

## **Affinity 1531**

### Chapter 1531 Instant-Kill

"What's the plan?" Klaus asked as they stood before a large manor.

This place didn't seem like a hideout, in fact, it was more like a castle. Klaus found it hard that the Necromancers would build such a place and make it a hideout, but thinking of how difficult it was for them to locate this place, even with the man's detailed description, he didn't think too much about it.

"The array should be ready now. All I have to do is activate it and it'll isolate this place from the rest of the world." Grey explained.

"You can do that?" Klaus was dumbfounded.

"It's a simple trick most arraymasters can achieve with sufficient materials." Grey replied.

"You had to use someone else to create it." Klaus couldn't help but point out.

"It doesn't change what I'm capable of achieving. Even if that guy has zero knowledge about arrays, since I'm the one in charge, he's automatically an arraymaster." Grey replied.

Seeing Klaus' expression, he gave an evil smile and asked, "Want to try it out? Don't worry, I'll keep your brain and eyes functional."

"Fuck off! Who wants to be under your control? Even if I allow you, you're too dumb to take control over my divine body." Klaus retorted.

Grey shrugged and took another glance at the place, he closed his eyes and said, "Be prepared for a fight. There should be a good number of things there."

"Bunny, I'll need those Peak Venerable bunnies to help ensure no one leaves this area." He said to the bunny leader, who had his eyes on the castle. It was clear that there was something in there that enticed him.

'Noted!'

Grey was taken aback at the bunny's sudden seriousness about this mission. Given the bunny's usual laid-back attitude, he didn't think it would be serious. Unless... there's something that would be beneficial to it there. This was the only reason Grey could think of.

Grey didn't bother with it and focused on controlling the man. While he was doing this, he was making a complicated series of hand seals, and Klaus saw little lights shoot into the sky. They were barely discernible, and if not for Grey already telling him about where they'd be, he wouldn't have known about it.

After the lights shot up, Klaus felt a strange sensation around his body, even though he was already used to Grey's use of the space element, he still always found it very strange. Given his current strength, he knew if he resisted, there's no way Grey would be able to teleport him to the place he wanted to take him to.

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At the same time, inside the castle.

The man could be seen bowing before five people. All of them were in the Sovereign Plane.

Amongst the five, one of them gave off a chilling aura. He was the one in the Third stage of the Sovereign Plane. The other four, had one Second stage Sovereign and three First stage Sovereigns.

The man was bowing, reporting something he just found out.

"My lords, I can swear on my life, I heard about his presence from a reliable source."

"You mean to say Grey Dawson is in this region?" One of the men sitting at the end of the group of five asked.

"Yes, my lord." The man replied.

"According to the reports, he can deal with our puppets." Another one said.

"He's still in the Venerable Plane, why should we worry about someone like that?" One of the men asked.

"His friend has broken through to the Sovereign Plane, if you believe he's below that one in terms of talent, then there's something wrong with your head."

All the men were discussing amongst themselves, with the exception of the man seated in the middle. He was a middle-

aged man with bushy eyebrows. His gaze was stern and gave one the feeling of inferiority when he's staring at them.

"Enough." His voice stopped the discussions going on.

"If he truly is here, we will need to investigate the matter." He added.

He looked at the man and asked, "Where was he last spotted?"

The man wanted to reply, but then he looked at the side, and noticed there's no guard present in the room.

'I need someone to change places with Klaus. If Void takes him here, it'll take too long. I need to be able to attack this man with Klaus' ice.'

Grey thought internally as he kept staring around.

"What are you looking for?" The man asked with a confused gaze.

"My Lord, the guard outside knows about it." The man replied.

"Huh?" The Third stage Sovereign found the man's words confusing. If the guard knows about it, why was he the one reporting it then?

The Third stage Sovereign waved and the guard standing outside was pulled into the Hall.

The guard was shocked by his sudden inability to control his body.

When he saw the people in the room, he hastily tried to fall to his knees in fear. The Third stage Sovereign saw this and gave him control of his body.

"He says you know about the whereabouts of Grey Dawson." The Third stage Sovereign pointed at the man.

The guard turned to the man, evident shock on his face, as he was about to respond, he felt a strange sensation.

Both the man and the guard's body blurred and were soon replaced by two others within a second. Not just that, but both figures they were replaced with moved instantly.

Before the five could react, both figures were close to the Third stage Sovereign as attacks rained on him.

The Third stage Sovereign was the strongest person there, yet he wasn't able to react in time before he was taken down. Both Grey and Klaus' attack wasn't something to play with.

The Third stage Sovereign was frozen and before he could react, Grey's attack had destroyed his core, as well as his heart. He was killed in an instant.

Chapter 1532 Wrong Move

The other four reacted the moment the duo's attacks landed on the body of the Third stage Sovereign.

They sharply stood up and attacked where Grey and Klaus were standing.

The sitting order of the five was the Third stage Sovereign sitting in the middle, while there was a few meters gap before the others. He didn't sit close to them to show the difference in power.

Two attacked Grey, while the other two attacked Klaus from their end.

On Klaus' end, there was the man in the Second stage and the other one who was in the First stage. They both attacked, without even bringing out their puppets since this was the fastest speed they could use in attacks, given the suddenness of the attack.

Klaus was covered with an ice dome that blocked both attacks. Cracks appeared on the dome, and after Klaus retreated, the dome shattered.

Grey directly evaded the attacks of his opponents, before standing beside Klaus as they locked their gazes on the duo each were about to face.

"This is all you have to offer? Necromancers truly are useless without their puppets." Klaus spat in disgust.

He was just attacked by two experts, one on the same stage as himself and the other had an even higher cultivation stage, yet they weren't able to instantly crush his defense, he even had time to retreat. These people were a disgrace.

