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already gotten the feeling after seeing how full the bag the man was carrying was.

They followed the man for almost ten minutes before he walked close to an empty alley. Grey didn't even wait for him to get to the alley, quickly using the switch skill on him.

The man who was walking in the street was stunned when he suddenly appeared in a lonely alley. Fortunately, he wasn't walking quickly, so he didn't slam into the walls by the side of the alley.

Although it was already evening, it was still quite bright due to the almost full moon.

"Who's there?" The man asked, looking around.

Grey walked into the alley, his robe properly covering his face.

As soon as the man saw him, he recognized the figure since he was chasing after him this morning.

"It's you! I've been waiting for you," The man yelled, pointing at him.

He dropped his bag by the side, quickly sending out an attack. He was surprisingly a Water Elementalist.

"Hehe, no need to fight, I'm leaving now," Grey chuckled before disappearing into the darkness.

Boom!

The water arrows the man shot towards him hit the empty ground fiercely.

"Huh?" The man said surprised, looking around trying to find Grey who was currently nowhere to be seen.

After almost a minute of searching, he affirmed that Grey was no longer in the alley.

"Hmph! Coward," He snorted coldly before walking in the direction of the corner he kept his bag.
When he got there, his eyes widened.
"It should be here," He muttered before checking the other side of the corner.
He searched for almost three minutes, yet, he still couldn't find it.
"It's him, no wonder he ran away so quickly. He's the thief!" The man said angrily.
He rushed towards the street he came from, hoping to catch a glimpse of Grey. Unfortunately, he couldn't find him.
"Damn it! I'll kill him," He complained while walking in another direction.
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On another alley.
Grey and Void could be seen going through the bag of the man.
"Hmph! He doesn't even have anything shiny," Void said coldly before pushing the bag in Grey's direction.
Grey shook his head before taking a look at the bag. It didn't have many things that are of value, but luckily, there were around five mid-grade essence stones, and also around fifteen low-grade essence stones. There were also a few things that he felt should be of value, but they wouldn't cost much.
With a wave of his hand, he kept all the things he thought were of value before burning the bag to ash. He had no use for the other things, nor did he care about the bag.

"Hey, the night is still very young, how about we find some targets?" Grey asked.
"Now you're talking! The next target should have something shiny," Void said happily.
"We can't be certain if there's anything shiny that will be of value, but we'll see what we can find. All I need are essence stones, without it there's no way we can head to the next continent," Grey said.
"Hmm, fine," Void nodded.
Grey smiled before turning around, leaving the alley. The only reason he was doing this was just for the fun of it. He had been too serious since he thought he hurt Void, so now he needed to vent.
Although he wanted to steal, he didn't plan to wantonly steal from people. He would pick his targets properly.
The next day.
Lapis City is currently in a state of chaos, the reason for this was that there was a guy in robes who was stealing from people. In a single night, a total of twenty-two cases were reported to the guards of the city.
The last case was reported only a few minutes before sunrise.
Outside Lapis City mayor's manor.
"Please calm down, the guards have already started investigating the issue. We'll get the culprit before the end of the day. You all shouldn't worry too much," A chubby man stood in front of the gate, trying to calm the people who were outside the manor.

"Mayor, there has never been a case like this in the city before, even when people are robbed, it's usually one or two people, and it's never by the same person. Given the description of the person, as well as the time of each attack, it can be assumed that this was an act carried out by the same person," A man stepped forward from the crowd to say.
"I think this is the work of a group," Another man stepped forward.
"Yeah, a female group!" A young man said.
"Why would you suspect ladies?" A young lady amongst the group asked.
"Look around, isn't it obvious, only men were robbed. It must be a very vengeful woman!" The young man said.
"You're dumb, what if it's a guy who likes ladies too much he couldn't bear to attack them?" Another lady said.
"You know you do have a point,"
While some people in the crowd were still quarreling, a lady dressed luxuriously rushed out of the mayor's manor.
"It's gone! We were robbed!" The lady screamed hysterically.
"Hah! That shows the person also robs ladies!" The young man pointed out.
Other than the young man, everyone else was quiet, staring at him as if he was a fool.
"What? Why are you people staring at me?" The young man asked, a little confused by how he was being stared at.



"Find the thief, turn the city upside down if you have to. I want that animal brought to me!" The chubby man ordered.

His change in attitude surprised the crowd. A few minutes ago, he was trying to calm them down, now, he was the one that was beyond furious.

"Mayor, you should calm down, yelling wouldn't change anything," A well-dressed man said.

"He's right, Mayor, you shouldn't stress yourself too much, I believe the guards will be able to find the culprit," A middle-aged lady said, repeating the words the Mayor spoke a few minutes ago.

On hearing their words, the Mayor was further incensed. He couldn't believe that his treasury, which was supposed to be the most guarded place in the entire city, was robbed. Not just that, but given the number of essence stones he had, it would take a long time for anyone to move them out.

In the crowd, Grey could be seen casually standing. He had changed his robe, changing to a simple shirt and trouser.. He also left part of his face open, using a small mask to hide some parts of his face.

## Chapter 462 - Down Here

"Heh! And he said he would only take a few shiny things, he still can't be allowed to move on his own," Grey chuckled softly when he heard the lady saying that every item that glitters in the treasury was gone.

He still hasn't been able to figure out why Void loved shiny things so much, but there was no use even bothering to ask now. All he could hope for was to be able to keep him under control when they head to the new continent.

From his interactions with Ellis, it was easy to deduce that they have knowledge of the space element. Compared to this place where they could run amok without being caught, they will have to walk on a thin line there.

While Grey was thinking of ways to keep Void in control, he suddenly heard a scream.

