed to be on the verge of striking down.

Grey wasn't the one who conjured the clouds. This meant they appeared on their own.

He was crazily absorbing the essence when a lightning bolt struck.

Grey didn't sense it and only when it landed on his head did he sense it. His entire body jolted and he instinctively entered a fighting position, only for his eyes to widen when he saw another, slightly more powerful lightning bolt coming his way.

He bit onto a fruit, and with the fruit in his mouth, he placed both hands before him and created a seal. An inscription appeared, different from the ones he usually uses, a powerful attack struck the incoming lightning. He nodded proudly and removed the fruit from his mouth. To his greatest shock, he felt his body jolt once again from the shock from being hit by another lightning bolt.

It was the exact lightning bolt he tried to stop a few moments ago. Apparently, it just went past his attack and struck him.

He wanted to take a step, but he noticed something strange...lights

'My body is getting stronger.'

It was little, but he sensed the change in his physical strength. The last time he was only able to absorb so much essence into his body and he felt that was the end. He didn't think his physical body would continue growing stronger unless he had broken through to the Sovereign Plane. Nevertheless, he was getting stronger now even when he thought he had gotten to the limit.

'Was my body too weak hence my failed breakthrough?'

This was the question that popped into his head. He didn't stop the next lightning attack coming his way, rather, he prepared himself. He ate more of the treasures present while also absorbing all the essence he could from the surrounding.

He didn't only create an array to hide himself from the outside world, there was another array that gathered more essence to the center of it, the place Grey was standing.

The next lightning bolt was stronger. It shot down, heading straight for Grey's head.

Grey didn't move away, he looked up and with an intimidating smile, his aura burst out as he welcomed the lightning bolt.

The lightning bolt struck, and the impact was stronger than the previous ones, but it wasn't enough to get Grey to move.

"Is this all you have?" He spat on the ground in disgust.

As if sensing the disrespect, the next lightning bolt was almost two times stronger than the previous one.

'I was only joking.'

Grey's eyes twitched when he sensed the strength behind it. He didn't know what created the lightning clouds, but it looked like it was the universe, and it seemingly doesn't like being challenged.

The lightning bolt struck, and for the first time, Grey took a step back.

He looked up and his eyes turned cold before he stood back on the same spot, with a wave of his hand, he didn't try to eat the treasures any longer, rather, he sucked out all the essence.

This was something that required a powerful consciousness to achieve, and that was something Grey has always had. His mental energy was as a result of his powerful consciousness.

He looked up as his aura burst out once again. It was already at the threshold of the Pseudo-sovereign stage and the Sovereign Plane. At the moment, it was only a matter of time before he becomes a Sovereign, and a powerful one at that.

"Let's see who will win."

