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Chapter 1521 Alice Getting To The Peak

Alice looked at the defeated man, he couldn't stand, much less fight again. She felt a great sense of relief after defeating him, all the adrenaline she was feeling while battling rushed to her core as her body started to show signs of improving. This was what she wanted, defeat the man and grow to the Peak, and this was what was happening.

The man looked at Alice's face which was visible now. This was the first person who had defeated him in such a manner since he had been alive and had gotten to the Peak of the Venerable Plane.

"Come on, do it." He said between breaths.

Alice looked at the man and didn't say anything, he slowly rose up, and just as she was about to leave, she said...

"If I kill you, it will be repaying you with evil. You defeated me the first time and let me go, why should I kill you now?"

The man thought about what she said and to be honest, she was right. He had gotten the chance to kill a lot of geniuses, but in most cases, he always lets them go once he has defeated them, and has always tried his best not to kill any of them. Yes, in a few cases some of them have died, but it was either due to their incompetence, or their unwillingness to retreat even after they've been given the chance to leave.

He laid on the ground, breathing heavily as he looked at Alice's departing figure from the sky, he closed his eyes and passed out. The battle took more than he thought it would, which was a little unexpected. But he didn't care, he was a little satisfied, at least he got to keep his life.

Alice left the place and headed over to the cave she retreated to the first time she fought with the man. She needed to use this momentum to get to the Peak, and she knew she would be able to succeed as long as she wasn't disturbed.

A few hours later, a pleased laughter rang from within the cave.

Alice stepped out of the cave with a pleased smile on her face, she had gotten to the Peak of the Venerable Plane, her next target, the Sovereign Plane. She didn't have any fears that she wouldn't be able to break through to the Sovereign Plane. Even Klaus was successful, what could stop her?

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While Alice and Reynolds were on the journey to get to the Sovereign Plane, Grey and Klaus had been having a good time, escorting Kyle on his journey as well.

At the moment, Grey was staring at the shelf with disbelief in his eyes.

When Klaus saw Grey's reaction, he hurriedly asked, "What's up?"

"Gnomes." Grey said through gritted teeth.

"Yeah, what about them?" Klaus didn't understand what Grey was talking about.

"This array was placed by Gnomes. All I need is some time, I will always remember how their arrays are." Grey looked at the chubby man, his eyes gave a cold glint.

When Klaus and Kyle heard Grey's words, they looked at the man. This wasn't Kyle's first time here, and he knew a thing or two about this man. It's said that he hailed from a prestigious Family on another Continent, he didn't know the Continent, but the man was well respected.

"Are you sure about this?" Kyle asked.

"I can never mistake their arrays for another. It was made by Gnomes." Grey was confident his memory was accurate.

"Wha... what are you saying? Gnomes? How would Gnomes build an array in my house?" The man stuttered but asked, his expression showing anger from Grey's accusations.

"Don't worry, after I get it open, I'll make sure one of them turns you into a living puppet. They should've created a technique like that by now." Grey said with coldness in his eyes.

The man shivered when he heard this, sensing the killing intent radiating from Grey's body, he didn't know what to do.

"There can't be an array made by Gnomes in my house." The man still didn't believe Grey's words.

"For your sake, I hope you're not aware of this." Grey's words were icy cold, but his next words made the man almost freeze from fear, "Unfortunately, you know fully well this is here. In fact, you helped hide it."

"What are you saying?!" The man yelled, "Do you know the severity of the crime with associating myself with Gnomes?"

"I don't, but you will find out soon." Grey said.

"You would've been better if someone else caught you. Unfortunate you, you just had to run into me, one of the people who hates the Gnomes a lot." Grey chuckled.

"He's not lying, he hates them a lot. They've tried to kill him too many times." Klaus added, as if to confirm Grey's words.

"You're Grey Dawson!" The man exclaimed.

There was only one person the Gnomes are actively trying to kill, and given the situation the person would be in, it's only natural that this person would hate them to the core.

If this is truly Grey Dawson, he is doomed. Even if he has no idea how that thing appeared there, he would still be executed. He had heard a few things about Grey Dawson, well, not a few things, he had heard a lot about him, and he knew that he was a ruthless figure.

Someone capable of killing the son of one of the Grand Elders in the Pyrmond Faction is capable of doing anything, especially when he has the advantage.

Grey looked at the man and said, "I wonder if there's a way to pry into the memories of people."

The man felt his body shake when he heard this. Doing something like this should be regarded as a taboo.

"A shame, anyways, I have ways to make you talk, you'd wish you were dead." Grey smiled at the man.

The man looked at the trio in the room, his figure shaking vigorously.

Chapter 1522 Put Through Unimaginable Pain

Klaus and Kyle watched in disbelief as the man was put through a painful experience, his screams sent chills down their spines. What was worse was that they didn't see Grey doing anything to him physically, but they knew whatever Grey has done to the man's body is worse than any physical injuries.

The man was literally shaking from just being tapped on his shoulder.

"How's he able to do that?" Kyle asked while gulping down his saliva in fear.

"I have no idea, but I think it has a lot to do with nerves. He has shown me a thing or two. But I don't think he showed me this." Klaus explained.

Grey taught him how to disable the nerve that makes people feel. This is something that could be very beneficial for him since he could use it on himself during grueling battles. It was what he also used when the assassins entered the place. They didn't know when he disabled their nerves used for feeling, so even when they were frozen, they didn't feel the chilling cold seep into their bodies.

Klaus looked on as Grey formed water droplets and just let them start falling on the man like it was raining. He couldn't help but wonder, Grey wasn't using any serious attacks, yet the man was in so much pain, what would happen if Grey uses a powerful attack?