"It's gone! My necklace, it's the only thing I took from my family, now it's gone!" The lady ran out of the Mayor's manor to tell the Mayor of what was stolen screamed with her hand touching her neck, seemingly trying to feel something.

"What do you mean g... Impossible! How can it just vanish into thin air?" The Mayor who was about to refute the lady took a step back in shock.

He recalled seeing the necklace on the lady earlier today, even when she came out to report the missing items in the treasury, he still saw it. It was just too shiny not to take note of it, especially during the day.

"The thief is here, surround them!" The Mayor ordered, pointing at the crowd.

The confused crowd stood still as the guards surrounded them. They were still trying to process what happened.

"But, we're the ones who came here to complain about a thief, why are you treating us like the thief instead?" One man asked in indignation.

"My treasury was almost wiped clean when you people came here to 'complain'. How am I not sure this was all a ploy by you people to steal from me?" The Mayor said, pointing at the man who just spoke up.

"What?!"

The crowd started bickering with the Mayor, especially those who were robbed by Grey and Void. They came here to report, but now they were the ones who were being accused of conniving with the thief. Such accusations! There's no way they would take it lying.

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While all this was happening, Grey had slipped away from the crowd the moment he realized Void had stolen the lady's necklace. Although he could easily escape, he wasn't ready to be put in a difficult situation if any of the people were to accidentally recognize him.

'I thought you said you were only going to take some of it?' Grey transmitted his voice over to Void who was nowhere to be seen.
'I didn't take all of them, I only took the most important ones. Before I left, I overheard the guards saying they would report that everything was stolen, and keep the rest for themselves,' Void's voice echoed in Grey's head.
'Oh, so that's what happened,' Grey said in realization.
'Well, after I heard them say that, I decided to take everything since they were going to put the blame on me. I wouldn't feel happy if I were to hear that I stole everything when I clearly didn't even take up to half of the items,' Void explained.
'You do have a point there. But, why the hell did you steal the lady's necklace?' Grey couldn't help but ask.
Void's reply was within Grey's expectations, 'It's shiny,'
'Fair point, let's go,' Grey said while heading towards the city gates.
'Aren't we going to see that old man again?' Void asked hurriedly.
'There's no need, I already have more than what I need. Also, I can't take you there given your personality,' Grey replied.
'What personality? I'm such a nice cat! Hmph!' Void snorted coldly.
'Heh! So you think, ask that lady over there if she'll agree with you,' Grey said sarcastically.
'Of course she will!' Void said confidently.

'Yeah, don't forget to tell her you're the one who stole her necklace,' Grey added.
'As if she'll believe me,' Void rolled his eyes.
'You don't need to say too much, as long as they find out you can talk, you'll definitely be captured and experimented on,' Grey said mockingly.
'Bullshit! They'll love me,' Void argued.
Grey shrugged before pointing at a group of guards by the side of the road, 'Why don't you try them first and see what happens?'
'Fine, watch me,' Void jumped down from Grey's shoulder, walking majestically towards a group of eight that was talking by the side of the road.
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"I think the person is very powerful, I mean, it's impossible to rob so many people in a single night," A young lady said with a shrug.
"We all know the person is powerful, didn't you hear that even the Mayor's treasury was robbed not too long ago?" A young man said.
"What?!"
The rest of the group exclaimed in shock.
On seeing the expression on the faces of the others, the young man smiled since he knew he was the only one with the news.

"That's impossible, isn't the Mayor's treasury said to be the most guarded place in the city?" Another young man asked.

"It is, but this person stole so easily from them without any of them finding out. Also, I know you guys are doubting me, but this news is one hundred percent true, I can even vouch with my life!" The young man said steadfastly.

"That... that..."

"Hello, what he's saying is true, I heard about it as well," Just as one of the young ladies in the group was about to say something, she was interrupted by a small voice.

The group of eight turned around to look at where the voice was coming from, unfortunately, other than a young man in a mask who was standing some meters away, there was no one else around. But given the distance, they weren't sure if he was the one who said that. None of them even thought of looking down since.

"Who said that?" The young man who was telling the others about the recent news asked.

The others raised their shoulders signifying they didn't have a clue either.

"Hey, I'm down here," The small voice said once again.

Chapter 463 - Robbed By A Small Black Talking Cat!

The group looked at the ground simultaneously, curious to see who was speaking.

On seeing a black cat, a surprised look appeared on their faces.

"Okay, very funny, who's talking? You better come out or just get lost!" The young man who was telling the others of the news said in an annoyed tone.

He was in the middle of showing off his information-gathering skills, and someone pushed a small black here trying to steal his show. There was no way he was going to believe that a cat could speak. Neither he nor the others believed Void could actually speak, they all felt it was a prank by someone or something.

"What do you mean? I'm the one speaking," Void said angrily.

The group of eight was stunned when they saw Void's mouth moving as words came out.

"Oh, it's a talking cat. Now get out!" The young man was the first to speak, turning his attention away from Void as if a talking cat was normal.

The others turned around as well, just as they were about to speak, they all paused, staring at each other as if struck by lightning.

"A... a... talking cat!" The young man stammered before turning around sharply, staring at Void in shock and horror.

"Hehe, yes, now bow before my glory," Void laughed lightly before puffing out his chest, staring at the group like they were inferior beings.

"Ah..."

One of the young ladies yelled before sending a kick towards Void.

She was quickly stopped by one of the young men.

"What are you doing?" The young man asked.

"Killing this thing of course," The young lady replied.