The duo Klaus was talking to gritted their teeth angrily, but they didn't attack carelessly, they could tell the duo standing before them weren't ordinary people. The fact that they could instantly kill the leader of the group, even though it was thanks to their combined effort, it still showed how strong they were. Their leader wasn't even able to react before he was killed. Well, he tried to react, but it was too late.

Klaus' ice needle slowed down the circulation of the man's essence, which meant he wouldn't be able to attack or even defend against Grey's incoming attack.

In the end, he was killed due to being too slow to react, which was not something that was his fault since Klaus was the cause of it.

"Who are you two?" One of the men asked with a cold gaze.

"We are two people who hate vile people like you and want to exterminate you like the disgusting pests that you are." Klaus was the one who replied, he saw the four about to explode, and asked with a smirk, "What? Did I say anything wrong?"

"If you aren't pests, why are you hiding out here when you could be in the main part of the Continent?"

The men were speechless, with Klaus putting it like this, then they truly were pests, but they couldn't accept such words coming from the mouth of a youngster.

Without any hesitation, two attacked, bringing out their puppets. The duo who attacked were in the First stage, but their puppets were in the Second stage.

If Grey and Klaus didn't kill the Third stage Sovereign, there was a good chance he might've had a Fourth stage puppet under his control. But that is no longer relevant since he's dead.

Klaus took a glance at Grey who shook his head, he didn't want to cut the link of just two, but all four simultaneously. If the Second stage Sovereign had brought out his puppet, then he would've done it since taking out the First stage Sovereigns would be easier than fighting against a Second stage Sovereign who's extremely cautious and only wanted to escape.

Klaus took a step forward and a large ice wall rose, blocking the path of the puppets. Both puppets tried to brute force their way past the ice wall, but it didn't budge.

"If I were you guys, I'd commit suicide already, just imagine how pathetic you have to be not to be able to break my defense." Klaus mocked, laughing arrogantly.

Klaus has a way of easily riling up his opponents, there have been times some people give up the opportunity of escaping, just for the sake of trying to kill him. As much as Grey hated to admit it, Klaus' taunting ability was unparalleled.

The attacks of the two puppets started to make cracks appear on the ice wall. The two Necromancers smirked when they saw this, but they felt angered when they heard Klaus' next statement.

"What are you so happy about? After so many years, this is the only thing you've been able to achieve in your life, causing my ice wall to crack." Klaus scoffed, "Like I said, pathetic."

The Second stage Sovereign wanted to attack, but he felt like something was off. Given the attitude the duo used when they appeared, it showed that they wanted to kill them, but now, it seemed like Klaus was stalling for time.

Unless...

His eyes widened. Reinforcement is coming.

Klaus and Grey were already a handful, if a Second stage Sovereign joins them, then there would be no escape for them.

"Everyone attack, kill them." He ordered, "They're waiting for reinforcement."

Grey didn't expect the reason the Second stage Sovereign told the others to attack was due to his worry about them waiting for reinforcements.

He didn't care about it, since that was the case, then they were lucky. This would make everything easier.

The Second stage Sovereign brought out his puppet, and indeed, he had a Third stage Sovereign among them.

"Idiots." Klaus cursed loudly.

The Necromancers didn't understand the reason until a second later. Even before their puppets could attack, they felt their connections to the puppets forcefully cut off.

Grey has learned to make the effect worse, now, he doesn't just incapacitate them, he makes sure the backlash severely disorganises them. This gives him more time to do what he wants to. Also, it meant that he could also use it on people above his cultivation stage with ease.

All four were killed before they could even figure out what happened, with the exception of the Second stage Sovereign.

'Grey Dawson... no wonder.'

Now he knew the reason Grey was waiting, he wasn't waiting for reinforcements, rather, he was waiting for them to bring out their puppets.

Chapter 1533 Shocking Discovery

Grey and Klaus floated in the air as they looked at the once magnificent castle that had been reduced to dust by Grey's space element.

"A shame it was destroyed. Imagine how awesome it would be to just bring out an entire castle." Klaus chuckled.

"You already have a throne." Grey said, he thought about it and said, "It wouldn't be bad if you add a castle to it."

"You see the vision, I like that." Klaus commented.

"I have a feeling the castle of the Gnome world will be amazing. We'll take it." Grey laughed.

"Haha, now you're talking. Let's go for something grand!"



Klaus was elated by Grey's statement. This was something he wanted. He couldn't help but imagine the look on people's face whenever he whips out a castle. Most people are already dumbstruck with his throne, adding a castle to it will make it perfect.

The duo looked at the place for a while, and some minutes later, the bunny leader squealed in delight.

"Why can't you talk like Void?" Grey questioned. The bunny leader was already a Rank Eight Magical Beast. Most Rank Eight Magical Beasts have the ability to use human language without the need to communicate telepathically.

"He can, he just doesn't want to. He has a funny voice." Void burst out laughing when he said this.

Void's voice was that of a child, which was normal given his size. Grey didn't expect the bunny leader to have something different.

The bunny leader glared at Void, and then looked at Grey. It seemed like it was summoning the courage to speak, and after almost a minute, it spoke, "I can talk."

"Huh?"

Both Grey and Klaus were thrown off their feet by its voice. The bunny leader has always acted like the final boss, so Grey expected it to have at least a voice befitting of the final boss, but the bunny leader's voice is feminine, and quite soft to listen to, which was a complete contrast to its usual masculine behavior.

Klaus leaned closer to Grey, "Is it supposed to sound like that?"

Grey pushed Klaus away, he didn't think too much about the bunny leader's voice, he has a friend who was also like this, Ellis. Ellis sounded feminine, just like the bunny leader even though they're both male. It's quite confusing at first, but after a while, one gets used to it.

"It's not that bad. At least you're a bunny, I have a friend that sounds almost like this. Imagine how it is for him." Grey shrugged, cheering up the bunny leader.

The bunny leader glared at both Klaus and Void, seemingly, they're both small minded people, well, so it thought.

"What made you so excited?" Grey asked the bunny leader.