The man went through the pain for minutes, enduring it and refusing to speak. Minutes soon started to turn into an hour. The man was sweating profusely and had actually lost his voice once due to the pain,

but Grey miraculously brought it back. The man passed out, he was woken by the pain he felt the next second.

Kyle has never seen or heard of this type of torture, and Grey was making it look so simple. There were no physical injuries, yet the man seemed to age in the space of one hour. His previous rosy complexion and chubby figure started to slim down. The eyes of the man had completely changed. Looking at them, one could tell that he was tormented by trauma. This torture method was making it look like the man has been going through the worst experience since he was a child.

Grey wasn't even concerned about the man, while he was screaming at the top of his lungs, crying even, Grey was observing the array. He was trying to see if he could get a way to crack it without alerting anyone. He didn't know what this array was used for, but for some reason, he believed it might be a portal to the Gnome world. The reason for this belief was simple, why would the Gnome race's array be here if it wasn't for that. And looking at the location, this was a very strategic position.

After over one hour, Grey stood up and walked to the man who was crying, he couldn't speak, and his sobs were the only things left.

"Willing to talk now?" Grey raised a palm and the never ending rain stopped.

"I... Ahhh!"

The man was about to speak when Grey directly cut off one of his hands. The pain sent the man straight into shock, but just as he thought he could finally escape into the afterlife, he was brought back from the jaws of death.

"Are you willing to talk?" Grey asked once again, with the same nonchalant expression.

The man hurriedly nodded this time around.

"Good, speak."

"The only method to access the array is..."

The man went on to describe how the array works and how it could be used. And it was just as Grey presumed, it was a portal to the Gnome world. Generally, the Gnomes use it to come into the human world and leave whenever they like.

"Do you know the location of any other array like this?" Grey asked.

The man shook his head, "We're only allowed to know just the one left to us. If I die, they will know and destroy the portal so it can't be used."

"Oh, good thing you didn't die." Grey didn't expect this information, luckily, he made sure he kept the man alive, although under serious pains, but he was alive.

"Do you know where this portal leads to? Also, is there anyone on the other side of it?" Grey asked.

The man shook his head, "I am not allowed to have such information, I just know it's close to the Gnome World's Capital City. Actually, most portals are close to the Gnome World's Capital City."

Grey and Klaus exchanged glances, a glint flashed through their eyes. They wanted to sneak into the Gnome world, they needed a portal to do so, and who would've thought that a journey with Kyle would actually make this happen.

Grey had always thought it would be difficult to get a portal, and was just thinking of ways to get the Seventh Prince to create a special one, but what's the use of doing that now when he could use this one.

With that thought in mind, he looked at the man and said, "Open it."

The man did as instructed, and Grey watched him through the entire process, while also keeping an eye on the array. He needed to know he could do it on his own the next time. There was also the issue of the man's death. He couldn't kill him, so he wanted to put him under his control and keep him hidden somewhere he couldn't escape.

The shelf moved and they saw a brick wall. Grey was about to speak when he noticed the array hadn't been fully opened. After some time, an opening came up, and they saw stairs leading down.

"So the array leads to the portal." Grey murmured to himself.

From the start, he originally thought the array was directly connected to the portal, only now did he understand the array was to hide the existence of the portal which was underneath this place.

Chapter 1523 Trying To Gather Information

Grey didn't let the man take the lead, rather, he quickly placed him under his control before taking the lead. He descended down the steps, and Klaus and Kyle followed behind him.

They walked for a while before finally getting to the ground. They were met with what looked like an altar in an open space. In the middle of the altar, they saw the spiraling portal. They had all seen portals before and knew how it was. But this one looked a bit different, if one looked close enough, they could see what's on the other end of the portal.

Grey couldn't help but chuckle.

"Amusing."

He walked close to it and sent his senses into the portal, since there's a way to see what's happening there, he felt there's also a possibility that his consciousness would be able to pass through and observe clearly what was on the other end.

He did this as cautiously as he could, and when his consciousness got to the other end, just like his thoughts, he could send his consciousness to the other side. He observed the place, but found no one in sight. This place was the same as where they currently were.

After giving it some thoughts, Grey decided to withdraw. He didn't want to make any hasty decisions. And a simple mistake would sabotage this golden opportunity that was before them.

Before leaving, he caught sight of an insignia. After memorizing what was drawn on it, he left the place. He would use this insignia to locate this place with the help of the Seventh Prince, and take the opportunity to create a good chance for them to sneak into the Gnome world.

He looked at the portal and said, "Let's go."

"Uh?" Kyle was a little surprised at Grey's words.

"We're leaving, anything wrong?" Grey asked.

"Yes, this should be destroyed, why are we leaving it here?" Kyle didn't understand Grey's thought process.

"Let's just say this portal is of great use. In a few months or years time, you'll see." Grey replied.

Kyle gave him a deep look, he didn't chase the matter any further. Since Grey didn't want to talk about it in detail, there was no point in asking.

"What about him?" He pointed at the chubby man who was a little different compared to how he previously was.

"He can't be killed, for obvious reasons. I'll take him with me and make sure he doesn't see the light of day, well, until I'm done with modifying the array which wouldn't need him any more." Grey explained.

The man was somewhat connected to the array, so they couldn't kill him. However, he was confident that within the next month or so, he would be able to modify the array and wouldn't need to keep the man alive any longer.

Kyle nodded and didn't ask any more questions.

"Also, do well to keep this information a secret, at least for now." Grey added.

Kyle nodded, he knew letting this information out would spoil whatever plans Grey seems to have. The thought of Grey working with the Gnomes didn't even cross his head, nor did the thought of Grey wanting to sneak into the Gnome world did. He just felt maybe Grey wanted to do something with the portal.