"Do you know how much it'll fetch us if we can sell it?" The young man said, looking at Void with eyes lighting up.
"Uh oh," Void said unconsciously.
The young man wasn't the only one who thought of this, after he explained to the others, they all agreed with him.
With a swift movement, they all surrounded Void.
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Grey, who was watching from the side couldn't help but burst out laughing. He was a little surprised by the reactions of the group, he originally expected them to freak out. But who knew that immediately after they freaked out they would start thinking of ways to benefit from a talking cat.
'Haha, you see, captured and sold, then experimented on later in the future,' He transmitted his voice over to Void, still laughing.
'Damn these people with small brains, even an ant's brain is bigger than theirs,' Void cursed at the group.
'Which of the ants, you do know there are some ants that are way bigger than you are, right?' Grey asked mockingly.
'Damn you!' Void replied angrily, throwing Grey into a fit of laughter once again.
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On seeing the group trying to capture him, Void improvised instantly.



Grey couldn't help but laugh just picturing the way people would look at the group as if they had gone mad. It was one thing believing a cat could talk, and it was another thing saying that a small black talking cat was the culprit of all the robberies that occurred over the night.

The group would probably be locked up for saying stupid things, after being robbed by Void. This was them suffering a double punishment just because they wanted to capture Void.

Grey didn't leave his spot, waiting to see the outcome of the group who chased after Void.

Five minutes later.

One of the young men from the group was the first to appear, he was looking haggard and horrified. What Grey found funny was that he was only in his underwear, and his hair stood straight, probably from suffering from lightning shock.

A few minutes later, the others from the group started appearing one by one, all almost in the same state, shocked and in their underwear.

Their look soon attracted people towards them. All eight of them had lost looks in their eyes as if finding it impossible to believe what happened.

The young ladies had it worse since they were half-naked, luckily Void left them with their underwear. There was one in particular who seemed to be wearing what seemed to be an impromptu underwear, it was a piece of clothing that was used to wrap her chest. From her looks, it was easy to see that she was going through a lot.

Grey shook his head while walking away, there was nothing else to see, Void had already exacted revenge on the group even though he was pretty much the cause of it all.. Although, he couldn't say they didn't deserve it since they were planning to sell him to people who might do horrible things to him.

Chapter 464 - Refining An Overlord Plane Beast Core

Lapis City gate.



"Well, since they know about the space element already shows they're better than this stupid place," Void replied.

Grey couldn't refute him, only the strength Ellis displayed had shown him the huge gap between this continent and that one. Not just the strength, but the knowledge as well as something others his age in this continent didn't have.

"Alright, let's go, we'll speak with the others on the way," Grey said before charging into the Magical Beasts' forest.

He wanted to tell the others that he would be out of reach for the meantime since he wasn't sure the communication device could connect given the distance. He also wanted to make sure the others wouldn't be too worried about him.

Six hours later.

It took the duo only six hours to get to the location where the building was located. When Grey was passing by the spot where he was almost killed by the Jaguar the previous day, he couldn't help but shudder, luckily, Void woke up in time.

When thinking of the Jaguar, he recalled its core was inside his storage ring. Void was able to somehow remove the core even though he killed the Jaguar with his attack. Being the good cat he was, Void sold the core to him at the expense of eight shiny things.

Grey couldn't help but shake his head when he thought of how Void initially wanted ten thousand shiny things before he would give him the core.

The duo stood outside the area where the building was located. Grey was a little tense since he didn't know if Void would be able to get through the array that was deterring magical beasts away. But to his surprise, Void didn't even stop, just walking straight in.

'Oh, there's that, I really need to stop looking at him as if he's a normal magical beast,' He said to himself.

Void had proven countless times why Grey shouldn't put him in the same category as the other magical beasts, yet he still repeats it every time.

"Why are you still standing there? Come on, let's go," Void turned around and looked at Grey curiously when he noticed he wasn't moving.

"Did you feel anything stop you from going in?" Grey couldn't help but ask.

"No, why did you ask?" Void shook his head.

"Oh, there's an array here that deters magical beasts from going in," Grey explained.

"That's for low-leveled beasts, if a Dragon or even a Griffin come here, they can easily pass these things," Void said, his voice oozing with disdain for the array.

Grey nodded before walking into the building, he planned to refine the core before heading to the new continent. He was still in the Eighth stage of the Origin Plane. Although, this can be attributed to the fact that he hadn't really cultivated since leaving the trail land.

He had only advanced in his stages because of comprehending a new element and also refining a treasure.

'I've used too many treasures for my advancements, although it's not good since it would make my foundation weak, comprehending new elements has been able to remove that disadvantage,' He thought to himself while walking into the building.

He soon came to a decision that once he gets to the Overlord Plane, he would focus fully on cultivating without using any treasures, although he couldn't really be too sure.

After getting into the building, he instantly sat down in a crossed leg position, taking out the black core, he swallowed it whole. This was the first time he was refining anything that had to do with the Overlord Plane, hence he didn't carelessly try to refine the core in a single instance as he did with the cores of beasts in the Origin Plane.

As soon as the beast core entered his body, a rich and large amount of elemental essence erupted from it, spreading across his entire body. The intensity of the essence was so much that for a few seconds, Grey was scared thinking he bit more than he could chew. Luckily, his elemental beads started spinning quickly, before giving off a strange aura that was able to easily quell the spread of the essence.

The wild elemental essence was quickly tamed. It soon started following the right path, not daring to cause any problems in Grey's body. Since the Jaguar was a Lightning and Darkness Dual Elementalist, it was filled with both elemental essence.

The essence separated into two parts, one flowing into his darkness elemental bead while the other headed straight for his lightning elemental bead.

'It's just like what happened when Alice's dad tried to suppress me with his Overlord Plane aura,' Grey thought when he sensed the aura his elemental beads spread out.

He knew this had to do with the orb he absorbed, but he still didn't know anything about it.

Since he couldn't come up with why this was happening, he decided to focus on advancing his stage.

