

## **Affinity 1541**

Chapter 1541 She Wants To Kill You

"How's this possible?" Grey asked.

"Simple, creating the needed space in the body." The cloaked lady explained.

"The perfect candidate must be a Space Elementalist who has a unique body type." The cloaked lady added.

"Unique body type?" Grey was a little lost.

"You read so much yet you don't know about these basic things." Klaus felt a bit embarrassed by Grey's lack of knowledge.

Grey was someone who tends to read a lot, everyone close to him is aware of this. But due to the massive amount of knowledge he is acquiring, he occasionally skips a few minor details. In the general scheme of things, these things might not be very important. But like in this case, it is important.

"Body types help most Elementalists. There are people with a pure fire body, but they occasionally have the water element which makes it practically useless. If these people have the fire element, they'll turn out to be outstanding Fire Elementalists." Klaus explained, he added, "That sick lady must have a space body, which means she's a great Space Elementalist."

"Correct?" Klaus looked at the cloaked lady.

"You're knowledgeable. I won't blame your friend for his lack of knowledge. This isn't something that's common, so most people don't have any knowledge about it." The cloaked lady nodded to Klaus' words.

"You for instance, I can tell you have a pure ice body." The lady squinted her eyes.

Grey took a glance at Klaus, who shrugged. Sensing Grey's gaze Klaus asked.

"How do you think I'm advancing so fast, and also have unrivaled ice ability?"

Grey was taken aback, now that he thought about it, this was a reasonable explanation. Well, there's also his elemental grade improving, but that isn't enough for him to advance with such speed.

"When did you find out?" Grey asked, forgetting the cloaked lady was still there.

"The Faction Leader found out the moment she saw me. That's why I'm well treated, and also forced to train all the difficult ice elemental techniques." Klaus explained.

Grey has always wondered why Klaus had such status in the Moonlight Faction, but he couldn't wrap his head around it. The thought of asking comes to mind, but once they're together, he's too busy enjoying the company of his friends that he forgets about it.

Having such a body in a Faction that fully focuses on the ice ability of the water element meant that he would naturally get special treatment, even from the Faction Leader.

Everything clicked now.

Grey looked at the lady who was slowly trying to escape.

"Do you know the location of other hideouts?" He asked.

The lady paused and looked at Grey, of course she knew the location of more hideouts, she just didn't want to disclose that information to Grey.

"I do, but that isn't part of the deal." The lady said. She was confident neither of them would attempt to kill her, so he didn't feel compelled to tell them this information.

"You see, I promise I'll let you leave, but I didn't say how I'll let you leave." Grey's eyes turned cold, "You can either tell me what I want to know, or leave her without your abilities as an Elementalist."

"That's not allowed." The lady's tone turned soft.

"I only said, I promise not to kill you. And so did he." Grey looked at her nonchalantly, "I didn't say I won't shatter your core. Or destroy all your limbs and ensure they never grow back."

"Technically, I didn't kill you. If you were to be killed by some Magical Beast, after I drop you off in the Rank Eight zone, it's purely your bad luck."

Hearing Grey's words, the lady felt her heart skip a beat. Grey was practically telling her he would not kill her, but he would leave her in a position that was no different from being killed. In the end, she'll die.

"You're still young, why do you conceive such evil thoughts?" The lady tried to speak to Grey in a manner that would change his mind.

"I'm better than him. It's better you let me do my evil than him." Grey pointed at Klaus, "At least I'll let your death be quick."

"He's not lying. I have evil thoughts, and I also know a few things that will make you hate your life." Klaus shrugged, not denying Grey's words.

The lady felt her entire body shiver, it was like she was being stared at by a ravenous wolf.

Grey had a nonchalant expression, Klaus on the other hand had excitement in his eyes, it was like he was looking forward to what he wanted to do to her.

"There are fifteen hideouts in each region. I have something here that will help you locate them. Of course, there's no way for you to know the strength of the people there." The lady gave in after seeing Klaus' eyes.

Klaus' expression dropped, visible disappointment in them. It was as if his entertainment had been destroyed.

"Hand it over and you're free to go." Grey stretched out his hand.

The lady looked at Grey, and seeing his eyes, he tossed a round item to him.

"How does it work?" Grey asked.

The lady bit her lips and said, "With the darkness element it's useless."

"Put any other element and it goes 'boom!'." Klaus added.

"You know of this thing?" Grey turned to Klaus.

"I've heard the Faction Leader speak of it." Klaus explained, he chuckled and looked at the lady, "She wanted to kill you."

"That thing will explode with the strength of at least a Seventh stage Sovereign. Only important members, and only when they are in the Sovereign Plane do they have access to these."

"That should tell you how important they are."

"You wanted to kill me?" Grey looked at the lady.

"No, I swear, I was going to tell you that part." Fear entered the body of the lady as she retreated a few steps back.

Chapter 1542 All Part Of My Ability

"It doesn't seem like it." Grey took a step closer to the lady, "From what I can tell, you wanted to kill me with this."

"No... Ah!!!" The lady was about to speak as she screamed in pain, clutching her right arm.

Her entire right arm has disappeared from the shoulder. It was as if it didn't exist to begin with. Blood was gushing out from it, and no matter how hard she tried to stop the bleeding, it didn't work. She looked at Grey with fear in her eyes.

"I don't like being plotted against. Especially things like these that will put me in danger." Grey's voice was cold.

"Void, kill her."

With Grey's statement, Void appeared and looked at the lady in her eyes.

"Hi."

"What are you doing?!"

"No!!!"

"Please!!!"

The lady screamed hysterically as Void appeared and attacked viciously. He didn't kill her with a single attack, he could, but he didn't want to. He saw what the lady tried to do and felt it was best to attack her in such a manner. The more she suffered, the better it felt to him.

"Next time you'll think about this before you try to plot against us." Klaus said calmly, "Oh, there won't be a next time."

The lady continued screaming as Void ripped her apart. She tried to fight back, but she had already been paralyzed by fear from the start. She could tell she wasn't a match for Grey or Klaus, and Void who appeared out of thin air was even more dangerous than the duo.

Her puppets were ripped to shreds the second she took them out. They couldn't even hold Void back for a quarter of a second.

A few minutes later, the lady was dead, her corpse floating in the vast space. Void didn't only kill her, he tore her to shreds and opened a spatial tunnel, putting parts of her body into it and closing it before opening another and placing another body part.