The trio left the underground cave and went to the man's manor. It was big enough, so they opted to stay there for the night.

The next morning, Kyle felt it was best he headed back. Thanks to Klaus and Grey he has not only grown massively, but his chances of getting to the Sovereign Plane has greatly increased. He didn't know how to thank the duo, and even when he tried to, they pushed it away, after all, they were friends.

Kyle felt gratitude that he made friends with people like these. After saying his goodbyes, he left the place.

Grey and Klaus opted to stay there. Grey wanted to study the array, while Klaus wanted to enjoy the meal from the Inn. Klaus and Void, to be precise. Grey didn't have any issues with eating the delicious meal occasionally, so he was very fine with this.

As he was studying the array, he called for the bunny leader, he had a very important mission for it. Since there's a way to investigate what's on the other side of the portal, he wanted the help of the bunnies under the bunny leader's army. There is no way anyone would suspect an innocent bunny, and the bunny leader had all sorts of bunnies, there are some that were so little people would miss them.

Grey wanted to use one like this. The bunny would be used to gather information about where this portal was located and even the strength of those in the building. One has to know, although it looks safer using the Seventh Prince, there were a few things that might spoil that plan, and he was hoping to only start controlling the Prince more when he's inside the Gnome world.

They stayed there for over two weeks before the bunny leader arrived. In these past two weeks, Grey had been researching the array daily and he hadn't gotten anything from it.

Klaus and Void were living carefree lives, ordering food from the Inn as much as they could, even during the nights. The chefs have been working tirelessly for them these past weeks. And since they were

Sovereigns, they could ensure they didn't get filled, which meant they could eat continuously for extended periods.

When the bunny leader finally arrived, Grey told it to bring out one of its smallest bunnies. The bunny leader already knew Grey wanted to sneak into the Gnome world, so he did as he was told.

The bunny it brought out was actually in the Seventh Rank, which was the Venerable Plane, and its size was astonishing. He could barely believe that it was in the Seventh Rank if not for the fact that he was seeing it with his eyes.

Chapter 1524 Coming Up With A Plan

Grey and Klaus were sitting in the man's office, the man was nowhere to be seen at the moment, but he was still alive. His life was connected to the array, and until Grey knew how to make sure there would be no unforeseen consequences after killing him, he didn't want to take the chances, yet.

"When is your dad going to give us the chance he spoke about? I'm bored here." Klaus asked.

"We still have to wait for the others, only after they've gotten to the Sovereign Plane can we start the mission." Grey said, he took a glance at Klaus and couldn't help but shake his head.

"Why don't you use this opportunity to train? Once Reynolds gets to the Sovereign Plane, do you think you can stand a chance against him and his Elemental Warrior?" Grey asked with a smirk.

"We're both in the First stage, why are you talking like you're going to be in any better situation compared to me?" Klaus snorted.

"Simple, because I'm stronger." Grey's words would hurt any other genius, but not Klaus.

"How's that a concern of mine?"

"You were the one who asked the question."

"Did I tell you I didn't know the answer?"

Grey could only give up, there was no winning Klaus in an argument. Since he didn't care, that was his problem, given how often he bullies Reynolds, Grey was almost certain Reynolds would take advantage of his current superior strength.

Grey focused on the array once again, leaving Klaus to do whatever he wanted. And just like that, another week went by with the duo spending their entire time in the manor. None of them left the place.

The bunny that was sent into the Gnome world had given Grey valuable information about the place where the portal was located.

The owner of the place was a Fifth stage Sovereign, and he wasn't the one standing guard there. The person standing guard was only in the First stage of the Sovereign Plane. Grey was confident in his abilities, and he was sure that he could take out this person without anyone else sensing it. His only concern was if there was an array there that was also connected to the person guarding it.

The bunny had been monitoring this person for a while and has pretty much gotten the general knowledge of his schedule. The Gnome spends most of his time there, but once every four days, he steps out to pay a visit to a lady. It is unknown what relationship he shares with the female Gnome.

Not just that, but Grey has also been able to find other information, such as the special rights some humans have in the Gnome world. Humans that have earned the trust of Gnomes, mostly necromancers, have been given special privileges. These people aren't treated in the same manner as other humans. Of course, they weren't equals with the Gnomes, but they could access some places the slaves couldn't.

"What do you think about us using this strategy?" Grey asked Klaus.

If they entered the Gnome world pretending to be necromancers under the Seventh Prince's wings, they would have more freedom to move around, causing whatever havoc they could.

"You can pretend to be a necromancer since you have the darkness element, but the rest of us can't."
Klaus shook his head.

Grey could achieve this, but they couldn't. How could they pretend to be necromancers when they don't even have the darkness element, the most important factor of being a necromancer.

Grey nodded, he didn't think about this. He brainstormed and turned to Void.

"Is there a way you can put them inside my storage ring, just like you did to the Dragon?"

Void and the bunny leader seemed to be exceptions when it comes to not only stepping into the spatial storage even though they were alive, they could also put other living beings inside without any issues.

"It's possible, but since they are humans, it will be a little taxing." Void replied after some thought.

He looked at the bunny leader, and without hesitation he threw the task to it, "That guy can do it without any problems. Make him do it."

The bunny leader wanted to reject it, but when it saw Void's cold eyes, it shrunk its head back.

Grey looked at the bunny leader and recalled that it was even better with manipulating the space element compared to Void.

"I'll leave that to you then." Grey said.

He looked at his appearance and then with the help of his darkness element, his previous rosy complexion turned pale in an instant, just like necromancers.

