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A youth could be seen sitting crossed leg on top of a boulder with his chest bare. He had a well chiseled body, which was a clear sign of training his body frequently. After some time, the youth breathed in deeply and stood up.

The youth stood at 5'9 in height, with a slender body and fair skin which looked like that of a baby. When he raised his face, a stunningly handsome face could be seen. He had short black hair and an inverted triangular shaped face with beautiful black eyes.

The youth was precisely Grey. It had already been one year since he got into the Lunar Academy, and he can say, it had been an amazing experience so far. He had not only started cultivating, but he had broken through to the Ninth stage of the Fusion Plane with this one year.

The entire Academy was shocked from how fast he advanced in his cultivation, this was by far the fastest anyone had ever broken through in the entire Academy.

One has to remember that there was a penalty if the students didn't break through from the Collection Plane to the Fusion Plane within a year, but Grey not only broke through to the Fusion Plane, he was already at the peak of it.

"I should be able to break through to the Arcane Plane within a week" Grey said with emotions. He could still remember how he was still being mocked one year ago. But currently, he had already almost caught up with his peers.

It usually takes those with purple talent almost three years to break through to the Arcane Plane, while those with blue talents at least one year and eight months. But Grey had already defied all logic for the students that is, the higher ups in the Academy were all aware of the reason.

During this one year, Grey had attended class in both the Lightning and Earth Hall, although not much. He focused fully on his cultivation, 'since this will be used up, it's best I make fast work of it' this was his thoughts whenever he remembers he has a huge amount of elemental essence in his body which was slowly dwindling away.

Grey was scared the essence would suddenly disappear, so he wanted to use it as fast as possible. He had also been able to upgrade his grade for his Earth element, this further increased his cultivation speed by a little.

"The Academy tournament is probably going on right now" Grey looked in the direction of the Academy. Blake had tried persuading him several times to take part in the tournament, but he refused every time.

RUSTLE

Grey heard the sound of leaves moving coming from his west. He turned his head, looking at the direction with an interested look. He calmly listened to know the distance the noise was coming from.

After confirming where the noise came from, he walked towards the direction with caution. Although he was curious, he wasn't stupid enough to charge there with knowing what was making the sound.

Fifty meters away from him, two magical beasts were in an intense fight. One was already lightly injured but had no thoughts of stopping. Because if it stops resisting, it will surely be killed by one attacking it.

A boar and a cat like creature were brawling fiercely, the boar was in the defensive, but it also counter attacked if the chance presents itself. The cat like creature was very nimble and was moving like the wind, hard to predict. The boar tried its best to try to hit the cat, but the cat was too agile for it.

Each of the beasts stood at a height of forty inches and thirty-three inches respectively, with the cat being the smaller of both.

Grey climbed a tree fourteen meters above the ground and watched them closely. 'The cat is most likely a magical beast with wind affinity' He guessed. It wasn't hard to figure out seeing the quick movements of the cat.

But what caught most of Grey's attention was the boar. Its defense was terrifyingly hard to break through. The cat had tried multiple times, but it was unable to cause any harm.

After another three minutes of fruitless struggle, the cat finally gave up on the boar and disappeared into the trees. It was already most likely getting exhausted from the endless attacks it was dishing out. The boar wasn't overly exhausted, since it placed most of its time on defending.

"Boar it is then" Grey said with a smile. Since he saw the boar, the only he thought about was cooking it. He had even planned on stealing the kill if the cat was able to defeat the boar, who knew it was so weak.

Grey had already turned into a master hunter during his one year here. He hunts frequently here, although the beasts here aren't too strong. With most of them being at the Collection Plane and few being at the Fusion Plane.

Grey speculated the boar broke through to the Fusion Plane recently. He could already smell the sweet aroma of the meat, he almost started salivating just staring at the boar.

After seeing it was all alone, the boar lowered its guard. This was the best time for Grey to make his sneak attack. The boar wouldn't expect to be sneak attacked by someone after just fending off the cat. magic

Grey silently edged closer to the boar without it realizing. Because of training his body to a high degree, he had perfect control over it. He took out a stone carved knife which he made for himself.

'Stupid rules' Grey cursed in his mind. He had asked for a knife from Blake, but he was rejected. Blake said all students below the Arcane Plane are not allowed to wield weapons in the Academy. Grey was frustrated by the rule and almost cursed out in the presence of Blake.

After reaching his striking range, he calmed himself. Grey sprang out as fast as the cat, aiming his knife at the skull of the boar.

THUD

The sound of something hitting the ground resounded in the area. The boar fell down lifelessly with blood flowing out the back of its head.

Grey's sneak attack was alarmingly effective. He was like a well seasoned hunter, bidding his time before giving a fatal strike. The boar didn't even get a chance to raise its defense.

Grey had a huge smile on his face as he picked up his dinner before heading back to the Academy to prepare his meal.

Chapter 32: Nice Young Man

Soon, the sweet smell of roasted boar permeated the entire compound. Grey's cooking had gotten better since he started living alone.

"If mom were here, she would've definitely praised my cooking" Grey smiled when he thought of his mother. "It's already been so long, yet I haven't heard anything".

Grey had missed her during this year he had stayed at the Academy. Due to the distance, he couldn't go back since it would take a long time for him to get there.

"If only I had an aerial beast" Grey thought of the griffin which brought him here. "I would have been able to go back and check if she's still around".

Martha told him she would be going over to meet up with his father. She refused to tell him where he was, she only told him she'd find a way to contact him when she was gone. It had already been a year, but he had heard nothing from her.

While Grey was still reminiscing, an unexpected guest walked into his house without even knocking. When the man walked in, the only thing he had his eyes on was the boar which was currently being cooked by Grey.

Due to Grey's high training and high attainment in meditation, he could be said to have a strong sense of vigilance. He could clearly sense something over a hundred meters away from him, but surprisingly, someone was within ten meters of his sensory range, yet he failed to pick up on the person.

There are only two possibilities which could have caused this; either he wasn't as good as he thought, or the person who intruded was just too good.

From the way the man walked in, one could see he was walking in a very leisure manner. "What a great aroma" The man said while strongly breathing in.

Grey was startled when he heard a voice coming from behind him and scurried to his feet getting into a defensive stance. He couldn't believe someone got so close to him without him even noticing.

"What are you jumping for?" The man asked with a confused voice. He clearly didn't expect Grey to react like a scared rabbit.

"Senior, it's...it's you" Grey said with a stunned voice. Surprisingly, the man in front of him was the same person who brought him to the Academy.

"Of course it's me, do you see anyone else?" Chris chuckled.

"But, how did you get in?" Grey asked.

"Through the door, obviously" Chris responded while still staring intently at the meat.