"I would've liked to be the one to kill her." Klaus shook his head in disappointment.

"There'll be other people." Grey said, he looked at the round item that could be used to track any hideout before looking at Klaus, "If the top Factions know about this, how come they haven't used it to wipe out the hideouts?"

Grey didn't understand this.

"You think acquiring it is so simple?" Klaus asked, he explained, "The only reason we got this is because she believed we wouldn't kill her due to already swearing on the origin source."

"Not just that, but after seeing a ray of surviving, she felt it was fine to discard this. If she had left this place, she would've been able to actually deactivate it."

"Oh, I see. So it's like that." Grey understood the reason behind the Factions' lack of actions against the Necromancers.

"For some reason, you seem to be fated with these guys and the Gnomes." Klaus said.

"Let's go back to the sick lady." Grey said, "The Necromancers will most likely try to get her again."

"Yeah, we better make sure she doesn't fall under their hands." Klaus agreed with Grey.

The duo headed back to the building. When they got there, the lady and the young lady were gone.

"They left..." Klaus didn't expect this, he sensed around but couldn't sense the presence of anyone.

A few people had gathered around due to the explosion of the roof.

Klaus asked them if they saw the sick lady and the young lady leave. None of the people present saw them which meant they left as soon as Grey and Klaus went after the cloaked lady.

"I can track them." Grey entered the building, heading straight for the basement.

Klaus followed him.

"How?" He asked curiously.

"Remember I told you I attacked her the last time?" Grey asked, Klaus nodded.

"She was marked. Not the same type as the usual one, but she has some of my elemental aura. Given the uniqueness of my elements, I can sense it for a day or two when used on anyone." Grey explained.

He marked the young lady, but it was unintentional. He recently discovered this ability, and had been using it for a while now.

"Impressive." Klaus was impressed by Grey's words.

Grey opened a door and an array appeared.

"A teleportation array."

Grey and Klaus walked over, but they paused as they sensed the unstableness of the teleportation array.

"Hehe, against anyone else, they'll need a few hours to fix this. But for me. It's easy." Grey chuckled.

Klaus knew Grey's abilities were unparalleled, especially with arrays, but his eyeballs nearly popped out when he heard Grey's next words.

"Bunny, I need your help."

The bunny leader appeared and looked at the place. A spatial tunnel appeared before them within a second.

Klaus didn't know if he should be impressed or disappointed with Grey's actions. He originally expected to see Grey work magic, but all he did was call the bunny leader who easily traced the destination of the teleportation array and created a portal to it.

"Let's go." Grey entered the place.

Klaus shook his head and accepted that Grey didn't have any more shame. He walked after him, entering the spatial tunnel before it disappeared.

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In a hidden cave.

The sick lady and the young lady were resting.

"We don't have much time."

"You have to recover, mother." The young lady didn't want the sick lady, who was her mother, to continue moving.

"We destroyed the array, no one should be able to co..."



The young lady was in the middle of her statement when she paused. The reason for that was the appearance of a spatial tunnel.

Grey was the first to appear, and behind him was Klaus.

"How?" The young lady couldn't believe her eyes. She never thought anyone would be able to follow them so quickly. They expected Grey and Klaus to engage in a prolonged battle with the cloaked lady, but to their surprise, here they were.

"Hi again."

Chapter 1543 Who Are You Two?

"Going somewhere?" Grey looked at the sick lady.

"No, we just wanted to make sure we're away from them." The sick lady was the one who spoke up.

Klaus looked at her coldly, he felt she knew a thing or two, if not, she wouldn't be speaking to the cloaked lady.

"We'll need to talk to you, send her out." Grey said calmly.

"What do you mean send her out?" The young lady flared, "She's my mother, and whatever you want to say, say it in front of me."

"I'm sorry, but it's for your own good." The sick lady said and the young lady vanished.

Grey was stunned at the lady's control of the space element. It was almost on the same level as the bunny leader and Void. But he didn't show his surprise.

The fact that the sick lady was better than him showed just how freakish Void, and then the bunny leader were.

The bunny leader was superior to Void in terms of manipulating space. Even Void is better than Grey. Yet this lady was also superior to him. This showed that he was a little lacking in the space element.

'I'll tell the bunny to teach me.' Grey thought internally. He didn't want to learn under Void for reasons best known to him. Void was a violent cat, and always tries to take advantage whenever he's on top. He didn't want to go through this again.

The bunny leader didn't like fighting, and would only use the bunnies under it to fight. So Grey felt safer training with it.

"Why are you working with the Gnomes?" He asked since the young lady was no longer present in the room.

"They promised me a better life for me, and now my daughter." The sick lady explained, "I don't think I can refuse that, especially after her father's death."

Grey looked at the lady. He understood what she was saying, but he didn't completely buy it. This was someone who could make a deal with the Gnomes, the enemies of the human race. The fact that she could do something like this showed that she wasn't that simple, at least, she had an idea of whatever was happening.

"You know you're working for the Gnomes, right?" Grey asked.

"Yes, but it's not like I can reject it." The lady replied, "At the time they came to me, I was only in the Sage Plane, and pregnant as well."

"They didn't want to draw any suspicion, so they let me stay with my husband. After I gave birth, my husband disappeared without any traces. I know they're the ones behind it, but there's nothing I can do."

Grey and Klaus listened to the sick lady's story. Of course, they didn't believe everything she said since she would naturally say things in her favor, but they felt a bit of pity for her.

"What did she tell you when she came?" Grey asked.

"She's saying something about my time of being useful finally coming. According to what she said, I'll be free from them after this." The sick lady explained.

"Do you know what your use is?" Grey asked.

"They want me to create a tunnel for them that leads to the Gnome world." The lady explained.

"That's what you're told?" Grey asked, and saw the woman nod.

"And you believe them?" He couldn't help but ask.

For someone the sick lady's age, he felt she should be smarter than this.

"No, but like I said, I didn't have a choice." The sick lady said, "Do you expect a Sage to fight against a Sovereign?"

"I see." Grey didn't argue with her.

From her words, it looked like she didn't know her use. However, she wanted to work with the Gnomes which Grey didn't take kindly of. He felt anyone willing to work with the Gnomes was a traitor to humanity.

The sick lady saw Grey's gaze and asked, "Did they have something else planned?"

"You're a vessel that would've held over a thousand Gnomes." Grey explained.