This was the way most necromancers look, dried up and pale. The ones who have infiltrated Factions and some Families keep a rosy complexion so as to ensure they didn't raise suspicions.

Klaus looked at Grey and shivered, "It's that easy for you? Even I feel like attacking you now."

"Haha, given my vast experience with Necromancers, I've studied them to a certain extent. I even have an underling I lied to some years back. I wonder if he's still alive." Grey chuckled.

"Why don't you try to contact him? He can lead us to a Necromancer hideout. At least that's more fun than idling away here." Klaus' eyes lit up.

"I thought you were enjoying the food?"

"After eating it for so long, I've gotten tired of it."

Even Void had stopped ordering food some days ago. Klaus was the first to stop, it has been over a week now since he last tasted the food. Yes, the food was delicious, but he was tired of eating it over and over again. He had eaten everything they could prepare and was fed up with them.

Maybe in a month's time he would want to eat it again, but for now, he has lost all interest in that.

Grey chuckled and replied, "Don't worry, I should be done with the array in a few days, we will head out then."

Chapter 1525 Never Forget To Take Revenge

Grey and Klaus stayed there for five more days before Grey fully grasped the array and how to disconnect it from the chubby man's life-force. It was a tiring process, but he didn't mind since his knowledge on arrays had increased in the process.

The Gnome were truly geniuses in the field of array. They could be regarded as arraymasters. Even a prodigy like Grey had to take a few weeks to crack one array. And this wasn't their most complex array, Grey was sure of this.

Even the way they created portals leading to the Aurora Continent showed they were not to be trifled with.

'If only I could learn a thing or two from their top arraymasters.' Grey thought to himself, and his eyes lit up.

He could control the Seventh Prince, making him tell one of the arraymasters to teach him what he knew wouldn't be difficult. Especially once the other Princes were dead, with only the Seventh Prince left, everyone would know he was the heir to the throne and would treat him with utmost respect.

Even those the Prince couldn't order previously would be under him since he was basically the next Emperor.

With this thought in mind, excitement danced in Grey's eyes. He always liked learning new things, especially when it came to arrays. This was a good opportunity, and he didn't want to waste it. All that's left now, was to wait for his father to signal him.

"Are we finally leaving?" Klaus asked.

"Yes."

"What about that guy?"

"He's dead."

"So efficient."

"I could kill him with a thought, it wouldn't be that hard after finishing the array. Besides, how did you think I tested it?"

Klaus looked at Grey like he was crazy. He wasn't even a hundred percent sure about it yet he went on to kill the man. What if it didn't work?

But knowing Grey, he knew Grey wasn't that careless.

He took in a deep breath, excited that they were finally going to do something fun.

"He's some distance away. It will take us a few days to catch up to him."

"There's no problem with that. I want to stretch my legs."

The duo left the town quietly. On their way, Grey told Klaus they should take a detour.

That evening, the duo arrived at a manor some kilometers away from the town.

"Where's this place?" Klaus asked.

"We're here for revenge." Grey replied.

The second Klaus heard the word revenge, he already knew where this place was. This was the home of the man who spoke about the item with Kyle. Klaus had even forgotten about the man's existence, but Grey didn't. The fact that Grey tracked him here showed how vengeful Grey was.

The man was in the Sovereign Plane, but Grey didn't care. It was clear that he fancied their chances against the man.

"Should we attack now, or a sneak attack?" Klaus asked.

"A sneak attack will be safer. He's in the Third stage, I don't know how powerful he could be, so it's better to play it safe. Created the strongest ice needle you can create." Grey said, he looked at the bunny leader and added, "Bunny, hide him in my spatial ring."

Klaus and the bunny leader got to work, and in a few seconds, Grey was the only one standing there. Even Void had hidden in the spatial ring.

Grey concealed his aura and sneaked into the manor. On stepping into the place, he heard the sound of children playing and his expression changed slightly. They were little children in the manor.

He hesitated, but still went on with it. The almost cost them their lives. If not for the fact that his cultivation nor Klaus' was sensed by others, they might've been killed.

He wanted revenge, and he would get it, regardless of the situation the man was in at the moment.

When he moved closer, he saw the man sitting on a dining table, and on the side were some young men and women, accompanied by little children around the ages of four to ten.

The highest cultivation stage of the young men and ladies was the Seventh stage of the Venerable Plane.

Grey squinted his eyes, and with the help of the space element, he sneaked into the house without being detected.

'Should I strike now, or wait until he's alone?' He was caught in a dilemma.

He didn't want to waste too much time here, but he also didn't want to kill in front of these children.

'There's no time to waste, their father, or grandfather is an evil fellow who should be killed without hesitation.'

With this conviction in his mind, he took in a deep breath.

The man placed his hand on the shoulder of the young man sitting closer to him, and he was in the middle of laughing heartily when he noticed something strange.

He didn't remove his hand from the shoulder of the young man as he turned around to look behind him. He didn't see anything, and when he turned back, to his shock, the person in front of him was not the same as the person whom his hand had been placed on.

Grey grabbed the man and teleported the duo away from this place. Yes, he wanted to kill the man, but he still felt a pricking sensation in his heart, so he opted to take the man away and kill him there. He might return the body so his children could bury him after he was done.

Those at the table didn't realize what just happened until it was too late. Their father and grandfather had disappeared before their eyes, and so was the seat closest to his empty.

They were still trying to comprehend what was happening when the young man the man previously held walked out from the side of the hallway.

"What just happened? Where's father?" He asked with a confused expression.

"Someone took him."