Grey's mind was still trying to comprehend what was happening, he clearly remembered closing the door. He should have heard the sound of Chris opening it, since it always makes a creaking sound when opening it. magic

'Forget it, luckily it was him. I really need to be more alert' Grey thought while sighing at his negligence. He thought it was his carelessness that made him not sense Chris entering the compound and getting so close to him. He totally forgot there were people who could easily sneak up on you.

"Senior, you didn't watch the tournament?" Grey didn't expect Chris to be here, since most of the instructors were watching the tournament.

"Tournament, what tournament?" Chris asked while furrowing his brow, trying to recall if he heard about this tournament Grey was talking about.

Grey was astounded by Chris' reply, "The Academy's yearly tournament" He added.

Chris made an expression of suddenly recalling something, "Oh that, it's today?" He asked.

When Grey heard his question, he knew Chris was definitely a lost cause. 'Is he even an instructor here' Grey thought clearly puzzled by Chris' lack of information. "Yes senior, the tournament is today".

"Okay" Chris replied with indifference, clearly not interested in it.

Grey noticed since he saw Chris, he hadn't even thrown a glance at him. The only thing he was staring at, was the meat. Grey was certain he could see some drool coming out from the side of Chris' mouth. 'At least try to keep your

image as a senior. And where has he been over the year' Grey complained in his heart.

Since Chris dumped Grey with Klaus, he had not appeared until now. Grey had asked of him from Klaus, but didn't get any positive responses. So he just thought maybe Chris wasn't present at the Academy.

"Why don't you stay for dinner, I'm almost done preparing it?" Grey asked, trying to buy some face for this so-called senior of his.

"Good, good, you're truly a nice young man" Chris repeated good twice just to show his delight while nodding like a bird pecking grains.

Grey facepalmed in his mind. When he saw how Chris was acting, he remembered the time they traveled together and how much Chris loved food.

After dinner, Grey couldn't stop staring at Chris. He was shocked by how much Chris could eat. 'The body isn't supposed to contain that much food' He exclaimed in his heart.

"Oh" Chris threw a glance at Grey before making a surprised sound. "You're already at the Peak of the Fusion Plane" He added.

"Yes, I'm close to breaking through to the Arcane Plane" Grey said with a gleeful smile. 'He just noticed after being here for so long' thought Grey.

"That's good, I heard you have a high concentration of elemental essence in your body" Chris smiled while asking.

"Yes, this was what enabled me to advance this quickly" Grey said, "I was also given a better cultivation technique than the one the other kids used, I think this also added to my speed" Grey said further.

"Wait, you still think you were given a better technique?" Chris blurted out with surprise.

"What?!" Grey exclaimed when he heard this.

"Nothing" Chris said, clearly not planning on saying anything more.

'Could it be that the technique I was given wasn't better than the ones the other kids received from the library?' He wasn't dumb, from Chris' reaction, he could tell something was wrong and Chris knew about it.

He thought Chris wasn't in the Academy, but clearly, Chris had been keeping tabs on him.

"I will be going now" Chris stood up and prepared to leave. "Oh and after breaking through to the Arcane Plane, tell Blake to bring you to me" He said before leaving.

Grey just stared at him, his mind still on what Chris said. "I'll head over to the library tomorrow" He declared.

Chapter 33: Because I'm The Instructor

The next day, Grey was about to head over to the library to check out the technique given to new students.

"Hey Grey"

Grey turned around at the sound of the voice. He already knew the owner of the voice, "Hey Klaus" He greeted Klaus.

"Where are you headed?" Klaus asked. He was on his way over to Grey's place.

"I'm on my way to the library" Grey replied.

"Great, I was also about to head there" Klaus said and joined Grey.

"So, how was the tournament" Grey asked as they started walking.

Klaus mused for some time before replying, "Not bad actually. Unfortunately I was unable to make it into the top eight, the competition was fierce".

"Oh, which hall's student was the champion for class three?" Grey asked.

"The champion of class three can't be said to be from one hall. She is a Dual Elementalist with Blue and Orange grade for each element" Klaus said with an expression which showed he was still thinking about the events that played out yesterday.

"Yes, the champion is a girl. You should have heard of her, she's also a student of the Lightning Hall" Klaus said while looking at Grey.

"You mean Alice?" Grey raised a brow.

"Yes, that's her" Klaus confirmed.

"Are you sure we're talking about the same person. The Alice I know is a sweet cute girl, she doesn't seem like someone who would enjoy fighting" Grey said thinking maybe there was a difference between the Alice Klaus was talking about and the one he knew.

"Is there any other Alice in the Lightning Hall class three?" Klaus asked exasperated.

"Well, no" Grey thought for some time before replying.

"Don't be deceived by her cute look. When she's in the arena, she's as fierce as a tiger. Luckily I didn't encounter her" Klaus said with a relieved sigh. This was the only reason he wasn't upset when he was eliminated from the tournament.

The person who advanced after defeating him went on to face Alice. 'I can still hear his screams' Klaus shivered when he remembered the fight.

Although the Academy doesn't entertain students getting hurt in the tournament, the same can't be said for the rules of the class three students. The rule there, was to ensure you do not attack an opponent when you clearly see he can't fight back, try to be as lenient as you can and no killing. Once a student admits defeat, the battle must stop immediately.

The Academy believes if the students don't go through tough battles now, they wouldn't stand a chance outside. And since most of the class three students have to do missions, they need as much fighting experience as possible.

Klaus went on to tell Grey everything that happened at the tournament. When Grey heard of how Alice ran through all her opponents, he couldn't help but sweat profusely when he thought of how he mocks her when they were together.

'She knows I'm only joking. But...but what if she suddenly attacks me some day?' Grey thought with fright.

Alice was one of the few female friends he had in the Academy, she had an easy going personality and could be seen almost always smiling. Grey couldn't picture her with the description Klaus was giving. She wasn't breathtakingly beautiful, but she could be classified as above average in terms

of beauty. She had a cute round face with big eyes which totally made her stand out in a good way. The only downside was, she had a small stature.

Although she was already seventeen, she could still be misjudged for a thirteen years old due to her small physique. This was what Grey used to make fun of her whenever they were together.

"She's that strong. Luckily I'm friends with her" He knew if he wasn't her friend, she would have definitely dealt with him. 'No wonder Reynolds and the rest always gives me weird looks whenever I'm making fun of her' Grey thought feeling lucky.

They continued discussing the tournament, before they knew it, they were already at the library. The library was divided into two buildings, both were three-story buildings.

Grey had visited the library, but he had always gone to the one which had information on the history of their continent and also magical beasts.