"What?!"

"They want to use you as a form of transportation, just that you won't be aware of the parasites you're carrying." Klaus was the one who spoke up.

"How's that possible?" The sick lady didn't believe the duo, "I know Gnomes are small, but not to the level that a thousand will be able to stay inside me."

"Who said you'll be alive?" Klaus asked, his eyes showing the lady that he was serious.

"What?"

"They'll kill you and use your body however they want." Grey explained, "From what I can tell, they wanted you to grow to the level they wanted."

"That's impossible."

The sick lady was finding it hard to believe.

"You believe the Necromancers wouldn't lie to you?" Grey asked, his expression different from before.

"I didn't know it would be to this extent." The sick lady said.

Grey didn't know what to say to the sick lady. The fact that she could believe the Gnomes who didn't think much about human lives would expect something more from her showed that she didn't understand the Gnomes.

"They want you dead." Klaus elucidated, in case the lady didn't know what Grey was trying to say.

The lady looked at Klaus, but then at Grey once again.

"That shouldn't be allowed to happen." She said.

"Naturally, that's why we came to you." Grey said.

"Oh." The lady seemed to understand what they wanted.

"Can I speak to my daughter one more time?" She asked.

"Your daughter?" Grey raised a brow, a little confused.

"Yes." The lady nodded, "At least before I go."

"To where?" Klaus couldn't help but ask. He was just as surprised as Grey.

"You're not going to kill me?" The lady asked.

"Why should we?" Grey asked.

"Keeping me alive means I'm still of use to the Gnomes." The lady said.

"I know where you'll be safe. Well, it should be safe." Grey said.

"Who are you two?"

"Klaus Ealdian."

"Grey Dawson."

'The two top geniuses in the Aurora Continent.'

The lady was stunned at the identity of the duo.

#### Chapter 1544 Destroying More Hideouts

Klaus grew to fame some time ago when he entered the Sovereign Plane as the youngest person to ever become a Sovereign. No one knew when Grey entered the Sovereign Plane, nor was any news of it heard.

However, Klaus' breakthrough was known all around the Continent. Most people knew of it, and only those who were able to get any form of information around the Continent were oblivious to this news.

"You two?" The lady was stunned, she pointed at Grey and said, "So you're the person the Gnomes want dead."

"They can't kill me, no matter how hard they try." Grey commented.

"Naturally, he has me ensuring he's safe." Klaus inputed after Grey's words.

Grey didn't bother with Klaus' comment.

The lady looked at them and said, "They'll try to kill you whatever the cost."

"You've had more than one dealing with Necromancers." Grey looked at the lady.

"Yes. This is not my first encounter with them. I've helped them a few times. I'm not proud of it, but I had no choice." The lady said.

She tried escaping from the surveillance of the Gnomes and Necromancers, but no matter where she went, she was always tracked, and forced to do their will. The reason she's still only in the First stage of the Sovereign Plane was because she didn't think it was good to increase her cultivation stage. The higher her cultivation stage, the more use the Gnomes would have for her.

Only now did she understand that making that decision changed the course of her life. Had she been growing faster, she would've gone past the First stage of the Sovereign Plane by now.

During the time she was pregnant, she decided not to increase her cultivation stage any further. Her husband was killed in the process, but she knew it was for the benefit of her daughter. Agreeing to go with the cloaked lady was all with the thought that her daughter will be safe from the eyes of the Necromancers. They didn't say anything about killing her, so she felt she would be able to keep her daughter alive.

"They'll kill her after you're dead. Not just her, but everything you care about."

"They're not bad people, they just want to better live for their fellow World's people."

"You've been manipulated to such a level? Then there's no point in keeping you alive." Grey felt the lady wouldn't believe such things, but from the looks of things, she was already deep in their lies.

"I have two choices." Grey looked at her, "One, either I kill you which means you automatically repays your debt, or you work for me."

The lady didn't expect Grey to drop such an offer. Without thinking about it, she accepted it without hesitation.

"Alright, can we leave now?" The lady asked.

"That's the thing, you'll have to always be under the control of a top Faction or Family."

"But..."

The Faction is still very much active. But individuals who had broken their prestige felt like Jr was best if Grey was killed.

"My Family will keep you safe." Grey said.

The lady wanted to oppose, but when she thought about the danger, she decided it was best to stay hidden by the Dawson Family. Besides, they will be able to hide her presence if things goes south.

"And my daughter?" She asked.

"She'll be left the roam the world. At least, you should believe she has the ability to take care of herself." Grey replied.

"I want to see her one last time before I leave."

Grey thought about the lady's words and nodded.

The young lady was brought into the room, and the duo didn't try to listen to what the lady was saying to the young lady. After a while, the young lady was nowhere to be seen.

"A war is coming, so be sure she's somewhere she can grow." Grey reminded the lady and then said, "Are you ready?"

The lady nodded, waiting to leave the area. She didn't want the young lady to return before she left.

Grey didn't waste any time and took her away. He didn't directly take her away, rather, he contacted his mother and she was the one who came to take her away.

This lady was very important so he didn't want to make any mistakes with her.

After the lady was taken away. He looked at Klaus and asked, "Should we head to the hideout and deal with these guys?"

"It's not like we have anything else we want to do." Klaus said.



The duo headed for the hideout they originally wanted to destroy, not caring about the well-being of the lady's daughter. From what the lady said, her daughter should be fine. And from the looks of things, she spoke with her so the young lady knew what to do.

The duo didn't waste any time and headed for the hideout they wanted to wipeout. This wasn't a hideout that was out of their control, so they could still deal with it.

Grey kept the man under his control there all this while, so while they were dealing with this issue, he was gathering more information, especially after getting the item from the cloaked lady that led to more hideouts.

In this region, they were seeing two more regions. They've wiped out the rest, but this two were located in places they didn't go to.

After destroying the place, they got a few more information about what the Gnomes had in mind. It was within their expectations. Since they had a few people like these, their plans was to bring most of them to the portals during times like these and fill them up with powerful Gnomes. If Grey didn't find out about this, there was no way humans would've been able to find out about this.

They tried to get more information about the other hideout, but they didn't find anything. It was almost as if there's no way to find out what's happening in the next hideout. He knew it was due to the low cultivation stage of the man he was using.

#### Chapter 1545 Reynolds' Breakthrough

Grey and Klaus were busy dealing with some of the businesses of the Gnomes in the human world, Reynolds and Alice were trying to get to the Sovereign Plane.