"This guy." The bunny leader pointed at a spot and a large bunny appeared, when Grey sensed its aura, he was left stumped.

This was a Rank Eight bunny. The fact that the bunny leader was able to get it under its control was shocking to say the least.

"Amazing. You got it there?" Grey asked.

"Yeah, it was held captive there. I only needed to say a few words to him and that's it." The bunny leader explained.

Having a Rank Eight bunny with him was an amazing achievement. Both Grey and the bunny leader's bunny army is growing stronger and bigger. According to Klaus, he gave Grey two options for the name of the bunny army, first one was 'Killer Fluffies', and the other name was 'Dangerously Cute'.

Both names sounded absurd in Grey's ear, but looking at the over four meters fluffy bunny that could kill anyone below the Sovereign Plane with a single slap, he didn't think it was that absurd any longer.

To be honest, Klaus indeed does have a knack for giving things crazy names.

"Guess he isn't all useless after all." Grey murmured while staring at Klaus.

Klaus saw Grey's gaze and knew he wasn't saying anything nice about him. He has been with Grey long enough to know the face he makes when he's making mockery of someone.

Klaus wanted to cuss, but Grey quickly diverted his attention to the bunny leader.

"No survivors?" He asked.

"All dead, except the puppet guy." The bunny leader replied.

"Storage rings?"

"With Void."

"All intact?"

Void nodded, sending a large number of storage rings to Grey. There was nothing important inside, so he didn't even look at them. In short, he was disgusted by the incompetence of these people. How could so many people not have anything useful, but then he couldn't help but look at Grey and Klaus. They were the ones who killed the Sovereigns, those guys were sure to have valuables inside their storage ring.

Klaus looked at Grey, "When are we heading to the next hideout?"

"Immediately, there's no point waiting." Grey replied.

He grabbed the guy who was still under his control and took him in the direction of the next hideout, close to this place.

The group used the same strategy, sending the man inside, creating the array formation, and then entering and taking out all Sovereigns at the same time. Grey's ability to switch places for two has come in handy.

This was the first time he was putting it to use, and it has been important in their mission to take out all the hideouts around.

Time went by, and before long, two weeks had gone by and the duo were still running rampant in the Southern Continent as they destroyed hideout after hideout. One has to know that compared to the Continent, the Necromancers were very small, at this rate, Grey and Klaus were quickly dwindling the Necromancers community.

On the path to the next hideout, they realized something odd. The place was alert, as if they knew something was about to happen.

Grey and Klaus decided it was best to wait and fish out information.

Grey sent the man inside and made a shocking discovery.

There's a portal here that leads to the Gnome world. Not just that, but there was a large army of Gnomes present in there, and five Mid stage Sovereigns were among them.

Chapter 1534 A Snow-White World

Grey communicated what he saw to Klaus, and his expression turned serious.

"What do we do now?" Klaus couldn't help but ask.

If the Gnomes didn't have anyone above the First stage, they might have tried to take them on. Thanks to the Killer Fluffies, they had a large amount of manpower, well, bunnypower, but it doesn't change the fact that they were working with them.

"We can't fight them. And we need to make sure no one uses the portal to go back, if not it'll be compromised." Grey replied.

"So..."

"I'll talk to my dad." Grey answered and brought out his communication device, he gave one to his father, so he could reach out to him whenever he wanted to.

It took a while but his father replied, after finding out their location, he told Grey to reach out to his mother, since she was still in the Southern Continent with Cori. Coincidentally, her Family's manor was close to the region Grey and Klaus were currently situated.

"What's up?" Klaus asked when he saw Grey's expression.

"My mom is here, I'll try to reach out to her and see if she can come help us out." Grey immediately tried to contact his mother. From the looks of things, his father was busy and has most likely tossed the task to his mother.

To be fair, given the strength he has sensed from his mother, he guessed she should at least be at the Peak of the Sovereign Plane. The more he thought about it, the more he found it confusing that they would stay in a small place like Red City in the faraway Azure Continent. His parents truly are a strange pair.

He didn't dwell in this as he tried to reach out to his mother. It didn't take long and she told him she was coming.

Grey continued investigating and even used the man to create an array formation that would make sure none of the ripples from the upcoming battle would get to the portal.

In the space of an hour, Martha arrived at the scene, Cori was beside her.

When she laid her eyes on Grey, she couldn't help but smile.

"The Sovereign Plane, I guess you're bound for the God Plane, according to the apparition." She commented.

She knew Grey's friends knew a lot about him so she didn't hide it.

Cori ran over to hug Grey. After exchanging pleasantries with the little, yet extremely powerful girl, he turned his attention to his mother.

"Mom, so the situation is like this..."

Grey went on to tell her of how he has been wiping out the Necromancers hideouts in the area.

"You're doing a wonderful job." She praised.

"What's the situation inside?" She asked.

"I'm trying to create an array formation to ensure the portal isn't disturbed." Grey replied.

"Why? Wouldn't destroying it be better?" Martha raised a brow.

"I don't want to alert the Gnomes, what if they have another portal in another hideout?" Grey explained, he added, "They're already sending in troops, which means they're preparing for the war. We can't give them the edge. Taking out this group secretly will make it easier to take out more."

"I see. Alright, give me a minute." Martha replied and flew into the air.

"Wait." Grey hurriedly stopped her.

"What?" She looked at him with a baffled expression.

"I have someone inside, I need to bring him out." Grey gave an awkward smile.

"Someone?" Martha looked at him questioningly.

"Well, I'll tell you after. I can send you inside and bring him out at the same time. I'll tell you about everything inside so you'll know to avoid the portal." Grey explained.

"Don't worry, I can sense the location of the portal." Martha smiled at Grey's words. She found it amusing. From the looks of it, her son was looking down on her abilities.

"I have some things to attend to with Cori, tell me what this person you have inside looks like and I'll keep him alive." She said.

"Oh." Grey used ice to create a sculpture of the man inside.