Chapter 465 - Peak Of The Origin Plane!

Boom!

An energy wave exploded out with Grey at the center. His body was covered with eight different elements, giving off a beautiful but dangerous feeling.

Void, who was watching from the side gasped when he saw this, taking a few steps back unconsciously. He didn't dare to go anywhere near Grey.

After Grey's body started to give off the energy, his strength started to increase slowly. Compared to before, Grey noticed the speed of his growth had somewhat decreased.

He couldn't help but think if what the mysterious man who appeared to him when he started cultivating told him was a lie. According to what the man said, his cultivation speed would increase every time he comprehended a new element. Although his speed was faster than that of others, it was a bit below his expectations since he currently had eight elements.

The thing he forgot was that with the increase of his elements, the essence he needs would increase as well, so even though his cultivation speed increased, the essence needed for a breakthrough was a huge amount.

Ten minutes soon went by, and his stage had finally advanced by a single stage, entering the Ninth stage of the Origin Plane. But it didn't end there, from Grey's deduction, there was still about thirty percent left of essence from the beast core. This should be able to push him to the Peak of the Origin Plane if he was lucky.

Time continued moving, with his strength increasing with time.

Thirty more minutes went by before the energy wave he was giving off slowly started receding. The elements that covered him also started to fade away.

Void looked at Grey and muttered the word 'monster' in a low voice.

The aura Grey was currently giving off was something that could rival someone who is in the Early stages of the Overlord Plane. One has to recall that the difference between an Overlord Plane Elementalist and an Origin Plane Elementalist was almost as big as the difference between a pond and a lake.

This was something that was usually insurmountable for most people, but just from the aura Grey was giving off, Void was one thousand percent sure he could go toe to toe with an Overlord Plane expert without even using his Fusion State.

"Phew..." Grey breathed out a black gas.

"Hmm, the Peak of the Origin Plane, not bad," He muttered.

"Do you always cause this type of commotion whenever you're breaking through?" \	oid asked from the
side.	

"Huh? Commotion?" Grey raised a brow, looking at Void weirdly.

"Yeah, you were doing a light show, while also giving off energy waves. It was as if you wanted the world to know you're advancing," Void said sarcastically.

"Strange, I don't think this happened the las... oh..."

Just as Grey was about to speak, he recalled Reynolds asked him this question as well when he was breaking through to the Eighth stage as well.

"I can't help it, it happens unconsciously, this is why I've stopped breaking through in places where there are people," Grey explained.

"Okay, but given your array of elements, this would cause a problem if people find out, especially your enemies," Void warned.

"Unlike you and Klaus, I don't go around making enemies, anyone who I think will take me as an enemy will be removed from the picture as quickly as they start hating me," Grey said casually.

"You're such a cold-hearted person," Void said.

"It's called taking precautions, I'd rather wipe out an entire family than to leave someone who would endanger my family and friends," Grey replied.

He soon took out the communication device, he still hasn't spoken with the others. Once he goes through this array, he isn't sure of when he can return, but he will try his best to come back within six months at most.

He planned to take his friends there as well since it would make them grow faster. Increasing his strength wasn't his only goal, he wanted every single individual close to him to be powerful as well.

Klaus was the first person he contacted, the reason for this was that he had left a ton of messages waiting for him, and they barraged him as soon as he sent his spiritual senses into the device. After sending the message, Klaus replied instantly just as he expected. It was almost as if he had been waiting for him.

"Where have you been? I've been leaving messages since last week," Klaus said, a little exaggeratedly.

"Klaus, we spoke two days back, since when has a single day turned into a week?" Grey almost facepalmed.

"I thought you were dead, I was about to start heading in your direction," Klaus replied.

"You're still alive, why would I die when you, the one who offends everyone he sees, is still alive?" Grey rolled his eyes.

"Forget about that, so, I wanted to ask, how do you escape from an encirclement that consists of two Overlord Plane Elementalists and twenty Origin Plane Elementalists?" Klaus suddenly asked.

Grey's expression changed when he heard this, "Where's the Principal and Instructor Blake?"

"They're part of the encirclement," Klaus said in a low, embarrassed voice.

Grey froze when he heard this, "Part of the encirclement?"

"Yeah, I kind of accidentally destroyed his old friend's mansion when I was training," Klaus coughed a few times while explaining.

"You purposely did it, didn't you?" Grey shook his head, a little worried if this friend of his would live a long life.

"He was talking shit to my dad, what did you expect me to do?" Klaus said, angrily. "Hmm, fair enough. But why is the Principal part of the encirclement then?" Grey asked, confused. "Hehe, he was bathing when I destroyed the building," Klaus replied with a chuckle. Grey's eyes twitched a few times when he heard this, "Alright, you should stay still so that the Principal can teach you a lesson," "Nonsense, I feel I still have a chance to get out of this," Klaus rejected his idea immediately. Who was Grey kidding, his father would beat the hell out of him if he was caught. Chapter 466 - Start Of A New Journey "How good are you at lying?" Void suddenly spoke up. Grey was a little taken aback when he saw Void butting in into the conversation. "Yeah, you have a plan?" Klaus' reply came shortly after the question. "Of course, since the Principal was bathing, there's no way he would've seen you destroying the building, why don't you say you were having a battle with someone?" Void suggested. "Oh, that might actually work." Klaus replied, "I don't know who you are, but I suddenly like you. Wait, who are you again?" Klaus could tell Grey wasn't the one speaking, so he wanted to confirm who it was.

"It's Void," Void replied.

"Come on, stop joking. Void is a magical beast, and besides, he's still in an unconscious state," Klaus immediately refuted.

He hadn't seen any magical beast speaking before, so there was no way he would believe Void was the one speaking.