Both were using the same tactic which was through multiple battles.

Over the course of the past few weeks, they've been involved in numerous battles, winning most, and occasionally withdrawing from the ones that were above their ability. There have been times they've fought against multiple opponents at the same level as they were, and they've almost lost their lives in the process, but in the end, they would either successfully retreat, or make them retreat.

Their days have been filled with the stress of the continuous battles, but they're growing with each battle.

Reynolds' Elemental Warrior was just shy of the Sovereign Plane at the moment, and thanks to it, he could fight against Pseudo-sovereigns. After his battle with the Griffin, he opted to fight against more Peak Rank Seven Magical Beasts compared to humans. Beasts were stronger which meant they would be able to put more pressure on him.

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Bang! Boom!

A sigh of relief was heard in the small shack in the woods as a large creature fell to the ground. This creature was a Centipede at the Peak of the Seventh Rank.

On the other side, the figure of a person covered with lightning armor appeared. Reynolds has been battling with this Centipede for a few days now. The Centipede was difficult to kill. Its exoskeleton made its defense terrifying. No matter how powerful Reynolds' attacks were, they found it difficult to penetrate the exoskeleton of the Centipede.

Reynolds returned to his normal state and looked at the large corpse before him. He has been staying in the woods for some time now. Other than attacking Magical Beasts in the forests, he would occasionally head to town in search of information about any Magical Beast terrorizing any area. As long as it's within his ability, he would rush there and engage in a battle with the Magical Beast.

During these past few days, he has somewhat developed some fame in this region after he killed most of the Magical Beasts destroying Towns and Cities. Reynolds' young age and high cultivation stage made his fame grow at a shocking speed.

In the end, he started staying in the woods since he was getting invited visitors.

With each battle he engages in, he cultivates just as hard as his battles to prepare himself for his breakthrough. At the moment, he could feel that he was very close to getting to the Sovereign Plane. Although he has been getting this feeling for a while, he feels it will happen very soon this time around.

He walked into the shack, not even bothering with the corpse of the Centipede. This Centipede naturally has uses, but Reynolds has gotten so many Magical Beasts corpses in his spatial ring and he didn't think he would be able to store another one inside.

After entering the shack, he sat down cross-legged and looked up. His gaze was steady and firm.

"This time, I'll succeed." He muttered and shut his eyes, entering a focused state.

Time ticked by slowly with Reynolds sitting in the same position. He didn't open his eyes as he calmly absorbed the essence energy around him, refining his core and body with it.

A day and a half went by in the blink of an eye with Reynolds sitting in the same position like a statue.

After a day and half, a change finally occurred. A gust blew around the shack as Reynolds felt his body enlarging. His body was physically growing larger, but he could sense that his body was growing, creating space to contain more essence energy. He knew what this meant, he's on the verge of breaking through to the Sovereign Plane.

After so long, even though he wasn't as fast as Grey and Klaus, he was still here in the end. It took a few months later, but he's finally on the verge of getting to the First stage of the Sovereign Plane.

Essence energy gathered in the sky, and they shot straight into the shack. Reynolds remained sitting as the essence energy shot into his body. His aura grew as the essence energy entered his body. It was growing at a fast pace. Before long, it was at the very end of the Venerable Plane, a thin veil was all that was stopping Reynolds from becoming a Sovereign at the moment.

He finally opened his mouth and yelled, staring at the sky from his broken shack roof. He looked up and his figure shot into the sky.

His body was covered with lightning armor, and like a lightning God, he stood in the sky as the essence gathered around him. His body was like a vortex as he absorbed everything.

He felt a cracking sound in his body. Just like ice, the sound continued and before long, a popping sound was heard. It was as if the thin veil blocking his path had been destroyed.

Reynolds' aura burst out, and it wasn't that of someone who just entered the Sovereign Plane, rather, he had the aura of a Second stage Sovereign. From what he could tell, it was all due to the Elemental Warrior he used as an armor. He read about the massive hike of Elemental Warriors cutting down once the Elementalist gets to the Sovereign Plane.

However, there's a difference now. He could actively cultivate the Elemental Warrior to make it grow stronger. It wasn't easy, but he was confident he could achieve that.

At the moment, the Elemental Warrior was on the same stage as himself, and if he failed to cultivate it, he would grow stronger than it. The biggest advantage of Elemental Warriors was their ability to have a higher cultivation stage as their owners.

Luckily, cultivating them wasn't as hard as humans, meaning, as long as he could feed it with top tier lightning treasures, it would grow pretty fast. This will also help Reynolds' cultivation speed.

Chapter 1546 New Stars Shine Brighter

"Haha."

Reynolds laughed as he slowly floated to the ground. His breakthrough wasn't as eye-catching as Klaus' breakthrough, nor was it near the level of Grey's breakthrough, but it was unique in its own way. With the lightning armor on his body, he looked like a lightning God which was something that if seen by others, they would be left awestruck.

Unlike Klaus, Reynolds didn't really care if others saw his amazing breakthrough or not. All that mattered to him was that he had gotten to the Sovereign Plane. This was something he needed.

They have to sneak into the Gnome world, and without all four friends getting to the Sovereign Plane, they can't carry out the mission. The more time they waste, the quicker the Gnomes would try to invade their world. From a few things he has heard over the past months, he knew the activity of Necromancers increased lately. The only reason he could think of was the Gnomes preparing to enter the human world.

Necromancers were the puppets of the Gnomes in the human world. Everything they did was to find favor in the eyes of the Gnomes, so they would naturally look for ways to please the Gnomes, even if it meant granting them access into the human world.

'I should contact those two, I wonder what they've been up to.'

Reynolds brought out the communication device and tried to reach out to Klaus and Grey.

Over the years, they've cut down their communications to only when they need to see. They were all busy with their cultivation and other missions, so it's difficult for them to have long conversations now.

To his shock, Klaus and Grey were together. And they were in the Southern Continent.

He didn't ask any questions as he raced there.

Reynolds just entered the Sovereign Plane, yet he didn't try to consolidate his realm. His lightning armor appeared on his body, and with the speed of light, he shot through the sky, heading for the nearest teleportation array.