Grey had never visited the library which housed techniques, mostly because students under the Arcane Plane didn't have access to upper floors. They could only go as far as the first floor, which contained the basic cultivation technique and some training manuals.

When Klaus noticed Grey heading over to the technique building, he was surprised. Although Grey frequented the library, it was only the building which contains information. He had never once gone to this other building.

"Grey, you're heading over to the technique building?" Klaus asked with surprise.

"Yes, I've decided to check it out after being in the Academy for so long now" Grey scratched his head as he replied with an embarrassed smile. After all, being in the Academy and not visiting this particular building was somewhat embarrassing. Even if you're not here for the technique, at least check it out once.

After entering the building, Klaus asked if Grey needed any help but was politely declined. Klaus said goodbye to Grey and headed towards the upper floor. Grey watched him leave before looking at the bookshelf arranged in rows.

'They are arranged in the same pattern' Grey thought as he walked closer. This building was arranged just like the other one, the only difference was the details the scrolls contained.

He started searching for the cultivation technique. He heard there was only this technique in the Academy for students below the Arcane Plane. He quickly found it on row three.

He opened the scroll calmly and studied it. He had already memorized the technique he was given to by Blake, so he knew it like the back of his hands. On seeing the technique, he realized that it wasn't different from the one he was given under 'special treatment'.

"Shit!, I was scammed" Grey cursed out loud. The few students at the library all looked at him wondering why he was talking this loud. Grey stared around after realizing his mistake.

He placed the scroll back on the bookshelf and went outside. He was pretty annoyed by the fact that someone tricked him just after entering the Academy.

'If I weren't lucky to have had a huge amount of elemental essence in my body, would they have kicked me out after ten days?' Grey thought to himself while heading in the direction of Blake's office.

Grey stood at the door of the office looking at it profoundly before knocking. Blake's voice could be heard from inside. After Grey heard the affirmation from Blake to come in, he opened the door and went in.

When Blake saw him, he knew he wasn't in his usual jovial self. "What's wrong with you today?" Blake asked with concern.

"I just went over to the library" Grey hinted.

"So?" Blake asked, clearly not understanding why Grey was telling him he went to the library.

"And I saw the same technique you said was better than the one at the library" Grey said.

"Oh, that. Well, they suddenly changed all the techniques to that one since they didn't want to give you too much of an advantage over the rest students" Blake lied through his teeth.

Grey was surprised by Blake's lie. Before leaving the library, he had asked if that had been the technique all new students received. But now, Blake was telling him something else. Grey was stunned by how quickly Blake came up with the lie, 'Or had he prepared it beforehand' Grey asked himself.

"I asked around, and they said it was the same technique from years ago" Grey exposed Blake.

Blake looked at him before sighing, "Well, you've finally found out". After saying this, Blake didn't add anything else. magic

"Don't I at least deserve an explanation?" Grey asked.

"No" Blake replied while fiddling his thumbs

"Why?" Grey asked again. But Blake's reason almost made him faint.

"Because I'm the instructor" Blake replied with a small chuckle.

Grey stayed for a while, but couldn't get anything from Blake, not even an apology for tricking him. Instead, Blake told him to thank him because the pressure was what made Grey grow at a faster pace. He couldn't deny he was right though, but still, being tricked was no fun.

"How shameless" Grey complained as he left the office.

Chapter 34: That's How A Man Should Act

Three days had passed since Grey found out he was using the same technique as the rest of the students. Although it was depressing, it wasn't without its advantages.

Due to having the mindset of using a better technique and also his hard work, he was able to advance quickly, the elemental essence in his body was like an added bonus.

Grey was currently sitting cross-legged next to flowing waters. Listening to the mummings of the water, he naturally entered a meditative trance, and all the lightning and earth elemental particles were moving into his body.

"Splash, splash" The flowing water murmured unceasingly.

Lightning and Earth elemental particles entered his body through his four limbs, as his flesh, bones, and organs slowly absorbed nourishment from the essence. Slowly but surely, the strength of his body continued to rise.

After some time, a change started taking place in his body. "I'm about to break through" Grey said with a grin.

The biggest change was the awakening of his spiritual energy, it was a strange feeling. It felt like something was forming inside his head, but the process was painless. Grey felt like he could see even when his eyes were closed. He could clearly sense everything within a hundred-meter radius from him.

He saw inside his body and saw the elemental essence which was in his body. When he saw the amount of elemental essence left in his body, he was stunned.

"Shit, its already finished" Grey felt sad. He would advance at a slower pace. Now, he could sense the elements more clearly in the air. Cultivation would now be faster than when he was in the Fusion Plane. The essence needed for every stage breakthrough in the Arcane Plane was almost what was needed for the breaking through five stages in the Fusion Plane.

Grey felt stronger after this break through, now his real training had begun. He could now head out for missions in the Academy. The Academy only allows students of the Arcane Plane to take missions.

Most of the missions involves hunting down magical beasts and searching for herbs in the forest. Grey had waited for so long to get some real fighting experience, although there were magical beasts at this forest, the Academy always eliminates any beast above the Third stage of the Fusion Plane for the safety of the students.

Magical beasts in the Arcane Plane are tougher to deal with, because unlike those in the Collection and Fusion Plane, they could do long ranged attacks. With the addition of their strong defenses, they are very hard to deal with.

Grey settled his raging emotions. This year had been like a dream for him. "Senior Chris said I should come see him after breaking through to the Arcane Plane, seems like he has something for me" Grey said expectantly.

Since it was still midday, he could still go meet Blake. Grey left the forest and headed towards the Academy.

When he got to Blake's office, he noticed Blake wasn't inside. On his way back home, he saw Reynolds.

"Hey Rey" Grey called out to Reynolds.

Reynolds turned on hearing his name. When he saw it was Grey, he flashed a smile which quickly disappeared. "Grey, why didn't you attend the tournament?? I know you didn't want to participate in it, but you should have at least come to cheer up your bro" Reynolds immediately questioned Grey after the initial smile.

Grey gave an embarrassed smile, "I planned on coming, but suddenly felt like I would be able to break through so keep continued training. I never expected not to be able to" Grey explained.

Reynolds was about to continue scolding him when he noticed a change. He paused and studied Grey closely. "You've broken through?" Reynolds asked to confirm if his speculations were right. magic

"Yes, I only just broke through. I came to see instructor Blake, but he isn't in his office" Grey replied with a smile. He felt happy inside, since he has been able to close the gap with almost all his peers. Although he's not as strong as them, he isn't too far behind anymore.

"That's amazing, your cultivation speed is the fastest I've ever seen. How do you cultivate so fast, at this rate you'll not only be able to catch up, but you'll also be able to surpass us" Reynolds praised wholeheartedly.