"Playing with ice I see... sit back and watch mother show you the beauty of ice." Martha chuckled and her figure turned into snow.

It turned into literally snow, both Klaus and Grey had their mouths wide agape. Grey hasn't seen his mother in action, he has always heard she was fierce, but he had never seen her use much of her abilities other than the usual ones.

In the blink of an eye, the snow which was before them started to spread. The entire region turned into a white world, a world of snow. Everything the snow passed through turned white, becoming snow.

Grey and Klaus expected the trees to become frozen solid and eventually die from it, but to their shock, the trees seemed to have been brought to life as they adopted a white glow, each leaf turned white, leaving Grey and Klaus stunned.

"I need to learn that." Klaus blurted out in awe. He couldn't hide the worship in his eyes, it was as if he was watching an incredible work of art. To be honest, the scene unfolding before them looked ethereal.

Even Grey had the same thoughts. He also had the water element and could use its ice ability.

In no time, Martha passed through the building, and Grey used the man inside to witness the shocking events unfolding inside. Every single person the snow blew past turned into a snow sculpture, not even an ice sculpture. The strength required to turn a human into snow, not ice, but snow was unfathomable to the present Grey.

'Is she trying to show off?'

This thought flashed through Grey's head. He felt his mother was doing this on purpose.

The entire scene didn't take more than five seconds, from when Martha turned into snow, to when everything she passed became a part of her snow white world.

"Damn!" Klaus exclaimed as he looked at what was before them.

Chapter 1535 Take In A Student, Get A Son Free

Martha returned after a while, taking a glance at the dumbstruck expressions of Klaus and Grey. She nodded her head slightly, her aim had been achieved. She didn't want Grey to only look up to his father, of course she knew she's not on the same level as her husband, that's why she bullies him, to show everyone who's boss.

"That's impressive Aunt!" Klaus was the first to speak as he rushed forward, "Do you have any thoughts of having another son? Slightly more handsome than that one you have there, and also more charismatic!"

"Oh, I'm also a pure Water Elementalist, which means unlike that freak of nature, I can focus fully on the water element, bringing out its glory."

"What do you say?"

Martha was slightly stunned by Klaus' words, but more from amusement. She's had a few encounters with Klaus and knew he was an energetic person to be around. She has done her research on him and knows he's a pain in the butt, for those he doesn't like, while he's extra sweet for those he likes.

"Actually, I wouldn't mind teaching you a thing or two." She laughed.

"Alright, congratulations, you automatically have a son since I've become your student. Isn't that nice?" Klaus reached out to shake her hand, even though she was confused at how Klaus' thought process worked, she shook his hand.

Klaus turned to Grey and said, "You better start showing me respect, I'm your elder brother now."



Grey's eyes twitched when he heard Klaus' words.

"Don't you have shame?" He asked with a sigh.

"Shame is for the weak." Klaus' reply defeated Grey.

Martha laughed as she watched Grey and Klaus go at each other.

"If that's all, I'll be leaving. I have some things to attend to with Cori." She chuckled and said to Klaus, "I'll see you when I get back to the Dawson manor."

"Yes ma'am!" Klaus replied enthusiastically.

"If there's anything else like this, don't hesitate to contact me." She added before leaving.

Grey smiled as he saw Klaus' excitement.

'I don't think this guy knows how strict mom is with her training.' He looked at Klaus with pity.

Klaus saw Grey's gaze, but felt it was more of envy than anything else.

"Come on, let's go check it out." He took to the air and flew to the hideout.

Grey followed Klaus, and when they entered the place, they were flabbergasted. Grey was already prepared for this, but seeing it with his own eyes was breathtaking. He didn't even expect it would look like this.

He touched the snowmen, and to his shock, the figures crumbled after applying some force to it.

"Amazing..." His voice trailed for a while, but then noticed something odd, even the spatial rings were turned to snow.

"Damn!" He felt his heart ache.

It's clear his mother didn't think there would be anything of value to her in their storage rings, but to Grey and Klaus, these were very important for them. They needed it to have a vast amount of resources.

With the heart aches, Grey studied the place and then walked over to the portal, and his gaze turned serious. He didn't speak but tried to inspect it. His consciousness entered and exited in a flash.

There was someone standing guard, but the person wasn't a Sovereign, which helped keep him safe.

"If another troop comes in through this place, wouldn't they notice all this?" Klaus asked.

"From what I've gathered, I don't think another would come through this place." Grey explained, "They don't want too many people here so their presence wouldn't be noticed."

"As much as it's hard for us to sense Gnomes, once there's a large number of them, the unfamiliar aura is bound to attract attention from the top experts."

"Understandable." Klaus replied.

"So on to the next hideout?"

"Sure, there's still nothing to do."

The duo ensured that the place was thoroughly inspected so as to ensure nothing was missed. Grey didn't think his mother would miss something, but he wanted to be sure.

Since they still haven't been noticed, that meant they could still wipe out more hideouts.

They've destroyed most of the ones the man knew of, and there were currently only four left. The one with the Fourth stage Sovereign was among them. Grey didn't know how the battle with that one would look like, but he didn't worry about it at the moment, when the time comes, he'd sort it out.

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Some days later.

Grey and Klaus arrived at the second hideout after Grey's mother's appearance. They've wiped one, and this was the next one.

Grey and Klaus were still investigating the place when Grey noticed a group ahead of them.

This group wasn't Necromancers, but from their attire, he could tell they were most likely from a Faction in this region. They had a Second stage Sovereign leading them. And they were about to charge into the hideout.

"They're going to ruin the fun." Klaus frowned.

"That guy wouldn't be able to stop it." Grey also frowned.

"Why would one person come here with a bunch of Venerables thinking he can wipe out a Necromancer's hideout?" Grey was a little suspicious.

Locating these hideouts was very difficult. If anyone accidentally finds one, charging here with one Second stage Sovereign and a bunch of Venerables wasn't a wise idea.