Although he's very fast now, he can't appear anywhere he wanted to instantly. Even Grey would find it difficult to do, even with his space element. For now, Grey could travel hundreds kilometers with a single teleportation, but the Aurora Continent was too large. The smallest regions were tens of thousands of kilometers at the very least. There's no way anyone in the Sovereign Plane could achieve that. Of course, someone on the level of Grey's father might be able to achieve this.

Reynolds flew past a City that had Peak Venerables, and before they could even catch a glimpse of him, he was a few kilometers away. He was moving almost fifty kilometers per second. Before anyone with a lower cultivation stage could even sense his presence, he's already long gone.

Even First stage Sovereigns are not this fast.

The Venerables in the City all came to the sky, but the presence they sensed was disappearing into the horizon, they didn't even get the chance to fully sense the person.

An old man looked in the direction Reynolds' aura disappeared, "A Sovereign."

"That must be a top expert." Another old man shook his head.

"I sensed someone breaking through a few minutes ago. Could this be the person?" A middle-aged man looked in Reynolds' direction.

"I don't think so." The first old man commented, "A newly advanced Sovereign shouldn't be that fast."

"What's the point of speaking about Sovereigns? Let's all head back to our training, maybe we still have a shot at the Sovereign Plane."

"Haha, of course. We still have a long time to go, we're definitely going to be able to achieve this."

The Venerables all discussed the Sovereign Plane and all went back to their cultivation. These were all people over a hundred years old, some of them are even a few hundred years old, but they've been stuck at the Peak of the Venerable Plane.

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The City Reynolds found had a First stage Sovereign overseeing it.

When the Sovereign sensed Reynolds' fast approaching aura, he knotted his brows and came out, hoping to block Reynolds midway.

Reynolds halted when he saw the man. He bowed slightly.

The man returned the greeting. He might be older, but Reynolds was on the same stage as himself. He could even sense pressure from Reynolds which meant that he was stronger. In the world of Elementalists, age didn't matter, what garnered respect was strength. As long as one was strong

enough, even if they're as young as Grey and his friends, they could stand on equal footing with thousand year old masters.

"I've never seen you before, may I ask the reason for your visit?" The man asked, staying vigilant.

He stood in a position that showed that he was blocking Reynolds' entrance into the City.

"I'd like to make use of the teleportation array, if Sir allows it." Reynolds explained, speaking in a respectful manner.

"Oh, I see. If that's all, follow me." The man turned around and led Reynolds into the City, taking him straight to the teleportation array.

Reynolds thanked him and used it without hesitation. The man was more than happy to see Reynolds leave as soon as possible. He didn't feel comfortable with the presence of someone unfamiliar, especially given his strength. He knew some people who achieve success so early in their lives tend to be proud and occasionally rash. Of course, not all of them, but there are some who would try to take advantage of their superior strength.

'I wonder which Family he's from. He only just broke through but his aura is already this powerful.'

The man thought as he looked at the teleportation array. He sensed Reynolds' aura and knew he was only just breaking through to the Sovereign Plane, yet his aura gave the man so much pressure.

"The young stars keep shining brighter."

The man looked at the sky as he remarked. He headed back into his building, disappearing from sight.

No one saw Reynolds enter and leave the City except the City Lord who was the man who stopped him.

Chapter 1547 Living In Danger

Reynolds was on his way to meet up with Grey and Klaus. Alice was the only one left to break through to the Sovereign Plane and meet up with the group so they could invade the Gnomes' world.

Alice's current location was unknown to her friends. Currently, she was traveling a dangerous path. This path is said to be deadly as there were not only people who would attack those traveling the path, but there were Magical Beasts, traps, and even naturally formed arrays that could trap people in another dimension. These naturally formed arrays were so dangerous that even people like Grey's father would rather avoid it than doing anything with it. There are some that are so dangerous, it is said they've killed Gods in the past.

These arrays are not common, but there are a few places that are labeled forbidden zones due to these arrays. Most people would tend to avoid it, but Alice was heading to one of such forbidden zones at the moment.

The reason for that was simple, these forbidden zones, due to the lack of human interference, tend to develop amazing treasures that are very good for Elementalists of all elements and Planes. They attract mercenaries and others, there are also people who camp outside the region to rob those who entered these forbidden zones for the benefits they hold.

Alice got to the entrance of the forbidden zone, and she could sense the eerie aura around the place. It was almost as if this was a separate world on its own. If not for the fact that she could tell it was connected to the world she's currently in, she would've believed it was part of another world.

This forbidden zone was located in the middle of a canyon, and compared to the normal rocks, it was almost like a forest. Thick trees could be seen, and there was even the sound of flowing water.

She looked at the sides, with a soft chuckle, she took the first step and walked in. She could sense the eyes staring at her as she walked into this place.

As soon as she entered, her countenance changed. She's been trying to break through to the Sovereign Plane now, and just like Reynolds, she was missing something. She felt she might be able to find what she's missing here. If not, she'll continue her search until she's successful.

Her friends needed her, and she also needed to grow stronger for the upcoming war. Only the strong will have a say over their lives. If she remained weak, she wouldn't even have the right to live. Her entire existence would depend on if the Gnomes want to keep her alive or not. This was not something she wanted, she wanted to have her life in her hands, so even without her friends, she would still strive this hard to get to the Sovereign Plane.



The forest was almost like any regular one, but after a few minutes of walking, she understood why it's different from a regular one and why it's regarded as a forbidden zone.

A mist blew past her with the breeze, and the second she inhaled some parts of it, her entire face turned purple. She quickly used the ice ability of the Seelie to seal the mist in her body, forcing it out.

When she saw the color of the mist, she was dumbfounded. It wasn't any mist, now that it had been frozen, she saw what it clearly was. It was a small creature. It looked identical to bugs, but it was very tiny that it could blend with the wind as if it were mist.

She used the ice to freeze all parts of her body, forcefully expelling the mists to touch her skin. More of these tiny creatures appeared and she shivered slightly. The reason for this was because she didn't feel any form of discomfort when these things touched her skin, and it was only when she inhaled it that she sensed it. There's a possibility that they might've been able to cause great damage to her body without her noticing early.

She was about to continue her journey when she noticed the ground was sinking. Not actually sinking per se, more like something large was coming out of the ground.

Without hesitation, she retreated from the area.

As soon as her feet touched the ground, she felt her heart skip as goosebumps showed on her body. Without even thinking, she covered her legs with lightning and kicked out.