Grey smiled without giving any reply. "Oh, you said you came to see instructor Blake?" Reynolds asked.

"Yes, but he isn't in his office. I'll come over tomorrow" Grey responded.

"I know where he is" Reynolds gave a cheeky smile.

"You do?" Grey raised a brow when he saw the smile. He knew something was definitely up with how Reynolds was smiling.

"Yes. He's at the Water Hall" Reynolds continued.

"Is something going on there?" Grey started getting curious.

"You know instructor Delia right?" Reynolds didn't answer his question but asked a question instead.

"Yes" Grey nodded.

"She went out for a mission and was attacked by Elementalists from the Starlight Academy" Reynolds told Grey what he heard.

The previous day, they saw instructor Blake furiously charging out of his office. When they asked around, they found out an instructor from the Water Hall was attacked by someone from the Starlight Academy.

The Elementalists from the Starlight Academy attacked her because they found a treasure and wanted to monopolize it for themselves. She helped in fighting the beast which was guarding the place, yet she was sneaked attacked by one of them. She was lucky to have survived.

When Blake found out, he charged over to the Starlight Academy and almost killed the man who attacked her. The other instructors who were with the man joined hands, but they still couldn't defeat him. Only after the Principal arrived did Blake let the matter go.

The entire empire was shocked by the news. It had only been a day, yet it had already spread around the entire empire. When Grey heard what happened he was dumbstruck, he never expected Blake to be this strong.

The higher ups of the Starlight Academy were furious when they saw this. The Principal stopped them from attacking him. He knew there was a terrifying existence in the Lunar Academy even the emperor wouldn't want to offend.

Although they were the publicly acclaimed number one, he knew just how strong the overall strength of the Lunar Academy is.

For him to charge over to the Starlight Academy all by himself and almost killing the man showed just how strong he was. If not for the Principal personally making an appearance, then it's most likely he would have killed the man.

"That's how a man should act" Grey said with emotion.

Chapter 35:Principal

The entire empire was rocked by the news, they always had the notion that the Starlight Academy were the strongest. So for a single instructor from the Lunar Academy to charge over to the Academy and even almost killing an instructor was a surprise.

What shocked the people more was the fact that the Principal of the Starlight Academy let him go scot free. It was like a slap to his face. They were waiting patiently for more chaos to ensue, because they believed the matter won't end like this.

Back at the Lunar Academy....

In a room in the teachers living area....

"What you did was rash" A soft voice said.

"I couldn't just let him go like that, what if he had killed you?" The voice of a man rebutted strongly. Anger was slightly visible in his voice.

"She's right Blake, you shouldn't have just charged over without notifying us. What if it escalated more than this?" A stern voice reprimanded also.

"To hell with them, if it's war they want, we're not afraid of them" Another voice filled with anger spoke up abruptly.

"For once I agree with this hothead here. If it's war they want, we aren't afraid of them" A serene voice could also be heard. magic

The people gathered here were the Head instructors of each Hall, along with the injured Delia who was lying on a bed.

Delia looked at Blake and stopped speaking, she knew his personality very well. Once he's angered, he wouldn't think of the repercussions of his actions. Although he's cool-headed some of the time, he mostly acts according to his emotions.

"We should try to resolve this peacefully, you should know the empire is at odds with the Azure empire. The emperor will certainly not allow for there to be any internal strife in the empire" Kyla the Head instructor of the Water Hall said.

When the rest heard this, they all nodded in approval to what she said. The Azure continent was ruled by the four major empires, which are the Qilin empire, Azure empire, Stellar empire, and the Blue wind empire.

The continent was divided into five parts, with each empire occupying one. The last part was the mysterious magical beasts forest. It is a land of fortune, but also a land of death.

Those who are lucky, venture into the forest and come back more powerful than they were. The people who have ventured inside and met lucky encounters, almost always turn out to be major powerhouses in the continent.

Not everyone who returns finds fortuitous encounters though. Some head into the forest in groups numbering over ten, but only a scant few would return. In some cases, none of the adventurers returns.

With each empire balancing each other, none have been able to claim total superiority over them. So they just settled for their territories, fights do break out between the empires, but it rarely extends into an all out war.

The Azure empire and the Qilin empire have never agreed for a long time now. If not for the fear of the other empires, they would have already had an all out war multiple times.

The Qilin empire broke out from the Azure empire after a huge war which took place hundreds of years ago. This was what also gave rise to the other two empires. The Azure empire used to be the only empire at that time, but due to revolt from some of the citizens and a betrayal, the empire's power started dwindling.

This was the reason the Azure empire hated the Qilin empire greatly, but a war would be detrimental to both empires, so they're keeping themselves in check. Each wouldn't mind capitalizing on an opportunity if found.

The current struggle which might take place between the Lunar and the Starlight Academy will definitely be to the advantage of the Azure empire. If the Azure empire decides to launch an all out attack, both the Lunar and the Starlight Academy will be focused on their own battles. This will cause a major drop in the overall power of the empire.

The Stellar and the Blue Wind empire have always kept a neutral stance this entire time, but no one knew what they were planning.

"Fine, I'll let this matter rest for now" Blake said with a cold voice. Killing intent could still be felt leaking out from his eyes. Delia glanced at him before sighing helplessly.

"What do you mean you'll let the matter rest, you've already caused a huge disturbance at the Starlight Academy" A voice suddenly spoke up. The others turned around to see a middle aged man walking into the room.

"Principal" They said in unison. The man who walked in was the Principal of the Lunar Academy, he was also the mayor of Lunar City, Oliver.

Oliver nodded and studied the injured Delia for some time before shifting his gaze towards Blake. "Blake, I see you're still as hotheaded as usual" Oliver said with a carefree smile.

When Blake saw that smile, he felt a chill down his spine. He was very familiar with Oliver and knew when he was angry or in a good mood.

"Not at all Principal, it's just I couldn't allow them to step on our instructors" Blake explained with a shrinking voice.

Blake expected punishment for what he did, Oliver has always been the type who liked avoiding trouble at all costs. People always thinks he has a weak personality, only those close to him knows just how terrifying he can be.

Oliver had a fiery temper when he was young, there was a time when he was offended by a clan while he was on a mission. He nearly wiped out the entire clan due to his temper. It caused a huge stir back then. Since then, he has always tried to keep his temper in check.

"Feed her this, it should help with her injuries" Oliver handed a tonic over to Blake before leaving. "Don't worry about the outcome of what you did, I'll settle it" Oliver's voice echoed in the room even after he had left.

Blake stared at the departing Oliver, before staring at the tonic in his hands.

"You should drink this" Blake placed the tonic close to Delia. He stared at her for a while before heading towards the door.