"It really is Void, Klaus. He woke up yesterday and started talking," Grey said.

Even he knew it wouldn't be easy to convince Klaus since he wasn't here with them.

"Wow! Amazing! Void, quick, say something else," Klaus yelled excitedly.

Grey was stunned at how quickly Klaus was able to accept the fact that Void could talk. He was even thinking of ways to convince him, who knew he would immediately accept it?

"Uh... hello?" Void said, a little confused.

"Good, now, can you come over? I have a mega job, and I can't do it without you," Klaus said, completely forgetting about the fact that he was surrounded and would be beaten soon.

"Aren't you forgetting your current situation?" Grey asked hopelessly.

"Don't worry, I'm currently hiding deep in an underground tunnel I accidentally found, it would take a few more minutes before they can find me. Void, what do you say? Me, you, a large haul just waiting for us to take it," Klaus continued speaking to Void.

"I think this is where we stop the communication, I also need to speak with the others. I'll be going on a journey to a place where I can't communicate with you guys, I only wanted to let you know before leaving so you won't be worried," Grey said, halting any of Klaus' plans of getting Void to steal something.



"That's why I always wear a mask. Alright, that's all, goodbye," Grey quickly ended the communication.

If he didn't do this, Klaus would continue talking for the rest of the day, and he wouldn't be able to speak to the others in time. He wanted to make sure he got to the new place before nightfall.

After ending the communication with Klaus, he spoke with Alice and then Reynolds, telling them of his journey. He didn't forget to tell them Void was fine once again which brought a little bit of joy to the duo who were sad after finding out that he was leaving.

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"Alright, that's that. We should get going," Grey said while keeping the communication device.

Void nodded before jumping onto his shoulder.

Grey walked towards the middle of the mansion, carefully distributing the essence stones in the areas Ellis placed them. He was both excited and nervous at the same time. But he felt more excited than nervous. His blood was boiling when he thought of the new challenge he would face there.

After seeing Ellis, he was sure that people his age were already in the Overlord Plane there. There's even a chance of some being above the Overlord Plane. Just the thought of this was sending fire all over his body, he wanted to go there fast, he wanted to start training again.

"There's nothing worth staying here for anymore, if I can't find my parents there, then I will make sure I train to become the most powerful Elementalist there. I'll come back and search the entire Azure continent for them, if I still don't see them, then I'll turn the world upside down," Grey said resolutely.

He didn't even flinch when saying this, he was oozing with utmost confidence.

"That's the spirit, come on let's go dominate!" Void said excitedly, he didn't want peace, he never had. As long as there was something going on, he was satisfied.

Grey smirked before placing the last piece of stone in the array and slowly walking back to the middle of the array.

The array soon lit up, enveloping both Grey and Void. After a few minutes, the duo was nowhere to be seen.

A figure soon appeared from the Void, staring at the array.

"\*Sigh\* The young lord's journey is about to start, I don't think I will be of much help there. I need to go back and inform Milady about this before she finds out herself," The figure said.

It was none other than the old man who was protecting Grey. Although, he couldn't really say he did much since he allowed him to go through multiple perilous encounters.. But without those encounters, there was no way Grey would be who he was today.

Chapter 467 - Barbarians

At the top of a lush mountain.

A rift suddenly opened in the sky, spitting out a human figure.

Bomb!

The figure crashed heavily into the ground. Causing dust to rise up.

"Damn it, why didn't it just open like a space tunnel usually does?" An enraged small voice said.

"Stop complaining, it's not like you're the one who slammed into the ground," Another voice said from the dust.

The dust soon settled, and Grey and Void could be seen.

Grey used the wind element to push the dust from his body before he looked around.
"Hmm, a mountain," He muttered.
"Wow! The essence here is amazing!" Void exclaimed, attracting Grey's attention.
Grey sent out his spiritual senses, and on sensing the intensity of the elemental essence here, he couldn't help but gasp.
It was even higher than that of the trail land, although, they didn't go deep into the trail land so they can't be sure the highest intensity of the essence there. But from what they experienced there, the essence here was higher.
"Hmm, we'll have to find a way to ask around to know where we are. According to what Ellis said, this place is divided into five continents, since I'm searching for him, then I should be heading to where he's located, from what he said, he lives in the Southern Continent. Once I find out which continent I appear in, then I can start searching for him," Grey said to Void as he started descending down the mountain.
Since he didn't know anything about this place, he wanted to make sure he didn't put himself in any trouble.
Fifteen minutes later.
Grey and Void were already at the base of the mountain, staring at the road ahead of them. They still haven't seen anybody yet, so they have to continue walking.
Void was staring around with curiosity while Grey on the other hand was staring around vigilantly. Unlike Void, he wasn't so carefree in a foreign place.

It was almost sunset by the time they came out of the space tunnel, by the time they got to the base of

the mountain, the sun had already set.

"We should hurry up, it wouldn't be nice if it gets dark when we don't even know where we are," Grey increased his speed.

He couldn't afford to take any chances in this new place. The only thing he found strange was that other than some small beasts, he hadn't encountered any magical beasts. This wasn't a bad thing though since it meant they weren't in any danger, but there's also the possibility of this place being the territory of a terrifying beast.

Given the intensity of the essence here, there's no way the magical beast wouldn't be in the Overlord Plane, it's most likely going to be higher.

Void wasn't the least bit bothered by this, he was carefreely looking around, hoping to see something that might be able to catch his eyes.

After walking for a few minutes, they started hearing voices of people. This brightened the mood of Grey since it meant he would finally be able to find out where he is.

"Be careful, I can sense a strange energy coming from that direction," Void spoke up as they got closer to the place.