Chapter 1526 Battling A Wind Sovereign

While the man's children were worrying about their father's abrupt disappearance, Grey had taken him some kilometers away to ensure their battle wasn't noticed by anyone, at least not as soon as it started.

The moment Grey and the man appeared on the mountaintop, Grey didn't hold back and attacked in an instant.

The man was still a little confused, but this didn't mean his reaction was slow. He moved his body, and wind elemental essence gathered around him. A cyclone appeared and Grey's attack was sent flying by the man's attack.

The man looked at Grey and didn't seem to recall where he had seen him. He had a sense of familiarity, he just didn't know where he saw him.

"Who are you, why are you attacking me?" The man asked. He had sensed Grey's cultivation stage from the attack just now and it was something he could deal with, hence his calm reaction.

"You've forgotten me, so soon?" Grey didn't attack, he stood and looked at the man's face.

The man didn't seem to recognize him, but he didn't care about it. The man's stunt was a dangerous one and Grey wanted to make him regret it.

Grey was about to speak when a look of realization dawned on the man.

"You were with the kid I made a trade with." The man pointed at Grey.

"I thought that fatty dealt with you guys?" The man asked, a little confused at Grey's appearance.

The only reason he didn't do it himself was because he knew the chubby man was interested in it, and the trio were foolish enough to sleep at his tavern. He left the place the same day since there was no point in staying as there was nothing to be benefited.

"Oh, I see now. Quite capable, I must say." The man realized Grey was already in the Sovereign Plane, and the chubby man didn't have anyone in the Sovereign Plane to deal with Grey.

"I should've waited until the next day." The man murmured, regret slightly heard in his voice.

Grey looked at the man who didn't show any remorse, rather, he was annoyed he didn't stay behind to finish the job. Now Grey didn't need to feel any pity for the man's children. After seeing the man being with his children and grandchildren, the thought of sparing his life crossed his mind. Now that thought has been completely tossed to the side.

"Do you think you can do anything to me?" The man seemed to have sensed the killing intent from Grey and chuckled.

"Kids these days, always overestimating their abilities." The man was amused with Grey's seemingly stupidity. Only a fool would want to fight with someone that's clearly stronger than he is.

Grey had the advantage of the surprise, but he still wasn't able to land an attack on the man. To be fair to Grey, the man had a few seconds to react since he had to take him away from his home, but not being able to attack him was still disappointing in the eyes of the man.

"We'll see about that." Grey moved once again, attacking the man.

The man blocked the fire arrows coming his way and created a tornado that pulled Grey his way.

Grey didn't have the strength to fight against it and was pulled into the tornado. Grey created an earth armor, to block the wind blades hidden in the tornado.

The man saw that this wasn't doing anything to Grey and used the tornado to send Grey as high as he could into the sky, before slamming him into the ground.

Grey's figure caused a deep crater on the ground of the mountaintop.

The man laughed and quickly sent wind spheres into the crater which exploded in the confined space.

He wanted to end the battle quickly and head back to his family for his dinner. He was enjoying his time with them.

The man looked into the crater, only to see a blue light burst out from it.

He took a few steps back to balance himself, and he felt a powerful pain from his back. He turned around, only to see Grey in an almost completely battered earth armor, striking him with his fist.

The man felt his body fly through the air like a broken kite as he was blown from one mountaintop, to another mountain almost five hundred meters away. He crashed into the mountain, but quickly flew out of the place.

He was just leaving when lightning bolts struck the place he landed on.

Grey wasn't messing around, he wanted to test his power against the man alone. Only when he sees he can't do it alone will he need the aid of Klaus' surprise attack.

The man flew at top speed, and his speed was actually better than Grey's speed. Other than the help of the space element that could make Grey appear almost immediately at any location close to him, the man was faster in terms of sheer speed.

The duo engaged in a fierce battle. The man was a master of the wind element, and so was Grey. His use of the elements shocked the man.

The man had years of experience with his wind element, Grey on the other hand hadn't lived half as long as he has, and he has multiple elements too, yet his control over each element was terrifying for his age.

A cyclone appeared, and Grey, covered in lightning, blasted straight into the cyclone in a bid to get close to the man.

The man wasn't severely wounded by Grey's punch the last time, and it was all due to him using his wind element to first cushion any attack that was coming to his body. It was almost like Klaus' ice technique that could detect any attack coming his way.

Grey burst through the cyclone, but he was met with a powerful attack that sent him flying. He crashed into trees, shattering them in the process.

The man didn't stop there, he continued his attacks.

Chapter 1527 Special Privileges

Bang!

Grey's body slammed off the ground, and he used the momentum to shoot straight at the man. Leaving a trail of lightning, his figure shot into the cyclone once again and the man was able to once again send him out of the cyclone with an attack.

'Damn it!'

Grey yelled inside as his figure was forced out of the cyclone once again. The man was in the middle of the cyclone, if he wanted to get to the man, then he needed to get past the cyclone which the man set up.

This time, Grey brought out his inscriptions. One massive inscription appeared above the man's head and without hesitation, Grey let it loose. He didn't create two inscriptions since he wanted to maximize the attack power.

The man looked up and saw a rain of flaming arrows. In a single glance, he saw over two hundred, all grouped in the same area. It was chilling to look at, but the man didn't show any signs of fear.

A large wind blade was sent out by the man as it collided with the arrows, causing a powerful impact.

The man remained in the same spot as the impact of the attack hit him. His clothes fluttered in the wind, but he remained in the same spot.

Grey's figure suddenly appeared, breaking through the cyclone as he attacked.

The man turned to face Grey's attack. Just as he was striking Grey, something shocking happened. His attack passed through Grey, not halting his movements in any way.