"Should we stop them?" Klaus asked.

"What if there's something else going on?" Grey asked.

"Then it'll be a little bad if we don't find out since it'll leave a hidden danger." Klaus replied

Grey nodded, "Exactly."

"But what if you're just overthinking?" Klaus asked.

Grey fell in thought and felt it was best to see what unfolds. He could always sweep in to save these guys.

For some reason, he felt maybe someone from the group would betray this group. There are Necromancers hiding in most of the Factions, if this is a case like that, then he wanted to root out the Necromancers.

Chapter 1536 Young But Powerful

The duo decided to watch how things unfold. No matter what happens, they need to be sure before taking any action. Although, they wouldn't want anyone dead, but if they were a little late, these people might most likely die. The only reason Grey isn't taking any action was because he still had a few more hideouts to attack, and if by any chance any of these people was a hidden Necromancer, it would mean that his cover has been blown and he wouldn't be able to attack the rest ones.

Klaus didn't rush to take any decisions as well, since Grey wasn't in a haste, then he would wait to see how things play out as well.

Grey had already sent the man inside, and knew that there were six Sovereigns inside this place, but all were in the First stage. As long as they used the element of surprise, they didn't have any issues with dealing with them. They still had Void and the bunny leader's new recruit. As long as they used their numbers, they had nothing to fear.

Some minutes later.

The group from the Faction finally entered the place, and before long, a battle started.

Grey watched from the eyes of the man. In a short time, the group from the Faction were at a disadvantage. The Elder in the Second stage of the Sovereign Plane could barely fight against the six First stage Sovereigns.

The Venerables were greatly outnumbered, which meant they were also all fighting for their lives.

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Klaus could sense the fight as it began, and he could also sense how it's going, and the morale of the Necromancers was on the high side.

"Grey..."

He called out.

"Fine."

Grey switched places with the man, along with a Necromancer that was about to kill someone from the Faction's group.

Void was in Grey's storage ring, while the bunny leader was left behind to ensure no one escapes, and the man was not killed.

When Grey and Klaus appeared in the place, they didn't hold back as they attacked two Sovereigns.

The sudden attack is something that always takes the Sovereigns unaware, and they can't muster up enough defense against it.

All six Sovereigns were bombarding the Second stage Elder, so none of them expected an attack from behind, neither did they sense it.

Void appeared and also attacked another Sovereign.

In the space of a second, three Sovereigns died under the attacks of Grey, Klaus, and Void.

The Second stage Elder didn't expect this, but he was pleasantly surprised at the help he just received. He never asked for help, so he didn't expect it.

Three Sovereigns died in an instant, the other three wanted to retreat, but the Elder didn't allow it, he charged forward and stopped them. With the help he just received, there's no way he would allow them escape.

Grey, Klaus, and Void looked at the trio, and attacked without mercy.

A few minutes later, the entire place settled down. The sound of battles died down, and there were only people left from the Faction.

"Thank you." The Elder thanked the duo.

Void was presently nowhere to be seen. He was clearing the loot under the command of Grey. As a matter of fact, he wasn't the only one doing this, the bunny leader was also given this task.

"It's fine. We were in the area and were drawn here by the sound of your battle." Grey replied.

"How did you guys find this place?" Klaus asked.

"My student found this place. And I thought it would be a walk in the park. This isn't the first hideout we're attacking, and it has all been relatively easy." The Elder explained, pointing at the youth around the same age as Grey and Klaus, but in the Early stages of the Venerable Plane.

"Oh."

"We'll be leaving if that's the case." Grey said, he looked at the man and said, "I heard Necromancers are active here, powerful Necromancers, you should keep them out of danger."

The Elder understood what Grey meant. If Grey and Klaus hadn't helped out, the chances of those in the Venerable Plane losing their lives was high. He was cornered by the Necromancers and their puppets, but luckily, Grey and Klaus' sudden appearance changed the way the battle was going.

"I'll take them back to the Faction. Thanks once again." The Elder thanked them.

Grey and Klaus didn't stay any longer and left soon after.

The Venerables came up to the Elder and asked who the youths who helped them were.

"I have no idea."

"They don't look older than we are."

"But they're already on the same level as Grand Elder."

"I wish I was like them."

"Yeah, keep dreaming."

The Venerables spoke amongst themselves as they left the place.

Compared to people like Grey and his friends, these guys paled in comparison. To be honest, they were advancing pretty good, it's just that Grey and his friends were breaking through at the speed of light. Meaning no matter how hard they tried, they can never catch up to them.

Compared to the Seventh Prince of the Gnome race, these guys couldn't be mentioned in the same breath in terms of talent, yet Grey and his friends had gone past them. This showed just how amazing Grey and his friends were.

While the youths were speaking, the Elder looked at the spot Grey and Klaus vanished. He didn't think he'd see youngsters of Grey and Klaus' age on the same level as himself, but he couldn't deny that the strength the duo showed was equal to his even though he had the higher cultivation stage. In fact, there were attacks the duo used that frightened him.

When Grey and Klaus attacked the first time, the strength behind each attack was more than enough to fatally injure him.

"The young are growing at a faster pace than I thought. Hopefully they succeed, unlike us."

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Grey and Klaus didn't know what was happening in that area, they were currently headed towards the next location. They stopped at a City to get a general information of what was happening in the area.

#### Chapter 1537 Gruelling Battle

Grey and Klaus blended into the city with ease. Klaus was able to gather some information for the duo. Compared to Grey, he is a better communicator. In no time, he made friends with some people that gave him the information he needed.

"A treasure is about to be born close to the city?" Grey didn't expect such information.

"Well, if what they said is right, then yes. A treasure that has been growing for hundreds of years. From what I know, Peak Venerables and Early stage Sovereigns are flocking the area right now for it." Klaus reaffirmed.

"Hehe, such luck." Grey commented.