The place her feet landed on, a Centipede-like creature came from the ground, trying to grab hold of her, but her kick sent it flying back. It slammed into the ground and vanished into the sand.

The part of the ground that was previously sinking returned back to normal.

"What an ingenious method." She was impressed with the creature's plan. It was a good one actually, it's just that she was quick and had sharp senses. So she was able to stop the creature from succeeding.

'This is not enough to hold me back.'

She continued on her journey. It has only been a few minutes, yet she has encountered two dangerous situations. Fortunately, she reacted quickly and was able to solve them without having to fight.

It's almost as if this place was testing the reaction speed of anyone. If she had reacted slower on the second time, and even the first time, she might've gotten killed by either of the attacks.

Alice didn't have any thoughts of giving up. This was a good opportunity for her, and she wasn't going to retreat in fear. According to the few things she knew about this place, there are some Sovereign level dangers here, and even some Rank Eight Magical Beasts. As long as she avoided those, she would be safe in this dangerous place.

Alice was living in danger just to get to the Sovereign Plane. Her figure soon disappeared into the large forest.

Chapter 1548 A Meeting With Gnomes

Southern Continent.

Reynolds got to meet up with the duo after a few days. The reason he took so long was due to the duo always being on the move. According to them, they were on the verge of uncovering a secret about the Gnomes, so they could wait for him and just directed him to the place they were headed.

In a forest.

Grey and Klaus could be seen hiding in the trees, Reynolds on the other hand was standing on the ground, subtly murmuring about being used as bait.

"Klaus has always been a better bait." He continued complaining under his voice.

He was standing on the path that was in the forest. Before long, a carriage was seen coming his way. He heaved a sigh as he looked at the carriage.

He was currently at the side of the path, seeing the carriage approach, he raised his hand, hoping to stop it.

"Please, can you assist me to the next town?" He asked as soon as the carriage stopped.

The coachman was a Peak Venerable, he looked at Reynolds in disgust and said coldly, "Get away from here. I don't have the time to entertain the likes of you."

"Please, I don't mind riding at the top, I have an intense injury that will make traveling out of here on my own impossible. I've been here for a few days." Klaus begged.

The man was about to use the whip on Reynolds when a delicate voice came from inside the carriage.

"Just take him along, he might be useful."

When the coachman heard the word useful, a look of realization appeared on his face as he replied, "Yes, Milady."

"Thank you." Reynolds bowed in the direction of the carriage and went to sit with the coachman. He didn't try to go to the carriage which the coachman nodded in approval to.

"Interesting, come inside, he doesn't need company, but I do. Staying here alone for long rides is always boring."

The soft voice said once again, inviting Reynolds into the place.

Reynolds looked at the coachman, as if asking for permission. The coachman nodded and Reynolds came down, heading into the carriage.

When he opened the carriage door, he saw a fair hand by the door.

"Come in, I don't bite." There was a little hint of amusement in the soft voice.

Reynolds knew the person inside was a lady after hearing the coachman refer to her as Milady.

Reynolds entered and was greeted with the scene of a middle- aged lady, beautiful yet very mature. She had a different kind of beauty that stunned Reynolds.

He bowed slightly before sitting opposite the lady.

The lady licked her lips and said, "I'm curious as to what injured you. Can you indulge me?"

Reynolds thought about it and spoke about his battle with a ferocious Wolf. His aura was reduced to that of a Second stage Venerable. The lady sitting before him was at the Peak of the Venerable Plane.

"I see, such a dangerous situation. Didn't you take any healing tonics with you?" The lady asked.

Reynolds shook his head and scratched his chin awkwardly as he explained the reason he didn't, which he found a bit embarrassing.

The carriage continued on its path, while Grey and Klaus followed behind from above.

"He's good at this, are you sure he hasn't done something like this when we weren't together?" Klaus couldn't help but speak up about Reynolds' acting.

"He might've been taking acting lessons, besides, you do things like these on a frequent basis." Grey replied as they followed the carriage.

"Why don't we just intercept them and force them to tell us the location?" Klaus didn't understand the reason behind Grey wanting them to take such a route.

"Simple, from what I found out, they'll die if they try to divulge this information to anyone else..." Grey explained.

He used the man to gather information from the previous hideout they destroyed, and according to the people, only this lady and the coachman knew of the secret place to meet with the Gnomes who were having an important meeting. It was said that occasionally, these Gnomes would want a human servant to take back to the Gnome world.

Grey naturally didn't have any plans of letting these people take Reynolds into the Gnome world. He only planned for this so as to try to see if he could gather any information about the woman. He wasn't able to get anything from the hideout. It was almost as if the woman was nonexistent and only appears when it's time to meet with the Gnomes.

He didn't understand this and wanted to get behind the lady's identity. She looked to be from a respectable Family, well, at least that's what the carriage showed. He didn't know if she was or not.

"So the Gnomes still have more secret portals connecting to this region." Klaus frowned.

"It's expected. I didn't expect them to tell the Necromancers about all their portals." Grey didn't think much about this.

They've found out about a few portals in this region, but this one wasn't recorded. Since this portal wasn't known by the Necromancers except for this lady, it meant that this lady had a closer tie with the Gnomes. Grey wanted to gather as much information as he could before dealing with the lady. He wanted to put her under his control before they got there, but he needed to make sure he knew a few things before doing so.

Klaus finally understood why Grey opted for this plan. But he didn't think Reynolds would be able to gather enough information about this lady. And from the looks of it, Grey didn't want to ruin the chance of finding out about the lady once he had put her under his control.

"We should take Reynolds out of there after some time." Klaus said.

Grey didn't think much about it, he felt Reynolds would be fine. Klaus was just worried over nothing.

## Chapter 1549 A Meeting With Gnomes II

Grey and Klaus didn't let the carriage leave their sight. They followed it closely, making sure they were not noticed as they followed it.

While they were following the carriage.

Reynolds was speaking with the lady, asking her a few personal questions that the lady felt a bit compelled to answer. She has been asking Klaus questions all this while, and now that he started asking questions, she felt it was only right to answer his questions. Not just that, but she felt he was someone that would be offered to the Gnomes in a few hours time and didn't see anything with refusing to tell him a few things.

Reynolds didn't ask too much, only asking where she's from and where she's headed. According to her, she's from a mid-level family from the next region and she was headed to meet up with a family friend. Hearing the word family friend, Reynolds could barely believe his ears. He never thought there would be a Family that would have such close ties with Gnomes.