The eyes of the man showed shock, and he reacted quickly to this. He has felt some of the force of Grey's attack, and knew it was suicidal to let him get this close to him.

He was about to retreat when it suddenly felt like the weight of an entire mountain was dropped on him. He lost his balance and fell to the ground, leaving the safety of his cyclone.

That was not all, a large inscription, just like the one the man blocked its attack a few moments ago appeared under him, and it attacked. This time, raging flames burst forth from it.

Above him, Grey was coming down on him, while his body was dropping down like a mountain dropped from the sky.

As he plummeted down, he was soon engulfed by Grey's raging flames, and Grey, covered in flames shot into the flames as well.

Bam! Boom! Bang!

A figure shot out of the flames, and it wasn't that of the man, rather, it was Grey's figure. His body crashed into the side of the mountain.

The inscription cracked, and it was destroyed by ravaging winds. The man stood in the air, a Wolf made entirely from the wind element was standing behind him. It looked so lifelike that it was almost hard to deny it wasn't.

The Wolf howled, and with the help of the wind element, it created the lifelike sound of a howling Wolf and charged straight at Grey, who was picking himself up from the rubble.

Bang!

The Wolf crashed down, and Grey managed to dodge it by a hair's breadth. His left tricep was scratched by the claws of the Wolf, and blood started to gush out. He almost couldn't believe his eyes. He could sense the immense energy inside the Wolf and knew it was a product of elemental essence, he just didn't know how it was possible.

This was different from Reynolds' Elemental Warrior.

The man stayed in the same spot, not attacking as he watched his Wolf bombard Grey.

Grey's body was fully covered by lightning as he escaped from the attacks of the Wolf. The Wolf was too fast and it always caught up to him.

'Fuck!'

Grey couldn't help but curse out. He tried to teleport close to the man, but he couldn't. The man's cyclone was coming up once again.

These cyclones weren't like normal ones. It makes it almost impossible to use the space element within the space of the cyclone as the wind current destroys the spatial doors there. This meant there's no way to create this there, unless Grey was vastly superior to the man, which he isn't.

The man soon moved forward, cutting off Grey's path of escape.

"Hehe, kid, you've delayed this for too long. I have some things to do." The man chuckled. He couldn't hide the fact that he was impressed by Grey's performance so far.

Grey looked at the man, placed in such a difficult position. He couldn't bring out Klaus now since he needed to wait for the perfect opportunity, if not, Klaus' appearance would be a waste of time.

'Void, I need your help. The bunny leader will bring Klaus out after the opportunity is created.'

Void didn't argue with Grey and came out, his figure grew, and he was over two meters tall, and well over four meters long. He looked at the Wolf and gave a roar that could shake mountains.

"Oh, what a nice kitty." The man commented.

"Who are you calling a kitty?" Void snapped at the man.

The man paused when he heard Void speak, he then laughed, "Haha, my granddaughter will love having you."

"I'll kill her too, so you can play with her in the afterlife." Void bared his fangs.

The Wolf attacked, but Void straight up smacked the Wolf to the side.

Grey couldn't help but laugh, the man provoked Void.

'I thought you liked being called a kitty?' He was a little confused.

'Only female humans have that privilege.' Void's tone contained anger.

Grey was taken aback when he heard Void's explanation. When he thought about it, Void does seem to enjoy the company of ladies more than he does with men. He had never really thought about it before, but seeing his reaction now, and hearing it from him, he realized this.

He didn't bother with it since he had to focus on the fight. Void's use was to handle the Wolf.

Chapter 1528 An Opportunity

Void didn't hold the Wolf to a stalemate, he was straight up beating it black and blue. They were not on the same level.

Grey, on the other hand, was fighting with the man, at a disadvantage, but he was still able to hold his own. He knew there was no way the man would make a mistake for him to capitalize on, so he was trying to create a chance for Klaus.

If Klaus used his ice needle, he would be able to deal a great deal of damage to the man, he might even be able to incapacitate him for a short time, giving Grey the chance he needed to take him down.

The man was fighting cautiously. After seeing Void appear out of thin air, he didn't carelessly brawl with Grey since he didn't know what might appear out of thin air again.

A living being coming out of Grey's spatial storage already showed that he was very special. First off, Grey is stronger than all the First stage Sovereigns he had ever entangled with, even the Second stage Sovereigns are around the same stage as Grey, if not even weaker. Since he had the advantage of both speed and attack power, he is able to suppress Grey.

With the man being quite reserved in the battle, Grey didn't find any chance as the battle continued. It got to a stage and the man turned around to escape after blocking Grey's attack.

He had already seen that since he was cautious, there was no way he could get his hands on the evasive Grey, especially when he didn't make any stupid mistakes. Since this was the case, he felt there was no point in fighting any longer and decided to let Grey leave.

Grey didn't want to let the man go, this was his only chance to take revenge on the man. Since he had already exposed his ability to sneak close to the man, the man would always be alert which would make taking revenge incredibly difficult.

With that thought in mind, he blocked the escape path of the man.

"Have you asked me if it's okay to leave?" Grey's arrogant voice echoed in the ears of the man as he saw Grey standing before him.

"Kid, I'm done playing." The man said coldly.

Grey's expression turned cold, he understood what the man implied. However, he also knew the only reason the man was saying this was because he couldn't defeat him.

"Fighting someone that's two stages weaker and you can't even hold your ground for a few minutes." Grey said, he looked at the eyes of the man and said, "You're nothing but a coward that's looking to run away since you can't beat a kid."

The man looked at Grey, "You think a child like you can taunt me?"

He laughed and added, "I've been in this game long enough to know that I shouldn't be bothered with things like this. Since I want to leave, you can't stop me."