"We should let her rest" Michael suggested. They all nodded their heads in approval before leaving Delia alone.

Delia just stared at the ceiling after they were gone. Some minutes later, she heard sounds of footsteps. Blake walked back into the room. "How come you're back so soon?" Delia asked when she saw it was Blake.

"I came to ensure you take the tonic" Blake said calmly.

"Dummy" Delia said with a smile. 'What a silly excuse' she felt happy inside at the thought of Blake returning.

Blake didn't respond to her comment and just sat close to her.

Chapter 36: Mission Hall

It has been four days since the incident of Blake charging to the Starlight Academy occurred. Although there has been no major event, the people believed it was the calm before a storm. The Starlight Academy has always had a tyrannical attitude, if not for Blake being so strong, it wouldn't have ended the way it did.

Lunar Academy...

Grey was heading in the direction of the mission hall, he was now qualified to take on missions since he had broken through to the Arcane Plane. He had gone over to Blake's office over the past four days, but he still wasn't around.

He decided he would take on some missions to increase his experience. Although he usually spars with Klaus and Reynolds, there was a difference between sparring and a real battle.

After breaking through to the Arcane Plane, Grey got some unexpected surprise when he went into the chaos space. He noticed with the awakening of his spiritual energy, he could sense the elements more clearly like it was in the real world. This will enhance his ability to improve his grade, which will in turn further increase his cultivation speed.

That was not the only surprise he got from the chaos space, he also got the method on fusing elements. But he hadn't tried it since he got it. If it's not done properly, there was danger involved. He also got a cultivation technique from it, which was better than the one he got from the Academy.

His elemental essence is much more thicker than when he first used the one the Academy provided after breaking through to the Arcane Plane. His speed

was not only faster in gathering elemental essence in his body. The essence not only got purer, it was also thicker than the previous one.

Grey had already visited the library twice to check out techniques. He took two home to learn, which were a movement technique and a defensive technique. Students were only allowed to take one scroll out of the library, except for Dual Elementalists which were privileged to take two.

The student must return the scroll ten days after collection. Only after returning the one you collected can you collect a second one. But most students prefer to master the technique they were practicing before going for a new one. magic

The name of the movement technique was Lightning Steps, this technique enables the Elementalist to channel lightning essence around his feet to form something like a boot, giving the user a burst of speed. The distance you can cover depends solely on the Elementalist and the elemental essence in the body.

An Elementalist could decide to do a short burst while fighting, this can give him an edge over his opponent because of the quick change in his speed. The Elementalist can also focus fully on escaping, this is where the amount of essence in the body comes in.

The defensive technique he took was a basic Earth technique, Earth Wall. This technique allows the Elementalist to form a protective wall around himself. The earth element is truly the strongest defensive element.

Grey practiced those techniques for two days, after making small progress in it, he decided to return them and check out offensive techniques. He took one lightning and also one earth offensive technique.

The lightning technique was called Thunder Gloves, the technique involves coating the hands with lightning to attack. It's a close combat technique. The Earth technique was called Shattered Rocks, it's a long range attack. Although Grey preferred close combat due to his training, having an added attack option was good.

Grey had stayed at the Academy for over a year now, so he decided it was time to head out. He had gone out of the Academy over the year, but it was only to visit Lunar City with Klaus. Since Klaus was from the city, he often frequents it. But most of his attention was on his training.

After entering the mission hall, he went over to the side of the hall designated for students in the Arcane Plane. The hall was divided into three parts, the right side was for the students in the Arcane Plane, the one in the middle was for students in the Origin Plane, and the one in the left is for the Overlord Plane.

The Academy only have a few students in the Origin Plane, these students rarely stayed in the Academy. Once a student breaks through to the Origin Plane, they can decide if they want to graduate or still continue staying at the Academy. Most of them decides to return, while some of them choose to stay.

Some also decide to become instructors in the Academy. But you would need to break through past the Mid stages of the Origin Plane. Just like the case of Delia, after breaking through to the Origin Plane, she chose to stay and became an instructor at the Academy.

Each part, had students who were assigned to hand out missions to students who wanted to do it.

There were seventeen missions available to students in the Early stages of the Arcane Plane. After glancing through all the missions, Grey decided to go with the one which he felt he could handle.

"Hello, I would like to take the eighth mission" Grey said to the young man sitting behind the desk. The youth glanced at him before going through the scrolls in his desk.

After locating the mission scroll, he handed it over to Grey. "This mission was posted three days back. You have two weeks to return with the required item". He took the mission which Grey took off the board after handing the scroll over to Grey.

Each mission has a time range on them, the student were required to finish the mission with the recommended time. "Okay", Grey registered his name and left with the scroll.

Grey studied the scroll, the mission he took was to bring back three eggs of a Red Lizard. It was the breeding season of these lizards, and they could be found in the Misty Mountain. Red Lizards are fire attributes magical beasts and a fully grown Red Lizard is usually around the Early stages of the Arcane Plane.

Grey headed towards the Academy's weaponry. Since he was already in the Arcane Plane, and was going out for a mission, it was time for him to choose a weapon.

Chapter 37: Heading Out

The weaponry was located west of the library, before long, Grey got to a one-story building. There was an instructor at the door of the building who first confirms the identity and Plane of a student before they are allowed entry into the building.

The instructor was seated bored as usual. Only a few students like using weapons, since weapons were mostly used for close combat fights. He raised his brow when he noticed someone was headed in the direction of the building.

"Hello, I would like to select a weapon" Grey said with an amiable smile.

"Oh, your ID" The instructor gave a surprised sound before asking for his ID.

Grey brought out his student ID and gave it to him. After confirming it, he checked Grey's Plane using his spiritual energy to guarantee if he had reached the requirements.

"Okay, you can head in now. You're only allowed to choose one weapon" He said while handing Grey his student ID. Grey kept the ID before he walked past the instructor and opened the door. magic

Grey stared at the weapons for some time before slowly walking in. 'I think I'll go with a dagger' thought Grey. He had already gotten used to using his stone carved dagger, so he thought since he was getting a weapon, he should go for one he was already familiar with.

Amongst the numerous weapons in the building, swords numbered in the majority. There were several hundreds types of swords. The dagger rack was situated close to the sword rack.

Grey's gaze meticulously swept through each and every type of dagger. After going through them, he decided to check out the sword rack since he didn't find any dagger to his liking.

His gaze was immediately attracted to a pair of short blades hung by the side of the sword rack. The blades were hung criss-crossed on the wall.

Grey walked closer to the blade and felt the scabbard, before unsheathing one of the blades. He studied the blade momentarily. The total length of the blade was fifty-six centimeters. Its handle blade was sixteen centimeters, and it was made from metal, it had a nice grip.