Since he was here, there was no way he was going to let such an opportunity slide. A treasure that has been growing for hundreds of years, no matter what his current cultivation stage is, he is going to go for



it. Since Mid stage or Late stage Sovereigns wouldn't be around, then he was confident in being able to take in and escape without anyone being able to stop him.

"We're going?" Klaus asked.

"Of course, if we don't go, who will?" Grey grinned.

"Nice." Klaus gave Grey a thumbs up. He also wanted to see what this treasure was. He didn't get any information about the treasure, so he didn't know what it was.

The only way to know what it is, is if they took it.

"It will be ready in a few days, should we hang around the City or go there straight?" Klaus asked.

"There's no point staying here. Let's go there and see the competition." Grey replied.

Klaus had no issues with Grey's plans, he led him to the region where the treasure was about to be born. These natural treasures were all remarkable. They never have any side effects which places them above everything else.

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The duo headed to the mountains behind the City.

As soon as they got into the mountain range, Grey sensed the treasure. With his space element, he didn't need Klaus to lead the way any further, as he took charge and brought Klaus to the place.

He didn't appear directly at the place the treasure was located, but a kilometer away.

When they appeared, a lot of experts in the Early stages of the Sovereign Plane were already present.

The duo were inconspicuous, as they hid by the side, avoiding the eyes. of those present.

The days went by, and after eight days, the phenomenon started with the treasure.

It was a treasure born from a rock.

The rock glowed silver as cracks started to appear on it.

It drew the attention of everyone present in the area, as they all watched it seriously. They could tell it would take hours before the process is completed.

Grey felt it would take over a day or so before it fully forms, so he wasn't in a haste.

Klaus didn't have any special feelings from it, so he didn't think too much about it. It might be a good treasure, but since it isn't something that aroused his senses, then it wasn't something he felt was important to him. Grey is the only reason he was here. Once Grey takes the item, they would naturally leave this place.

They waited and just as Grey guessed, it took two whole days before the cracks spread across the entire rock which wasn't even half a meter tall, or wide. It was a strange concept. But staying around the treasure these two days has been beneficial. Due to the birth of the treasure, the essence in this area was thicker than it is in other parts of the Continent, with the exception of some places.

Grey and Klaus have focused on training the time they've been there.

Grey opened his eyes as the rock was on the verge of opening.

Klaus did the same, he could also sense that the treasure was about to come out.

"What's the plan?" He turned to Grey.

"Take it, and leave this place." Grey replied.

"Alright. I'll be waiting for you." Klaus replied.

He didn't have the space element, so he didn't have any plans in involving himself in this scuffle. The number of people present were too much, so they didn't need to be engaged in any form of battle. With the number of Sovereigns present, no matter how strong they were unless they were in the Late stages, there's nothing they could do to these people.

The cracks on the rock grew larger, and the lights grew brighter.

Those in the Third stage of the Sovereign Plane were the ones in front of others. They had the strength and naturally took the best positions.

Grey took a glance at the person who was closer to the rock and smiled. This person was also in the Third stage, but from the looks of it, he was close to the Fourth stage of the Sovereign Plane, so he took a few steps forward, compared to others.

To be honest, they all knew that being close to it didn't guarantee getting the item. As a matter of fact, someone in the Venerable Plane could even obtain it since most of the people present would begin fighting once the item was free.

Grey didn't want to engage in these battles since he felt it was meaningless. Once they've started fighting, he would swoop in and take the treasure, leaving as well.

The entire place was quiet, and only the cracking sound from the rock resonated across the place. A few minutes later, the sound of the rock separating sounded.

The second both sides of the rock hit the ground, all Third stage Sovereigns took a step forward.

Boom!

The battle started immediately.

Everyone present was attacking. Even the Venerables didn't want to be left behind. Treasures like these always have a way of attracting people over, and some Venerables, especially those that have been stuck in that realm for hundreds of years, don't hold back whenever fighting for them. If they don't put their lives on the line while fighting for these, they'll eventually die of old age.

Chapter 1538 Brave Thief

Grey didn't take any actions, he stood at the back as he watched the place descend into chaos. Some people tried to take advantage of the chaos and grab the treasure which was still giving off a shocking glow. But they were all attacked, some were seriously wounded, while others were even killed in the process. Those who weren't able to block these attacks were killed in an instant.

The number of Peak Venerables present was over a hundred, yet they were the ones who were the most daring. Even some First stage Sovereigns didn't dare to try to recklessly take the step, but these Venerables didn't seem to take their lives seriously, well, so the others felt.

The battle was deadly as everyone attacked to kill whoever got close to the place. The motive was clear, no one was allowed to get close to the place. All Third stage Sovereigns that were currently engaged in battle would simultaneously attack anyone who makes a move.

A Second stage Sovereign would find it hard to survive such an attack if they didn't retreat, much less a Peak Venerable who seemingly doesn't care for their lives.

People died, but the battle didn't stop. Some seconds later, the first Third stage Sovereign died. It was an old man who tried to get to the treasure by all means necessary. He was killed under the combined effort of everyone present. Even Grey secretly attacked.

Time slowly went by and Void sensed something.

"If you keep waiting, your treasure will be stolen right before your eyes." Void's statement alerted Grey and Klaus.

Grey focused on the place and noticed someone was slowly getting close to the treasure. The shocking thing was that this person was in the Late stages of the Venerable Plane, the Ninth stage to be precise. If not for Void whose senses are even sharper than most of these Third stage Sovereigns, there was no way he would've sensed this.

He smiled and made a move, there was no way this thing was going to be taken. Since he had his eyes on it, unless there was an appearance of someone in the Mid stages or Late stages of the Sovereign Plane. If not, he would never let it go.

Grey made his move, with his space element, switching places with a random Peak Venerable, and killing the person he was fighting with. He left the place in an instant, heading straight for the treasure.

Everyone else was fighting while Grey went straight for the treasure. He didn't care about those fighting. As long as he was cautious, there was no way they would sense his presence.