Grey looked at the man and his gaze turned serious, he entered a fighting position and gestured to the man to make a move. His intention was clear, make a move, and I attack. Grey didn't care if the man was coming to attack him or not, he would attack either way.

The man saw Grey's expression and frowned.

"I'm only taking pity on you." He snorted, "But it looks like you don't deserve it. I'll kill you, gladly."

The man released a shocking killing intent. It naturally had no effect on Grey. This wasn't the first time he was facing something like this. He didn't care about the man's killing intent, it wasn't enough to even startle him. Given his own killing intent, he felt the man's own paled in comparison, even though the man had lived a longer life and might've even killed more people.

The man didn't expect Grey to be motionless when he unleashed his killing intent, but given the exchanges he has had with Grey, he knew this wouldn't be enough to chase him away.

Grey was the first to attack.

The man blocked the attack and forced Grey back. He took a glance and saw Void rushing over, obviously, his Wolf had been dealt with.

'Hmm, this will be a little troublesome.'

He knew Void was powerful, and since he would team up with Grey would make the duo strong enough to even contend with him. This wasn't something he expected, but it also wasn't something that made him scared. This wasn't his first time battling two First stage Sovereigns in his lifetime, and it wouldn't be the last!

Grey attacked, and the man blocked, turning to unleash an attack in Void's direction.

Void blocked the attack, but was met with another one which stopped him in his tracks. When he finished blocking the attacks, he saw Grey's figure shooting to the ground at an extremely fast speed, it was clear that he was crashing without his control.

He wanted to save Grey, but the man smiled and made a move to leave the area. He knew Grey didn't want the man to leave, so he went after the man, leaving Grey to face the full force of the ground he was going to land on.

The man was also stronger than Void, but Void didn't take his attacks head-on. Since he needed to stall, he didn't try to attack the man and only focused on defending.

The man kept his eyes on Void, but his full focus was on the place Grey crashed. He felt compared to a Magical Beast, Grey was more deadly.

He was in the middle of doing both when Void's large figure suddenly took the shape of a human figure.

Before the man could react, another human appeared behind him. All his focus was on the one in front of him that he didn't notice the other one until it was too late.

"Where did he..."

Chapter 1529 Respect My Gut Feeling!

The man was still wondering what happened with Void when he sensed the presence of someone else, an unfamiliar aura.

Just as he wanted to turn to look at the figure, he felt his body paralyzed. Not by fear, but by a chilling cold. It was as if his body froze up. When he looked down, that was exactly what happened. His body froze up at a pace he never thought it would. Given his cultivation stage, unless the person is vastly superior to him, there's no way they could freeze him using the ice ability of the water element. But right before his eyes, his body was frozen and he couldn't even think properly since his thoughts were fuzzy.

Grey didn't let such an opportunity go to waste, he attacked, directly crushing the core of the man.

The man didn't expect everything to change so soon, and in such a manner. Grey tricked him and used his ability to teleport, not just that, but he also brought someone else to help him which exceeded his expectations. He thought Grey was a proud figure and wouldn't want help from others aside from his companion which was Void, but to his shock, Grey didn't come alone.

With the man's core shattered, he was practically harmless against the group.

Grey indicated for Klaus to remove the ice on the man's body. The ice was removed, but the man continued shivering from the cold.

"How are things now?" Grey asked, "Finally believe I wasn't playing?"

The man heard Grey's questions, but he didn't have the strength to answer. If not for Grey grabbing him roughly and dropping him on the ground, he would've died from the impact of falling from such height since he was mid-air due to him keeping himself up while battling.

The man looked at Grey, and it was as if life had been sucked out of his body, he didn't even have the strength to speak to Grey, he just sat on the ground, and it was as if he had given up on life.

"Looks like you dread this more than getting killed." Klaus commented when he saw the man's expression.

"Any Elementalist who has trained to such a level would rather die to revert to a normal person. He's finding it hard to accept." Grey was the one who replied to Klaus.

"I normally wouldn't want to become a normal person again, especially since I've finally gotten to the Sovereign Plane." Klaus replied after a while.

The man went blank, and after a while, he wailed pitifully.

Grey and Klaus looked at him, both emotionless.

"How does it feel to be on the other side?" Klaus asked.

"Setting someone up even after they fulfilled their side of the deal is a disgusting thing to do, and you're paying for it." Grey said.

The man continued wailing, it was as if he couldn't hear the words of the duo.

"I wanted to kill you, but I think it's better I leave you alive. I wonder how your life will be from now." Grey said to the man.

The man didn't reply, as he continued wailing. He was crying, tears and snot coming out of his eyes and nose.

Grey looked at Klaus and nodded, it was time they left this man alone.

He vanished, along with Void.

A few minutes after they vanished. The man coughed up a mouthful of blood and looked in the direction they went.

"Damn it. How can I make up for this now?!" He was incensed, but his expression wasn't the same as when Grey and Klaus were present.

After coughing out a mouthful of blood, he looked around and gulped down a tiny bead. This bead was actually part of the necklace he was wearing.

He gulped down the bead and his complexion turned a little more rosy.

"Stupid brat." He cursed as he took to the air.

Since his core was shattered, he shouldn't have been able to fly since he shouldn't be able to use elemental essence, but for some reason, he could.

This is all thanks to the bead he swallowed. His core was getting repaired as he flew back to his place, hoping to hide and rest.

While he was mid-air, he heard a voice that made his entire body freeze up.

"I told you there's something fishy about him."

"I never thought he had something like that."

"What should we do to him now?"

"Kill, obviously."

"Just what I had in mind."