There were stars engraved on the blade which also gave it a nice look. It was very sharp. The scabbard was made with strong leather, and it had three straps on the back which can be attached to a belt.

After careful studying it, Grey decided he was taking the short blade since it was like a dagger, only longer. He took both blades before heading out of the building. When he exited the building, he went over to the instructor to register the weapon he collected.

On seeing Grey coming out with the short blades, the instructor was greatly surprised. Elementalists rarely used weapons, and when they do, they always used weapons which had a long reach, like the spear halberd, sword, bows. But Grey chose a short blade which will mean he would need to get within a very close range before using.

Although there were techniques which can be used with weapons, he didn't think Grey had access to them.

"I'll take these" said Grey while showing the blades to the instructor.

"Are you sure?" Asked the instructor.

"Yes" Grey nodded with a smile.

"Okay" The instructor registered the blade before giving it back to Grey. Grey happily took the blade and returned to his house.

He planned on getting familiar with the blade before he leaves tomorrow. Short blades are a class of bladed weapons which trade reach and power for speed.

The blade can slash, hack, stab, cut, gouge, slice, parry, is flexible, and easy to control. Furthermore, it is easy to learn and easy to train. A blade's

flexibility, ability to attack and defend, and ease in learning and training, were all traits other weapons simply could not match, except for a sword.

Grey started practicing with the blades immediately after getting home. Since this was the first time he was going to wield a weapon with both hands, he had to get accustomed to the basics before heading out.

He held the blades in a reverse grip, with one hand positioned a little further than the other. He tried attacking with both hands and also defending. Although he was alone, it wasn't hard for him to practice with them.

After countless tries, he was finally getting the hang of them. Now he could simultaneously use one blade to defend while attacking with the other. Well, he wouldn't know until he tries it out in battle.

After practicing with the blades, he started practicing his elemental techniques. He would have to return the techniques before he heads out tomorrow.

Grey could be regarded as a training maniac due to the intensity of his training schedule. He rarely has times to do other things because he has to train almost throughout the day.

Grey went to bed early, since he would be going for a mission the next day. This was the first time he would have to journey alone, he can't help but feel excited because of it. He had stayed at Red City for most of the time before joining the Lunar Academy.

The next morning, he got up filled with energy and prepared for his journey. He carried the short blades in a sheath strapped across his back, with the handle facing down.

He picked up the small pouch which he saved all his money in. After counting, he noticed he didn't have enough to get a horse for his journey. Without a horse, it would take him almost three days to get to the Misty Mountain.

"I should find a way to earn money while I'm out" Grey thought out loud while walking out of his building. He first headed towards the library to return the techniques, before heading towards the exit of the Academy.

Chapter 38: Silver Moon Restaurant

Grey walked out of the Academy and stared in the direction of Lunar City. After a brief moment of contemplation, he decided to head over to the city to have a meal before leaving.

"Grey, wait up"

Grey heard a voice calling him from behind, he turned and saw Klaus running in his direction.

Klaus carefully examined Grey, "You're heading out?" asked Klaus.

"Yeah, I'm going for a mission" Grey nodded.

"Okay, I'm heading over to the city. Want to have a meal before leaving?" Klaus asked. He had gotten used to Grey's company while eating in the city. So whenever he wants to go, he always heads over to call him.

One of the few things Grey never says no to was if you invited him for a meal. Klaus knew just how much Grey loved eating, and he also knew how great of a cook Grey was.

"I was about to head there. Let's go then" Grey said with a grin.

They walked together and talked about a variety of things, with Klaus doing most of the talking. Klaus was a very social person, lots of people don't know his father is the mayor and principal of Lunar City and Lunar Academy.

Klaus doesn't put on airs the son of a mayor of such a big city usually does. He has a carefree attitude and likes making new friends. The Academy was very united, having little to no conflicts among the students.

Although not all the students adhere to the unity of the Academy due to competitiveness. They mostly try to keep the conflict as minimal as possible.

After entering the city, they went to the restaurant they always eat at. After Grey came up with the idea of tasting the food from the different restaurants in the city, they finally found the one Grey felt served the most delicious meals. Since Grey was a great cook, Klaus didn't doubt his judgement when it came to the taste of food.

They soon arrived in front of the restaurant. It was a magnificent restaurant with luxurious decorations and on top of the entrance hung two words 'Silver Moon'. It was a two-story building, and the decorations were magnificent and luxurious. Anyone could sense an aristocratic aura from the place.

They walked into the building and headed towards the second floor. Only those who had high social backgrounds could enter the second floor. But being students from the Lunar Academy, they were exceptions. Well, unless you can afford the meal that is.

Most of the tables in the first floor were occupied. When those seated at the tables noticed Grey and Klaus heading towards the second floor, they all looked at them with envy.

"They must be students from Lunar Academy"

"Yes, don't you see how young they were"

"I heard the students from the Starlight Academy are planning on attacking students from the Lunar Academy"

"They're not that strong. If they were strong, how could a single instructor from the Lunar Academy cause a ruckus there and come back in one piece. They only know how to bully the weak"

Different conversations started off with the arrival of Klaus and Grey. The main topic was still the matter of Blake charging over to the Starlight Academy.

Grey and Klaus were already gone, so they didn't have a chance to hear what they were saying. On getting to the second floor, the people present were fewer than that of the first floor. Grey picked a table closer to the window, and they headed over to take a seat .

A waiter came over to serve them, since they were regulars here, most of the waiters already knew them. After some time, their foods were prepared. Grey immediately dug into his food without any second thoughts.

When Klaus saw this, he just smiled and shook his head while also following in Grey's footsteps. They were still eating when they heard movements from the stairs.

Grey didn't bother to look since this was a restaurant and people came often.

"Grey" A young lady's voice called out.

Grey was startled on hearing his name, when he raised his head, he saw Alice, Reynolds and two other students from the Lightning Hall walking in their direction.

"Hey Alice" Grey said while moving to the side to create space for her to sit.

"You broke through to the Arcane Plane and you didn't even bother to come see me" Alice pouted as she complained.

"I'm sorry, after breaking through I had to search for instructor Blake. Then, I also had to collect techniques from the library to train. I planned on coming to see you after returning from my trip" Grey apologized before explaining.

"You're going for a mission?" Alice asked with a surprised look.

"Yes, I wanted to go out and train myself" replied Grey.

"Since you've broken through to the Arcane Plane, we can now start sparring" Alice said with an evil smile. Amongst the group, Alice was the one who enjoyed fighting more.

When the rest heard her say 'sparring', they all looked at Grey with pitiful eyes. They knew just how terrifying she was.