Some time later, just as Grey arrived, he saw a cloaked figure grabbing the item. The moment he tried to make a move, the figure vanished at the speed of light.

'Damn!'

He didn't waste any time and made a move as well. The figure had already taken the item, and he was the one standing close to it. No matter how he tries to explain, everyone would say he's the one who took it. So he didn't dare to stay.

As he vanished, he sensed some attacks, but he managed to leave the area successful. He didn't just escape, he went after the cloaked figure. This person might be fast, but then again, the person is only in the Venerable Plane.

Grey followed the direction the person escaped to, and sent Void and the bunny leader to the other two regions. With all three active, they would naturally sense the presence of the thief.

'Got him.'

The bunny leader contacted Grey. It was the one who sensed the presence of the person who stole the treasure.

Grey and Void went over to where it was, and after following the bunny leader's directions, Grey entered a cave.

Grey looked around, and didn't see anything suspicious, he went deeper into the cave and his expression changed. There were glowing stones on the wall that lit up the cave. He hid his aura and went deep into the cave, after a while, he caught sight of the cloaked figure close to a door.

The figure was about to open the door when he spoke.

"I'm surprised you managed to hide from all of them." Grey commented as he walked out.

The cloaked figure turned to look at Grey. The figure couldn't sense Grey's cultivation stage which indicated that he was stronger.

"I don't kill without reason. Hand it over and I'll let you live." Grey's voice turned cold.

The cloaked figure continued staring at Grey without taking any steps. Grey couldn't see the face of the figure properly, but he didn't care. No matter who this person was, he was going to take the item from them.

"You're only in the Ninth stage. I can kill you with one attack. Don't force my hand." Grey didn't want to become a mindless killer.

Most people would hand over the treasure since they're in the presence of someone stronger, and Grey expected something like this to happen. But to his shock, the figure didn't show any signs of wanting to hand over the item.

He snorted coldly, and took a step. With the wind element, he sent out a powerful gust that took the figure into the air.

The figure tried to fight back, but against Grey who was in the First stage of the Sovereign Plane, even someone on the same Plane could barely fight back, much less someone in the Ninth stage of the Venerable Plane.

The cloak on the figure flew off as the figure slammed into the wall by the side of the wall.

Grey was slightly taken aback by the figure he saw, but he didn't stop.

"Hand it over." His voice remained cold.

Before him, a young lady was exposed. She looked at Grey with a bitter expression, unwillingness present on her face.

"Over my dead body." She said after a while.

"I don't have the time to play with you."

Grey took a step forward and his aura changed, killing intent evident.

Chapter 1539 You Again?

"Hand it over." Grey spoke slowly as he moved closer to the young lady.

He got a better look at her face as he drew closer. She wasn't the prettiest girl he had seen, of course, she is pretty, but compared to his mother and a few girls he had seen, she was a little lacking. She was around five foot nine inches which wasn't bad for a lady.

Seeing Grey draw closer, the young lady gritted her teeth, "No."

"Is this thing more valuable than your life?" Grey found it odd, but as he drew closer, the young lady started to freeze.

Before she could answer, Grey was already standing before her. He didn't want to kill her. He grabbed her hand, and removed the storage ring.

To the absolute dismay of the young lady, Grey was able to access her storage ring without any resistance. This came as a shock to her. After a second or so, Grey made an 'Oh', before handing the ring back to her.

"Don't worry, I didn't take anything else."

With that statement, Grey vanished. Leaving the girl, still frozen, but with the ice slowly thawing away.

As soon as the ice thawed, the young lady fell to her knees, sobbing from losing the item.

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Grey appeared close to Klaus who was watching everyone who had stopped fighting as they were trying to figure out what just happened. It hadn't been up to two minutes since Grey and the thief left this place.

"Got it?" Klaus asked when Grey arrived.

"Yeah." Grey nodded.

He took a glance at the dumbfounded crowd that didn't have any strength to fight anymore. They didn't know who took the treasure, nor where to even start searching.

It was a crazy thing since most of them wanted to kill each other a few minutes ago, but now, they were all standing dumbstruck.



"What about the thief?" Klaus asked, looking at the crowd in amusement. To be honest, if he was among them, he would also be dumbstruck at the sudden turn of events.

"No one of importance, brave though. The fact that a Ninth stage Venerable would dare to steal from such a group is shocking." Grey commented.

"People are desperate Grey, not everyone has it easy like you do." Klaus said.

"Since when have I ever had it easy?" Grey felt like punching Klaus in the head, from the looks of it, Klaus' brain needs resetting.

Klaus shrugged, as if not concerned with Grey's question. He looked on as the group started to disperse. They were still trying to find who stole it, but everyone knew whoever did it was long gone.

Grey and Klaus stayed there for a while before heading out for their original plan. Other than the presence of this treasure, there's no other useful information from the City, so he headed straight for the Necromancer's hideout.

The man who was under Grey's control had already been sent there for some time now, and Grey had gotten the general information of everything happening there.

A few Necromancers were out for missions, just like the previous hideouts they've wiped out, but in this case, there's a particular figure that was interesting. A First stage Sovereign was sent out to acquire something, well, someone. According to what Grey found out, this person was very valuable to not just the Necromancers, but to the Gnomes as well.

He quickly changed his plans. Since this person is valuable to the Gnomes, then he had to make sure they never got their hands on whoever this person was.

Klaus didn't have any issues with the change of plans. He also didn't want the Gnomes to have anything good.

The duo followed the directions recovered by the man. Grey had to bribe a Peak Venerable with some treasures before he managed to get this information.

From what he knew, it would take at least four or five hours before they got to the place.

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Some hours later.

Grey and Klaus arrived at a Town, relatively big, but couldn't be compared to a City. But in comparison to most of the towns they've seen, this one is definitely the largest.

They entered the town and silently followed the trails the person told them. These were the same trail the Sovereign used to track the person they were searching for.