There was also the possibility that the lady was lying, which he strongly believed. But from how she was speaking, it was almost as if she didn't want to lie to him which he found surprising.

According to the lady, this was a task that is only assigned to the most trusted people in her Family.

After Reynolds was done asking all this, he saw a two two way road and told them he'll drop there.

"I'm sorry, but it'll be in your best interest if you followed me to my meeting." The lady didn't agree to Reynolds leaving the carriage.

"You just said it's a top secret meeting, why would you willingly take a stranger there when even your family members aren't allowed to know where this place is?" Reynolds asked.

"Because the people I'm going to visit will like you. Don't worry, they're not going to hurt you." The lady tried to convince Reynolds.

"I don't feel comfortable going to such a meeting knowing how important it is to you and your Family. Why don't you leave me here and I'll find my way to the City myself?" Reynolds didn't buy the lady's words. There was no way he was going to agree to head there in the first place. He had found out everything he needed and felt there was no reason to stay there.

"I insist." The lady's voice was still the same, the same with her expression, but Reynolds could sense the coldness in the carriage. It was almost as if the lady was ready to attack.

Reynolds was about to attack when he sensed a familiar suction feeling, he didn't try to fight and went with it. His figure was soon changed with that of Grey.

"Hi."

Grey appeared with a smile, before the lady could react, he used the water element to keep her sealed, making sure the coachman didn't sense anything. After doing this, he opened part of the lady's head and placed his palm on her head. His consciousness invaded her head and before long, the lady was under her control.

He thought about it, and felt that it was only right to switch places with Reynolds once again so as to ensure he was allowed to leave. He has been taking note of everything happening inside the carriage, hence the reason he acted quickly.

He changed places with Reynolds, but kept the lady under his control while taking control of the coachman as well. He didn't want any irregularities. If the lady allowed Reynolds to go, and asked for him later on, there's no way the coachman wouldn't find something odd with it.

It didn't take long and Reynolds left the carriage while the duo continued on their journey. They recalled letting Reynolds into the carriage, and Grey did it in a way they'll remember letting him leave as well. This way, there's no way they'll have any problems with it.

The trio followed the carriage and after getting to a certain spot in the forest, they saw a hole leading down. It was clear that this was the place of the meeting.

"Those critters." Klaus commented when he saw the lady and the coachman entering the hole.

They waited a few seconds before entering the place. The hole was small at the entrance, but the moment one goes in, they'll be welcomed by a large and long tunnel.

The trio followed the tunnel and got a large Hall. In the Hall, they saw the lady and the coachman, a few smaller figures were present. Grey didn't need anyone to tell him those figures were that of Gnomes.

Gnomes had such distinct figures that it was very easy for anyone who has had dealings with them to recognize them from a distance.

The trio hid by the side as they listened to the conversation going on.

From what the Gnomes were saying, they were stepping up their plans of invading the human world due to the phenomenon that happened a while ago. It was clearly that of Grey's apparition appearing in the sky. They didn't want to take the risk of a God Plane Elementalist appearing in the Aurora Continent and spoiling their plans of making the place theirs, so they felt it was best to attack now. Although the humans were strong, they didn't have as many Half God Plane experts as the Gnomes, nor did they have as many Sovereigns as the Gnomes. Additionally, the Gnomes had puppets which can make a massive difference in the battle.

Grey listened and found out that their conversation focused on them having to find more humans with great space bodies that would be used to hide the presence of the Gnomes. Not just that, but Grey got to find out about the location where all humans with space bodies were kept, the Gnome world.

This was more reason for them to enter the Gnome world. Those people need to either be killed, or saved. Grey didn't know which would be possible, but he knew he had to take action.

Reynolds hoped there would be some action, but Grey didn't agree to it. This was another portal to the Gnome world, and the more options they had when entering the Gnome world, the better. At the moment, they've found three portals to the Gnome world, and he was sure they'll find more. He would study all of them and pick the one with the least danger. There's no way all the portals would be guarded by top experts.

Grey stayed until the meeting was finished and the lady was about to leave. He only left after the lady went out. The Gnomes disappeared into the portal as soon as they were done.



With the help of the bunny leader's bunny, he inspected the place, and realized that this one had a much looser security compared to the others he had seen. In fact, this portal was in the middle of the woods with only a Sage Plane Elementalist keeping watch.

Among all the portals, this was the only one that wasn't in a City, which meant it was the best choice to enter the Gnome world without being detected.

The trio left this place and decided between following the lady back and destroying the next Necromancer's hideout. Klaus and Reynolds didn't like snooping around, so they opted for the Necromancer's hideout.

Since the lady was under Grey's control, he could locate her whenever he wanted to, so he didn't bother with her and followed the duo towards the Necromancer's hideout.

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The trio were fighting with Necromancers while Alice was on the border of life and death.

She didn't know how many times she had escaped death since she entered this forbidden zone, but she knew her luck had been great, if not, she would've been dead a few days ago from the attacks she received.

This place wasn't called a forbidden zone for no reason. The danger here far exceeded what she expected, but it also put her on edge which was beneficial for her growth. The frequent battles, teetering between life and death has made her grow exponentially, both physically and mentally. She has encountered a few people here, and has ensured to keep her distance, she didn't want to have anything to do with these people since she didn't know them. And neither did they. They always leave as soon as they see her. Most of them were like her, alone. But there were a few that were in groups.

She has ventured deep into the forest and has gotten a pretty good number of items, but none of them has been able to help her break through to the Sovereign Plane, hence her reluctance to leave this place.

At the moment, she is heading towards a place where she sensed a powerful aura. From what she felt, she was certain it was from at least a Pseudo-sovereign or a Sovereign, and she felt like seeing what caused them to unleash their aura.

#### Chapter 1550 A Seelie's Essence

'I can't believe these guys are fighting for that.'

Alice was left dumbfounded by what the Magical Beasts were fighting over. It was actually for a Seelie. The Seelie isn't alive like hers, rather, it seemed to have died, but from natural causes else it would've already been consumed by now if it was killed by something or someone.

The essence of a Lightning Elemental Seelie is exactly what she needed for the next step. With it, she was a hundred percent certain she would be able to break through to the Sovereign Plane. The only downside is that her competitors' strength were superior to her, but it didn't mean she didn't have a shot at it. In fact, she had the best opportunity among them. All she needed to do was wait while the duo battered each other and swoop in while they were at their weakest and steal the treasure.