"You're lucky my gut feeling told me he wouldn't die like that."

"Don't even bring that up."

"The sooner you start appreciating my gut feeling, the better."

"You're crazy."

"If not for my gut feeling, do you think you'd find out about this?"

"Shut up Klaus, I get it, you guessed right."

"I didn't guess, it was my gut feeling, it's completely different from guessing."

"Just kill him and we should get going."

Grey and Klaus were arguing in the background as they appeared behind the weakened man.

Hearing their conversation, he wanted to use the opportunity to escape, but then he saw Void standing before him with a cold expression.

"Nice kitty." He murmured, trying to coerce Void.

To his shock, however, Void seemed enraged by his words and charged at him.

Before both Klaus and Grey finished their argument, they saw no signs of the man.

"Huh? How did he escape without me sensing him?"

"I could swear I saw him there a moment ago."

Grey and Klaus started searching for the man, and then they turned their attention to Void who was standing peacefully.

"Did you see him?"

"He's dead."

Void's reply shocked them. But knowing Void, they knew he wouldn't lie about something like that. And it looked like he was the one who killed the man.

"Let's go then, Void has killed him."

"Will you start obeying my gut feeling now?"

"Maybe."

"Alright, give me your storage ring."

"Why?"

"Gut feeling."

"Fuck off."

Chapter 1530 Give And Take

Grey and Klaus left the area and headed straight for their target. Grey had contacted the man he tricked that he was a Gnome. The man has been loyal to him all this while, and he didn't bother to kill him, maybe it was due to the fact that he felt he might be useful in the future.

It took them over a week since they not only had to head to another region, but another Continent entirely. This time, Klaus opted they should use teleportation arrays since it would be faster. Besides, they had a large amount of stones from the people they've encountered while they had been traveling, it isn't bad to spend a few on the way.

After getting to the Southern Continent, they were directed to a secret location, where they were supposed to meet up with the man.

Klaus hid while Grey waited for the man to arrive. After some hours, the man arrived. Grey didn't know how to react when the man started worshiping him, and from the man's words, there is word from the Gnomes that they planned to invade very soon. So the man seemed to want to get on Grey's good books so he would be taken care of during the invasion.

To be honest, Grey didn't see anything wrong with what the man was trying to do, it was just unfortunate that he was doing it with someone who didn't care about him and wanted to wipe out the Necromancers, just as much as he wanted to wipe out the Gnomes.

Are all Gnomes bad? Definitely not. Will he give a chance to the rest of the Gnome world if it was up to him? Most likely not.

As much as killing the entire Gnome race seems horrible, it's the best choice of ensuring the survival of humans and also preventing future problems. But he didn't have to think about all these for now, he couldn't even keep himself alive given the current situation, much less being the one to decide if all the Gnomes should be killed or not.

For now, his survival is all that he was concerned about, and that of his friends and family.

When the man was done fawning over him, he went straight to the point.

"How many hideouts are here and what is the strength of those hidden there. I need to have an exact number so I can know how they will be used to work when the invasion begins." Grey spoke like a noble.

The man dropped his head and fell deep into thoughts, after a few minutes, he reported.

"There are seven in this region, and I know of three in the next region..."

The man told Grey every detail about each hideout, not leaving out the slightest detail.

Grey was very intentional as he listened, keeping notes on all the hideouts and what could be accomplished.

In total, the man knew about the location of fifteen hideouts around four regions. The one with the strongest Necromancer was one in the next region close to this one that had a Fourth stage Sovereign. As much as it sounded odd that there's only one hideout with a Fourth stage Sovereign, it goes to show just how difficult it is to advance in the Sovereign Plane.

There were a total of five hideouts with people above the Venerable Plane. Each of these five hideouts had five to seven Sovereigns in them. There were a few with Sage Plane Necromancers as the strongest, and then there were some with Venerables. Grey had his eyes set on only those in the Sovereign Plane. The rest could be wiped out with a blink from him.

After everything, he had to come up with a plan. He couldn't carelessly jump into the camp without sufficient planning. Since he only had two more Sovereigns with attack power, Void and Klaus, he needed to make sure they took the best choice in each fight to ensure their safety.

Taking out the strongest hideout wasn't a realistic move to make as the first one, but it was good to take out the next strongest one, which had a Third stage Sovereign. With Grey's ability to cut off the link to the puppets, he should be able to instantly incapacitate his opponent within a short period of time. Without their puppets, most Necromancers aren't really powerful.

Grey told the man to leave and that he would send for him later on.

The man bowed, and just as he was about to leave, Grey gave him a storage ring filled with essence stones.

The man was elated as he thanked Grey before leaving. Klaus was about to step out when Grey suddenly disappeared.

"He's going to jump him, isn't he?" Klaus blurted out when he saw Grey's figure disappear.

There's no other reason for Grey to leave as soon as the man left if not to block him and maybe rob him off the gift he just gave him.

A few minutes later, Grey appeared with a calm expression.

"Why did you give him a gift if you're only going to rob him?" Klaus asked.

"Not that, I just need him under my control so I can send him into the hideouts and switch places with him as soon as he's close to the strongest person there." Grey explained.

"And then you robbed him of the gift?" Klaus asked.

Grey rolled his eyes, opting not to answer Klaus' question.

Of course he went to rob the man. Why should he reward a Necromancer with his hard earned stones. Well, not really hard earned, but it doesn't change the fact that he didn't want Necromancers to have anything good. So of course, he was going to take them back from the man.

Klaus saw Grey's expression and knew he was right.

"Do you think they'll have a way to notify other hideouts?" He dropped the matter of Grey robbing the man.

"Not with me taking control of that guy." Grey grinned.