The duo were taken to a building lying in the eastern part of the Town. It wasn't eye-catching, but Grey was able to quickly sense the difference. It gave off an odd aura.

Grey made use of the bunny leader's little bunnies to investigate the building. He didn't want to carelessly rush inside. For some reason, he was scared there's a possibility there might be a portal here. Given the places he has seen a portal, it was understandable he felt this way.

The bunny leader passed on the scene from inside the building to them. It was safe to enter. There were only three people inside, all ladies. Two Sovereigns, and a Venerable. According to what the bunny leader said, both Sovereigns were in the First stage, but one of them looked to be on the verge of dying.

"We should go in and stop whatever the Gnomes have planned." Klaus said.

"How are we so sure these people aren't Necromancers as well?" Grey didn't want to make a move recklessly.

Klaus turned to the bunny leader.

"The dying lady is being forcefully dragged. They will be out of the house soon." The bunny leader said.

"See."

"Fine, let's go."

Grey and Klaus took the step forward, not caring to open the door. Grey used the space element to enter the building, and he was taken aback by how difficult it was to enter with the space element.

'The space around this building is blocked.'

It was blocked, but given his mastery of the space element, he didn't have any issues with getting in.

As soon as he entered, he saw a familiar figure.

"You again?"

Chapter 1540 Vile Means

"You again?"

Grey blurted out when he saw one of the figures in the building.

The figure looked at Grey, but didn't speak as her attention was on the person that was trying to drag the sick lady out of the place.

"You know her?" Klaus raised a brow, completely neglecting the other two ladies.

Grey nodded and replied, "She's the brave thief."

"Oh... I see why you spared her." Klaus commented cheekily.

Grey rolled his eyes, he didn't have anything to say to Klaus.

"Who are you?" The lady in a black cloak asked coldly. She could feel some threat from both Grey and Klaus, so she didn't make any rash decisions.

"We came for you." Klaus replied.

"I don't think I've ever had any encounter with you two." The cloaked lady said.

She kept her distance, placing the lady between her and the duo.

"We've had a lot of encounters with your kind." Klaus chuckled as he took a step forward, "And let me tell you, it all ended with them getting killed."

The cloaked lady took a glance at the cocky Klaus, and a hint of anger appeared on her face. From Klaus' statement, it was clear he knew of her identity.

"We're leaving." The cloaked lady said to the sick lady.

"No."

"We'll kill your daughter if you don't take me out of here, now." The cloaked lady threatened.

"Bud." Grey called out.

Klaus suddenly attacked, but to the shock of everyone, he didn't attack the cloaked lady, rather, he attacked Grey.

This shocked everyone, but in the next second, the eyes of the sick lady, as well as the young lady widened in surprise.

Grey was no longer standing in the same spot, rather, it was the cloaked lady that was standing there as Klaus' attack hit her body.

Bang!

An explosion was heard and Klaus' ice was broken, as well as the roof of the building as a figure fled into the sky.

Looking at the spot she was supposed to be held, a figure was seen, and Grey was able to deduce it was a puppet from the first glance. He didn't expect the lady to be so fast with her actions. She was able to change positions with her puppet in a moment's notice.

"How..." The young lady wanted to ask, but to her shock, Grey and Klaus were nowhere to be seen.

She wanted to go after them, but the sick lady shook her head.

"You know them?"

"No. I was attacked by one of them a while back."

"Why?"

"He took it, he's the one I told you took it."

The young lady was angry, but in her tone, one could hear pain. The older lady embraced the young lady as she gently caressed her hair.

"Everything will be fine."

"That's what you've been saying for years now."

"Don't worry. It'll be over soon."

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While both ladies were discussing, Grey and Klaus had caught up with the lady just a few kilometers away from the Town.

"Tell me what you want from her, and I'll let you leave." Grey said. He was curious what use the lady had to the Gnomes, especially after sensing her current situation. She looked to be on the brink of death.

Grey didn't think someone at death's door would be of any value.

"Why are you concerned about the Gnome's business?" The cloaked lady asked.

"Let's just say I have a bone to pick with them. Now tell me." Grey's aura changed, his tone getting colder.

"There's nothing you need to know." The lady replied.

"Is this worth dying over? I mean, others will give me the information I need." Grey said, he looked at her and smiled, "How do you think we found you?"

The eyes of the lady widened. This was a secret mission, and even in the hideout, only a few people knew about it. Grey being able to track her and even knowing that the lady was important to the Gnomes meant he had inside information. With that inside information, he can naturally find out what he wants.

"You promise to let me leave?" She asked.

"I promise." Grey replied.

The lady was about to speak when she saw Klaus' eyes and said, "Him too."

Klaus sighed, he thought he would get the chance to kill her, but now, from Grey's look, it was clear he wanted her to promise as well. Of course, he didn't have any shame and would still kill her in the end.

"I promise not to kill you." He said reluctantly.

The lady looked at them and brought out two stones, each were black and Grey could sense shocking energy inside.

"Promise on these." She tossed them to the duo.

Grey grabbed it and studied it. He knew what it was, he just didn't expect the lady to have it. It was obvious that she was afraid they would go back on their words. With these stones, as long as they went back on their words and killed the lady, then the origin source would attack them.

It was a strange concept, but it works, and no one doubts it.

Klaus felt irritated when he saw this and promised, after seeing Grey promise without hesitation.

The lady heaved a sigh of relief and went on to tell them what the sick lady was going to be used for.

Apparently, there's something Gnomes do which involves having a human vessel. A human would be groomed over time, and when the time is right, the Gnomes could enter their bodies.

Grey had seen something like this in the Azure Continent, but when he heard this next statement, he was stunned.

The human body will not hold just one, but over a thousand Gnomes. The sick lady was in the First stage of the Sovereign Plane, yet if used, she could hold a thousand Sovereigns, and a hundred of them could be at the Peak.

This was an unimaginable discovery.