Grey increased his vigilance on hearing this. Void wouldn't carelessly warn him if his senses weren't correct. His mood once again took a turn, and he almost wanted to wish he didn't encounter this particular set of people.

He concealed his aura with the help of Void before they walked closer to the direction of where the sound was coming from.

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"Haha! This barbarians are so stupid, they will believe whatever they are told," A hearty laughter rang out from a camp which a fire lit in the middle.

"Of course, what else do you expect from them? We'll be able to make some money once we sell them to the arena," Another man said.

In the camp, there were seven people sitting around the fire, drinking wine while wolfing down the meat of a boar. Beside them, there were three cages that were around four meters high and eight meters long. There were people in all of them.

These people were covered with beast skin clothes, unlike what the people who were sitting by the camp were wearing.

They all had fiery eyes, ready to attack at any time. A collar was around their neck, seemingly impossible for them to remove.

"I'll kill you all!" A large man inside the cave said angrily.

"Haha, how? Although you people are strong, but with that collar on your necks, there's no way you can manipulate your elements," One of the men sitting by the side said with a laugh.

The large man tried to remove the collar from his neck, but as soon as his hand got to it, it released a sparkling lightning attack that not only shocked his hands, but also his entire body.

"Ah..."

The pained screams of the man rang out, followed by the smell of charred skin.

"Haha, morons,"

The group of seven were thrown into a fit of laughter when they saw this. One could see the joy on their faces as they watched the man being electrocuted by the collar.

"Whoever created this collar must be a devious person," One of the men said while picking out a collar from his bag.

These collars were created to block the flow of elemental energy in the body of an Elementalist, stopping them from being able to use their elemental powers. Without their elemental powers, an Elementalist is no different from an ordinary person.

There is also a defensive array placed on the collar that would let out a series of lightning that would shock the person wearing the collar. This way, it was almost impossible to take it off once it had been placed on someone.

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Grey and Void watched on from the side as the man was shocked by the collar.

"What's that?" He muttered curiously.

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After staring at the collar curiously for a little longer, he shook his head before turning away. If not for overhearing the men speaking of the properties of the collar, he wouldn't know the uses of it.

Even though he would very much like to study the collar, he couldn't afford to stay here. From what he could tell, these people were all in the Overlord Plane. Luckily, they were only in the Early stages. Although he felt he could take them on one on one, he wasn't confident when it comes to fighting against this group.

'We're leaving?' Void asked.

Grey nodded to his question, this had nothing to do with him so of course he wasn't going to get involved in it.

'Oh, okay,' Void replied before turning away as well.

The duo walked away from where the group was camping, heading in another direction. Since this group could camp here, then it probably meant it was safe for him to also do the same. He walked at least one kilometer away from where the group was before finding a spot to rest. He set up an array around the place they set up camp before sitting down crossed leg. Since breaking through, he hadn't properly cultivated to make his stage stable. Even though it really wasn't necessary, he enjoyed doing this. Void sat down watching him, after staying for almost one hour, he stood up and disappeared into the bushes. Of course, he didn't forget to tell Grey he was going for a short exploration. Grey was sure to warn him severally before letting him go. He knew Void didn't like staying idle so he didn't try to stop him. The next morning. Grey opened his eyes before the sun rose. 'The essence here is something else,' He said with a shake of his head. He couldn't help but wonder why those men were still in the Overlord Plane. If Alice, Klaus, and Reynolds were to grow up here, they would've already broken through to the Overlord Plane by now. 'Void, where are you?' He transmitted his voice over when he noticed Void wasn't back yet. After a few seconds, Void's voice echoed in his head. 'On my way,'

Grey prepared himself for the journey. He planned to follow the group that captured those barbarians out of this place. Since they spoke of an arena, it meant they were headed towards a city.
Void soon returned, and the duo headed straight for where the group camped. By the time they got there, the group was just about to begin their journey.
Grey and Void didn't say a word, silently following behind them as they started their journey.
Five hours later.
'Stop, there's a magical beast ahead,' Void said to Grey.
'Oh, how powerful?' Grey asked.
'They are all Rank Five beasts, all in the early stages,' Void replied.
'Rank Five?' Grey thought to himself before counting mentally to figure out the strength of the beasts.
'That's the Early stages of the Overlord Plane, right?' He asked just to be sure.
Void nodded while staring at him oddly.
Grey scratched his head in embarrassment, although Void had told him of what the power system of magical beasts is called, he was still used to using the power system of humans.
'You said they, how many are they?' He asked after a while.

'I'm not too sure, I can't sense them properly, but they should be around nine to fifteen,' Void replied.
'All in the Overlord Plane?' Grey asked.
'Yeah, all Rank Five beasts,' Void answered.
'Hmm, this will be interesting. Guess I'll be able to gauge the strength of these people from this battle,' Grey thought to himself.
He wanted to see if the people here were more powerful than those of the same stage in the Azure continent. To be honest, he was a little pessimistic about it since even the essence here is way better than the one in the Azure continent.
The duo followed the group but kept a considerable distance, they didn't want to be noticed by the beasts.
Ten minutes later.
"Oh no, where is there a horde of Fire Apes?" One of the men in the group asked angrily.
"Damn it, they've already noticed us," Another man with a scar on his left wrist said, he turned to the others, "Prepare for battle, no matter what, don't let them get close to the barbarians,"
"Yes captain," The others answered in unison.
They set up a wall around the cages, protecting the barbarians from the Apes. The collar could be destroyed by an external force, so they couldn't afford to let the Apes get close to the barbarians.
Roar!
"They're here, set up the array," The captain of the group ordered.