Grey shivered when he heard this, he still remembered what Klaus and Reynolds told him about the tournament.

"Sure, we'll spar when I return" Grey said with a stiff smile. He couldn't deny her request since she was still mad at him for not informing her after he broke through.

"We went on a group mission, and we got ambushed by those cowards from the Starlight Academy" Reynolds said in a spiteful tone.

"What!" Grey and Klaus exclaimed at the same time.

Reynolds went on to tell them what happened. They went for a mission just outside the territory of Lunar City. There was a group of bandits who blocked the path of traveling merchants and extort money from them before they are

allowed to pass. After several complaints, the Academy decided to deal with it.

Since the bandits were only around the Second and Fourth stage of the Arcane Plane, they set it as a mission for the students. Alice was already in the Late stages of the Arcane Plane. She went with Reynolds and to rest in case there was a misinformation about the stages of the bandits.

Luckily, they didn't need her intervention since the information was spot on. On their way back after completing their mission, they were ambushed by the students from Starlight Academy.

Due to the sudden attack, they quickly fell on the defensive. Alice being the strongest of the group, managed to deal a strong blow to the leader of the Starlight Academy. This gave them the chance to escape since they were outnumbered.

Although they were ambushed, amazingly, they came out uninjured.

"You should be careful when you head out" Alice said with concern.

"Sure" Grey replied. "Besides, it's not like they'll know I'm a student of the Lunar Academy" Grey added.

Unlike them, he was still totally unknown to people outside the Academy. He can pretty much go anywhere without fear of being attacked by the students of the Starlight Academy.

"You should still be careful. You know this is your first time heading out for a mission" Reynolds also warned.

Grey nodded, but didn't take it to heart. Since he didn't plan on offending anyone, he would just go out for his mission and return after completing it. His main concern for this trip was how to make money.

Chapter 39:Bandits

Grey finished his meal, and prepared to leave. Heading to the Misty Mountain on foot would take him about three days. So he planned on starting his journey as soon as possible.

He said goodbye to his friends before leaving under their watchful gazes. He took out a map of the area, he had already mapped out his route. He would have to pass four cities before he could get to the Misty Mountain.

The Misty Mountain was located northwest of the Academy. He just had to follow the routes on the map and he should be able to get there within three days. He started his journey and soon disappeared into the horizon.

Tranquil City

Just as the name implies, this city was very calm. And not many people could be seen outside. Unlike most cities which were busy, this city was quiet, too quiet even. A youth could be seen walking through the door of an Inn.

He went over to the receptionist to take a room. Grey would need to cross one more city before he gets to Misty Mountain. This was the second day since he left Lunar City.

He was already almost totally broke. After paying for the room, he would only have enough for a meal in the morning. He even had to cut down the amount of food he usually eats, just so he could have some money left before reaching the mountain.

He already had a plan for making money, he would hunt magical beasts and sell their cores for money. He heard the cores of magical beasts in the Arcane Plane fetches a good sum.

The next morning, he had a meal with the last money with him before heading out. After going broke, he sought for a quicker route to the mountain. After studying the map, he found a route which lead past the rocky canyons.

He headed over to the direction of the canyon since going through it would cut down the time needed to reach the mountain by nearly half. Once he gets to the mountain, his first objective was to hunt for a meal.

Grey walked into the canyon in a dull state. He had never really felt the need of money since he never really uses it, but now, he was totally dependent on himself.

He kept sighing at the thought of how poor he was. Grey suddenly stopped in his track and looked over his shoulder, he had already walked into the deeper parts of the canyon and could most likely have reached the middle of it.

He saw a group of eight men walking in his direction with savage smiles. Some of them held metal batons, daggers, while others held swords.

"Hand over all your money and scam" The man in front said haughtily. The rest of the group burst into laughter when their leader said this. They were amused by the fact that a youth would walk in this canyon all by himself.

When they saw how Grey looked, they felt he was just a green youth who didn't have any experience. From his clothing, fair skin, and handsome appearance, he seemed like someone who was rich. magic

"Bandits" Grey muttered in a voice only he could hear. He turned and observed the bandits clearly.

He chuckled when he noticed their Planes. The one at the front had the highest cultivation level among them, being at the Eight stage of the Fusion Plane. The rest of them were around the Fifth and Third stage of the Fusion Plane.

The leader immediately felt annoyed when he realized Grey was just staring at them without heeding to his command.

"Seems like you're deaf" He said with a sneer. "Go get all his money, and try to be 'nice' " He ordered his men.

When they heard him say 'nice', they once again laughed. Two of them walked towards Grey with a wicked smile on their faces.

"Kid if you had listened to our boss, you would have been able to walk out of here in one piece" The one on the left said. He was wielding a dagger and had a scar just above his right eye.

Grey didn't move from his spot and just stared at them as they edged closer.

"What?, you're so scared that you can't even move?" The other one said with a big grin.

The man on the right stretched out his left hand after getting close to Grey. He placed it on Grey's shoulder.

"Boss, can I keep his blades?" One of the men with the leader said.

"I'll check it out first" said the leader coldly.

They continued their conversations before they were interrupted by sounds of something hitting the ground.

THUD, THUD

When the leader raised his face to check what made the sounds, he was stunned. The rest of the group already had their mouths agape since they saw how Grey dealt with the two men who were sent to him.

"What happened?, why are they on the floor?" The leader asked with a confused voice. He knew how strong those guys were since they were part of his squad. Although he could defeat them, it wouldn't be this fast.

"Boss, he..he" One of them tried to explain but couldn't stop stuttering.

"He what?" The leader roared in anger on seeing how flustered his men were.

"He knocked both of them out in seconds. We didn't even see how he moved" Another was able to calm himself after their boss' shout.

The leader stared at the man who spoke with a dazed look. Even though he was stronger than they were, they were still able to see how he attacks. For them to say they didn't see how Grey attacked was shocking to say the least.

"But boss, he was able to easily defeat Jack and Dorian" One of the men said timidly.

"Are you stupid?, it was because he attacked them suddenly so they were unable to react. Now go get him down. He must be taught a lesson, we're not people he can offend" He said with annoyance.

"Make sure he doesn't die" He added.

When the rest of the group heard this, they felt what he said was logical. Although they didn't see how Grey attacked, they knew it wasn't something spectacular since both men only fell by his side.

They were only shocked by the fact that Grey was able to defeat them, so after the initial shock, they calmed down and prepared for battle. They were all experienced fighters, so they knew just how to deal with him.

Amongst the five men, two were wielding batons. The others dropped their weapons since the boss told them not to kill him.