She could either do that, or she could wait and then sneak in while they were busy fighting and snatch the treasure right under their noses. This option posed more danger since the Beasts wouldn't be at their weakest and could attack her, simultaneously. If both Beasts attacked her, she wasn't too confident in her chances of not sustaining serious injuries. Hence, she was going to go for the first option which was to wait till both Beasts were seriously wounded. Of course, there's a chance she's not the only one on the sidelines.

The Beasts fighting were an Armadillo and a fierce Jaguar. The Jaguar was the one with the lightning element, so naturally it had more use for the Seelie's essence. However, even though the Armadillo didn't have the lightning element, it doesn't mean the essence wouldn't be important to it. So there's no way it would let go of such an opportunity. This was a Seelie's essence. A Seelie is one of the few things that can make people have the ability to use another element, so Magical Beasts or even humans wouldn't want to give up such an opportunity.

The Armadillo had terrifying defense and even its claws were sharp enough to cause damage to the Jaguar. But the Jaguar had superior agility, after all, it's from the cat family. Its superior agility means that it will be able to dodge most of the Armadillo's attacks, but the Armadillo has a very strong defense which meant that breaking through its defense was almost impossible, unless the Jaguar can manage to get its underbelly and attack from there.

The Armadillo knows its shortcomings, so it always ensures that its underbelly is always protected. Whenever the Jaguar has tried to flip it over, it has always stood its ground.

The Jaguar tried to use its superior speed to snatch the Seelie's essence, but the Armadillo was always able to block its path.

Alice watched as the two Beasts battled it out, she was waiting patiently for the opportunity to arise. If she saw a good opportunity, she didn't mind snatching the essence while the duo were locked in battle. At the moment, both were in a stalemate as there was no way for the other to get the advantage over the other.

Both Beasts were fighting cautiously, they knew there were others watching from the shadows, waiting to take advantage of them. No one wanted to fight in vain and watch someone else take away their treasures, so they were both cautious.

Ten minutes went by in the blink of an eye and both Beasts were still battling, but not as ferociously as they were at the start. Both hadn't sustained any serious injuries, just some superficial ones, the reason they slowed down was because they noticed the presence of another Beast that was on the same level as they were, and this Beast was watching the battle, clearly having no intention of joining the fight, only waiting to capitalize once the duo were weak.

The Jaguar and the Armadillo soon stopped battling. Both were quite wary of the newly arrived Beast, and they have every right to be. This Beast wasn't the strongest, but when it comes to speed, even the Lightning Jaguar paled in comparison. A Lightning Hawk doesn't have the attack power of the Jaguar, or the defense of the Armadillo, but its speed is comparable to none in the area.

Of course, its talons and beak were very dangerous and it could easily rip out flesh and pluck out eyes, but taking a single hit from either the Armadillo or Jaguar would prove deadly to it. So it naturally didn't act in a rash manner.

The Armadillo and the Jaguar paused, both standing on either end of the essence. They would not allow anyone else to take this thing from their hands. At their level, they were very smart, so they wouldn't fight against each other in such a situation.

The Lightning Hawk stepped out and made a screeching sound, as if asking them why they stopped fighting.

The Jaguar and the Armadillo made grunting sounds but didn't show any visible reactions.

The Hawk flew into the sky and seemed to vanish into the clouds. Its aura was untraceable. In a second, it appeared like a flash of lightning, a few meters away from the Seelie's essence.

The Jaguar reacted first, striking out. The attack forced the Hawk to take a detour, while the Jaguar opened its mouth and tried to swallow the Seelie's essence in one gulp.

The Armadillo made a move this time, swinging its tail, forcing the Jaguar to retreat.

All three Magical Beasts started a brawl, none giving the other a chance to collect the Seelie's essence.

Alice watched the battle continue to unfold, not taking any actions. With the presence of the Hawk, escaping would become even more difficult. She isn't as fast as the Lightning Hawk, so she didn't want to take any risk.

If she merged with her Seelie, she could boost her strength enough to at least slow down the Hawk while escaping, but she'll have to plan everything properly, including her escape and the timing of her going to take the treasure.

As she was waiting, she sensed the presence of a few people in the Late stages of the Venerable Plane. These Venerables were eight in numbers, but none of them were at the Peak of the Venerable Plane.

'If they try to make a move, then they're only courting death.'

This was the thought in Alice's head. Eight Late stage Venerables might be a strong lineup, but against these Peak Seventh stage Magical Beasts whose attack power rivals a Pseudo-sovereign, it was suicidal for them to try to engage in any form of battle with them. Especially since all three Magical Beasts might opt for killing all eight humans rather than fighting against each other.

However, to Alice's shock, the group of eight actually walked out. Two were in the Ninth stage, so they stood together, while the other six divided into groups of three. Their auras merged and their strengths visibly shot up. It was as if all three groups turned into Peak Venerables with strength close to the Pseudo-

sovereign stage.

'Oh, there's also that.'

Alice forgot there were moves like these. Even her Faction has them, but she never learnt them nor did she have any interest to, hence her forgetfulness about it.

The three groups knew the three Magical Beasts would engage them in a battle, so they were already prepared.

They quickly started to fight, but they were quickly placed at a disadvantage. All three Magical Beasts had a superior ability compared to them, so even with the help of their combined strength, there was no way they could fight against them. They were continuously forced back, which was within Alice's expectations, but for some reason, they didn't give up, rather, they were more ferocious with their attacks, slowly drawing the Magical Beasts away from the Seelie's essence.

Alice soon understood something was wrong. These guys were fighting like people who wanted to win. Rather, it was as if they were acting like distractions.

'Could it be?'

She looked in another direction and squinted her eyes, an almost nonexistent hue left her body, impossible to see with the human eye. The hue spread across the place and within a short time, it covered the entire area and she saw more Beasts and humans hiding, but among all of them, only one stood out, a Peak Venerable.

She didn't know what element this Peak Venerable uses, but she was almost certain he was a Lightning Elementalist.

The Magical Beasts didn't go too far from the Seelie's essence, they knew doing so would give others a chance. There's no one on their level, but they knew there were weaker Beasts around, and even some weak humans. They didn't want to give them their treasure, they've been fighting so long for it.

The group of three gritted their teeth and forced an opening, with one of them trying to force their way through.