The group arranged in seven different locations with the barbarians in the middle, forming a hexagram shape when looked from above.
They all did a hand seal before a light shot up from their hands, shooting upwards. The lights reached about ten meters before linking together to form a light screen that protected them.
Grey, who was watching from the side, found something odd, "Why haven't they tried to fly?"
"I don't know, but I think the intensity of the essence here makes the air heavier than that side, making it difficult for those in the Overlord Plane to take flight here," Void explained after a while.
Since he was already a Rank Five magical beast, then he could fly. He tried flying but it was a little difficult.
"It's a little difficult, but I can still fly. Others wouldn't be able to fly though," Void added after trying to fly once again.
"Hmm, okay. Looks like there are a lot of changes here," Grey muttered before staring at the Apes which had flames around their body.
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The Apes attacked as soon as they encountered the group.
The attacks of the Apes slammed into the light screen that appeared around the group.
Boom!

The Apes' attacks were unable to destroy the defense of the group.
"Attack!" The captain of the group ordered.
Boom! Bang!
Roar!
The group's counterattack dealt major damage to the two Apes at the front, causing them to roar in agony.
The array the group set up has the ability to defend and attack, making it almost impossible for the Apes to get to them.
Grey and Void couldn't help but commend the efforts of the group. Although there were arrays like this back at the Azure continent, none of them was this powerful. From Grey's estimation, the attack of the array was at the very least equal to an attack of a Mid stage Overlord Plane Elementalists, and the defense seems to be around the Late stages of the Overlord Plane.
'This is an interesting array, I wonder if there's a way I can modify it?' Grey thought to himself while watching the battle.
Just from looking at the array, he has been able to not only decipher it, but he has come up with different ways to immediately break it within the short time of two minutes.
Given Grey's current knowledge of arrays, even Chris would be surprised by how far he has grown. And from Grey's personality, it was evident that he would not only improve further, but he would also create new arrays.
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Fifteen minutes later.

The array made by the group was still standing, while the numbers of the Apes had started to dwindle, with bodies lying on the ground. Of the thirteen Apes that came to attack the group, five of them were dead, and two were seriously wounded.

"Haha, this array is amazing! It's totally worth every stone we spent on it," One of the men in the group laughed out loud happily.

Although the array was slowly draining their essence energy, it should be able to last at least one hour more. There was no way the Apes would be able to survive until then.

Three minutes later, another one of the Apes fell. On seeing how their numbers were slowly dwindling, the Apes immediately retreated from the battle. Although their knowledge couldn't be compared to that of an adult human, they were still smart.

The group stayed in the array for a few more minutes, waiting for the Apes to completely leave the area before they destroyed the array.

"Pack up their bodies, they will fetch us a good sum as well," The captain ordered.

The group immediately got to work, first removing the cores of the six Apes, before storing their bodies. One person could only keep a single Ape in their storage ring, this showed how small the space inside was.

When Void saw the Apes retreating, he couldn't help but shake his head in disdain, "Stupid things, I could easily destroy that array with a simple attack, yet they all couldn't,"

"They only believed in brute strength, unlike you who is smarter than them," Grey said.

"Even if they couldn't break the array, couldn't they at least escape sooner? \*Sigh\* I feel ashamed classifying these dumb fools as magical beasts as well," Void shook his head in dejection.

Grey chuckled when he saw this.. Void was just too prideful, although he couldn't say he didn't have the right to be since he was not only smarter but more powerful as well.

Chapter 469 - Eagle's City

The group once again started their journey after keeping the bodies of the Apes. Grey and Void followed them just like the first time, making sure to keep a good distance from the group.

Other than the time they fought against the Apes, the rest of the journey was pretty peaceful, they left the forest after six hours, heading towards the towering city's figure that was far away.

Grey and Void immediately stopped following them the moment they saw the city from afar. There was no use following the group anymore since they had already served their purpose.

Grey decided it was best to wait by the side for a few minutes, waiting to make sure the group didn't notice them before they head towards the city on their own.

While sitting down, he suddenly recalled that he gave one of his tracking devices to Ellis. He decided to pick it up so he could find the direction Ellis was located, it would be easier to search for him that way after obtaining a map of the area.

Grey took put the device, sending his spiritual energy into it. A small hologram appeared above it, with only two light dots showing. The dots were so tiny that it was almost impossible to see them. One of the dots was at one end of the hologram, while the other was at the other end.

"Wow! The distance is frightening! It will take me years if I try to travel this distance by foot," Grey exclaimed while staring at the plaque.

When he was still in the Azure continent, he could still perfectly see the light dots of every single individual, while the distance between them in the hologram wasn't this huge. Just from this, Grey was certain that the distance was huge.

"How far is it?" Void asked when he saw Grey's reaction.

"I don't think it's wise to think about that since it'll only dishearten us. I recall Ellis saying there are multiple teleportation arrays in almost every major city, that will be our means of transport here," Grey explained, telling Void all that he knew.

Twenty minutes later.

The duo left the side of the road, heading towards the large city. From their current distance, Grey guessed the city was around the same size as Frost City.

It didn't take long for them to get to the city gate. At the top of the gate, the word Eagle was boldly written on it.

Grey and Void stared at the drawing of an Eagle at the top of the gate for a little longer before heading towards the city. He could see people passing through the gates without being stopped, so it was easy to guess there was no need for paying an entrance fee.

Just as he was about to walk in, he was stopped by a young man who was wearing a guard uniform.

"Show me your entry permit," The guard said, stretching out his hand.

"Entry permit?" Grey asked with confusion written all over his face.

The guard nodded with his hand still outstretched.

"But, why did you come to only me when there are others going in without showing anyone this so-called 'entry permit'?" Grey asked plainly.

Even though he wasn't the type who liked causing problems, it didn't mean he would allow others to step on him. He had been watching people go in all this while and was certain that no one showed the guards any sort of permit.