Grey calmly stared at them. 'Come' He roared in his heart. This was going to be his first battle, and he was exhilarated by it.

Chapter 40: Fight!

In the middle of the rocky canyons, Grey could be seen crossing blows with the bandits. He had moved from his previous spot over the course of the battle.

At first, Grey was able to trade blows with the bandits. Since he trained his physique and enjoyed close combat, he decided to only use his fists during the first stages of the fight. Since the bandits were in the Fusion Plane, they could only attack in close range.

The bandits had exceptional teamwork, so he quickly fell into a passive state. Grey tried to look for an opening to create space for himself, but due to the experience of the bandits, they didn't give him the chance to do that. With each attack enforced with their elements.

'F**k, this is harder than I thought' Grey screamed in his head. He didn't expect to be put in such a difficult situation moments after the battle started. Since he didn't have a good mastery of his movement technique, he would need some time to use it. A time which the bandits clearly have no plans of giving him.

"How can he be so strong?" One of the bandits said while attacking. They were surprised by Grey's abilities. Although he had been on the defensive since the battle started, he had still been able to evade most of the fatal strikes.

"With these abilities, he should at least be at the same stage as the boss. If not even higher" Another one exclaimed.

The leader had been calmly watching the battle since it started and he was astonished by how high Grey's realm was. Although he didn't know if Grey had broken through to the Arcane Plane, he knew Grey wouldn't be far from it.

"Shit!, if you're all so tough, why don't you come at me one on one" Grey yelled after he was hit by a baton on his left hand.

"This is not a tournament brat" the guy who hit him with a baton snickered. They all knew they were no match for Grey one on one. This was also the reason they didn't give him any chance to free himself from their barrage of attacks when they noticed how strong he was.

"Damn!" Grey cursed out loud while blocking a fist that was heading towards his face.

"Who hits the face of an opponent?" Grey angrily yelled at the man who almost punched him in the face. If that blow had connected, Grey's face would have surely changed in looks.

In the middle of yelling and curses, the brawl continued. As the fight went longer, the bandits realized something wasn't right.

Grey was able to evade more of their attacks, compared to when the battle just started. The leader of the gang was the first to notice this. His face immediately sank at the thought of how quickly Grey was getting better at fighting.

"At this rate, he'll be able to overpower them. If he does that, I won't be a match for him" He muttered to himself. He knew his strength clearly, there was no way he could free himself from the clutches of his men if they ganged up on him.

"End the battle quicker" He yelled towards his men. They had also realized the shocking changes that were happening as the fight progressed.

Although Grey was getting better at fighting, it still didn't change the fact that he was still getting hit by the bandits.

BAM

Grey was hit once more with the baton, he clenched his teeth in pain. 'I need to get out of this encirclement' thought Grey. If his body wasn't stronger, he would have already lost the ability to fight back. magic

He came up with a plan that he decided to try out. Although the plan was going to be painful, it was better than staying closed up in this tight encirclement.

His plan was simple, that was to trade a blow for a chance to escape. He would allow one of the bandits to hit him while he would pounce on another one, if he could get a clean hit, he would have his freedom.

There were some flaws with the plan, but it was all he got for now. Hopefully, it works. If he could free himself, he would immediately use his movement technique. There would be no way they would be able to see him if he uses it.

A chance finally showed itself, since the group couldn't all attack together, they had to take turns. And because of their understanding with each other, it was hard for Grey to predict who would attack next.

One of the bandits struck out a blow which was headed for Grey's back. Grey stilled his mind and randomly picked one of them. The moment the blow was about to connect, Grey threw a blow towards the unsuspecting bandit.

The bandit never expected Grey would launch an attack instead of defending, he quickly tried to retreat. But Grey moved closer to him. The moment the blow connected with Grey, he launched himself towards the bandit.

The bandit was brought to the ground quickly. Grey immediately used the chance to escape the encirclement. He first distanced himself from the group so he could catch his breath.

The bandits were dazed by the sudden turn of events. They never expected Grey to come up with such a plan to escape their entanglement.

HISS

Grey hissed in pain as he held the place where he was struck.

"I'm done playing," Grey said with a cold voice. He felt pain all over his body and the only thing on his mind now was getting revenge.

"Lightning Steps," Grey said.

The bandits were immediately stunned when they saw Grey's foot being coated with Lightning. Since they were still in the Fusion Plane, there was no way for them to manifest their elements outside of their bodies. What Grey just did was something only those in the Arcane Plane could do.

"Arcane Plane," the leader said in terror. Elementalist of the Arcane Plane rarely gets into close combat. This was the reason they all mistook Grey for someone in the Fusion Plane.

With the advantage of using long ranges attacks, Elementalist of the Arcane Plane could wipe out those in the Fusion Plane easily.

"No wonder he could keep up with them," the leader said with enlightenment. He now knew why Grey was that fast and why he could take so many hits. Elementalist of the Arcane Plane naturally have stronger bodies than those in the Fusion Plane, and they are also quicker.

He was scared shitless and didn't even dare to look back. It suddenly became quieter and he stopped hearing noises. He suddenly heard a voice coming from his side.

"Where are you heading to?" Grey said with a smile. Although he was bruised from the fight, it wasn't without its gain. And he had a strong body due to his daily physical training.

The leader stopped and looked at Grey's smiling face. To him, the smiling face of Grey was that of an evil monster. 'Why would someone in the Arcane Plane engage in hand-to-hand combat' He screamed in his mind. It just didn't make sense.

He started sweating buckets when he remembered how he wanted to rob Grey of his money. He thought of the phrase 'A wolf dressed in sheep's clothing'.

"I...I... I suddenly remembered my wife told me to get her something to eat, so I just wanted to hurry and get her the meal before returning" the bandit leader stammered.

Grey clicked his tongue when he heard what he said. "Don't worry, I don't have any plans of killing you"

When the bandit leader heard this, he felt happy inside. This was what worried him the most. He turned to look at his men and noticed they were just unconscious and not dead.

"Thank you, oh handsome one," He said with a fawning smile.

When Grey heard how he was addressed, he felt elated deep down.

"I planned on dealing a blow or two to you, but I'm suddenly in a good mood," Grey said while laughing happily. "Come, let's head back" Grey added. He placed his hand around the shoulders of the leader like they were close friends.

"Don't try anything funny" Grey reminded him.

The leader obediently followed Grey back. He was scared if he refused, Grey would beat him up. When they got back to where the rest of the bandits were, Grey told him to wake them up.

The bandits were surprised when they regained consciousness, they were unable to react before Grey wiped them all out. They all stared at Grey with trepidation.

"Okay, now line up everyone" Grey instructed.

After he caught up with the leader, he was suddenly struck with a wonderful idea.