"Hmph! No permit, no entry," The guard snorted coldly, not even bothering to explain to Grey.

Seeing the guard harassing Grey, some people who were by the side stopped to watch the show. From their expressions, one could tell that this was not the first time this was happening. Some people didn't even bother to watch, walking into the city and getting on with their usual lives.

'This fool, he's obviously trying to extort money from you,' Void transmitted his voice over to Grey.

'Yeah, unfortunately, I can't really do much since I have no knowledge of how things are here,' Grey replied calmly.

'Does that mean you're going to pay?' Void asked, surprised.

'Of course not, I don't have any knowledge of this place doesn't mean I'm a fool,' Grey replied.

'Heh! So what do you plan to do?' Void asked.

They just got here, but they were already placed in a difficult situation. Although Grey didn't think much of the young man in front of him, he didn't have the thought of fighting with him since he was in the Overlord Plane. Compared to the group he encountered, he could sense that this young man was stronger than they were.

One other thing that Grey found out was that most of the people here were either in the Origin Plane or the Overlord Plane. The ones in the Origin Plane were the minority, with most being in the Overlord Plane. Luckily, most of them in the Overlord Plane were all around their Late twenties or middle-aged.

"Show your entry permit or piss off," The guard said.

Grey turned around and left without speaking a word, there was no use in talking to the guard. He could tell the guard only wanted to create trouble for him, and he was not foolish enough to allow it. He could easily agree to offer some essence stones, but that would only create an avenue for these people to continue extorting him.



'You can come, there's a bit of resistance when making a space tunnel, but you should be able to make it through,' Void's voice echoed in Grey's head.
'Alright,' Grey nodded before trying to create a space tunnel.
Surprisingly, he failed in the first attempt which shocked him. Even though Void told him there was a little bit of resistance, he didn't think it was this strong.
He tried opening it again, but the result was just like the first time. He was unable to open it. He didn't give up immediately, trying it four more times, but the results were the same, he was unable to make it. What was more annoying was that his space essence reserve was draining at an unimaginable rate.
'Uhmm Void, I think you'll have to open the space tunnel for me, I can't seem to do it,' Grey was left with no choice but to ask for Void's help.
Now he knew the difference between them when it came to manipulating the space element. Void was able to easily create the space tunnel, yet even after multiple tries, he was still unable to.
Void soon appeared before him from a small tear in the void, the tear soon increased in size, becoming big enough for Grey to walk through.
After Grey entered, the tunnel tear in the void closed, the area returning back to normal.
Inside the city.
Grey appeared on the side of the wall, just behind a building.
"Hmm, there's a detection array in the entire city, people will find us shortly, no wonder the guard was able to confidently ask for an entry permit," Grey commented as soon as he appeared.

"No need to worry about that, I can easily hide us from this array," Void replied confidently.

"Void, I missed you so much when you were sleeping," Grey said with a shake of his head.

Most of the problems he faced while Void was sleeping, he wouldn't have faced them given how resourceful Void was. He couldn't even help but wonder where he knew all these things.

"Void, is there a chance that there is another type of cat like you in this continent? After all, it seems to be more advanced," Grey asked.

"There's only one way to find out, explore, we'll explore every single inch of this continent," Void said excitedly.

"Yeah, I plan to do just that," Grey replied.

He would be exploring this place while searching for his parents, so naturally he would have to go on an adventure around the continent. But for now, getting a map and a general knowledge of this place would be great.

Once he has acquired all these, he would start searching for Ellis. Heading to where Ellis is located without prior knowledge of this place is no different from endangering himself. His cautious nature will not allow him to do something like that.

"Come on, let's go before the guards get here," Void said.

"Yeah, I forgot they've already sensed us the first time we entered this place," Grey said before walking away.

A few minutes after they left, three figures appeared in the sky staring at the spot they were standing.

"Did you say the aura suddenly disappeared?" One of the figures turned to another one and asked.

"Correct, it was like they sensed the array and hastily hid," The figure nodded.
"Hmm, fine. Tell the guards to be vigilant, we don't know who we're dealing with, it would be best to approach this cautiously," The first figure said.
"Noted," The figure said before disappearing.
"Do you think it's a Venerable?" The figure on the left asked.
"Very likely, only a Venerable could easily enter the city and hide from us," The other person replied.
"What would a Venerable want in a small city like ours?"
"We should head back and be on guard, if this person wants anything, given their status, they can easily come to us and ask,"
After speaking, the duo disappeared.
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While these figures were worried about the arrival of an unknown Venerable, Grey and Void were currently at the marketplace, searching for a map.
This was the first thing Grey felt he should obtain, so he went to get it first.
"Boy, there's no way you can get a map which shows the entire continent. Do you even know how big it is?" The seller looked at Grey in disbelief when Grey said he wanted to get a map that showed the entire continent.
"Oh, then can I get one that covers the region we're currently in?" Grey asked, slightly embarrassed.

The seller nodded before taking out a map that was almost a meter wide.
"That's three thousand high grade essence stones," The seller said emotionlessly.
"That expensive?" Grey asked, stunned.
"You can leave it if you don't want it," The seller replied.
Grey dropped the map before walking in another direction, they were in a marketplace, there was no way this was the only place that sells maps. He could easily tell that the man wanted to extort him when he noticed he was new here.
After going to three more stalls, he found the map for as low as one hundred high grade essence stones.
"So this is the Western Continent, we'll be heading to the Northern Continent to search for Ellis," Grey muttered to himself.
He didn't look at the map properly, keeping it and asking for where the library was located. He wanted to know more about this place and the library was the best place to get the history of this place. Even though he doesn't know everything, he should at least know some things.
He was soon directed to a large building.