

## **Affinity 611**

Chapter 611 - He's One Of Us!

"Hmm, okay," The Principal nodded.

He still hasn't been able to get the actual strength of the corpses since they haven't made any moves yet.

"Stay here, I'll try to see the extent of their strength. If you see things get difficult for me, run," The Principal said before going forward.

The others understood what he meant, so they didn't try to follow him, rather, they even took a few steps back.

Lightning could be seen moving across the Principal's body, with a flash, he suddenly disappeared, appearing in the middle of the corpses.

The moment he appeared, he attacked, sending out a powerful bolt of lightning that went in all directions.

The impact of the attack forced the corpses back, but three of them only retreated five steps back before keeping their balance once again.

They raised their heads to look at the Principal, and their blank eyes suddenly showed with brilliance. Each corpses' eyes glowed with a different color which represented their elements.

One of them was red, the other blue, while the last was green.

Swoosh!

A wind storm suddenly rose up from nowhere, trying to throw the Principal into the air.

'Three Sage Plane Elementalists, but they're weaker than I am individually. Five Peak Overlord Plane Elementalists that are still weaker than your average Overlord Plane Elementalist. Blake is the only one close to the Peak of the Overlord Plane, the others wouldn't be able to keep up with four on their own,' The Principal accessed their current situation as he kept himself still on the ground, not allowing the wind to take him up.

He could barely fight against the three Sage Plane corpses on his own, but other than Blake, there was no one else close to the Peak of the Overlord Plane. Delia was still in the Mid stages of the Overlord Plane being in the Sixth stage.

If she and the others teamed up, they would be able to hold out against two at most. The remaining two would be able to cause them a serious problem.

Buzz!

The Principal covered himself with lightning before disappearing from sight. He appeared in front of the group within a second, and he quickly told them his assessment of the situation.

"I'll hold all of them back, you guys should run. I have a good chance of escaping if I'm alone," He said.

The others nodded, this was their only option anyway.

Buzz! Bang!

The Principal attacked, but the attack was blocked by a fire attack from one of the corpses that was a Fire Elementalist.

The other two at the Sage Plane also attacked as well, blocking the escape route of the group.

The five corpses at the Overlord Plane also came into the fray, attacking the group.

The Principal did his best to protect the others. Instructor Blake didn't stay idle, attacking one of the corpses at the Peak of the Overlord Plane. Reynolds summoned his Elemental Warrior and attacked one of them as well, Klaus quickly went forward to help him out.

Instructor Delia and Alice took on one of the corpses, but they were at a significant disadvantage since Alice was in the Early stages of the Overlord Plane, still in the Second stage.

Grey looked at the situation, and there were two Peak Overlord Plane corpses left.

'Guess it's time to test my experiments so far,' He thought to himself.

When he encountered that young necromancer at the ruins, he collected one of his corpses. He had been studying it for some time now, and although he hadn't really gotten a lot from it, there was a way he could make them dysfunctional for a few seconds or even a minute.

Void was on his way back, and he could take care of them when he got there. All he had to do was to stall them for a few minutes.

He could already sense Void.

After taking a deep breath, he took a step forward, and black tendrils started to spread from his feet, going towards the corpses.

When they got close, they latched onto the two that wanted to attack him, and the moment they touched them, the corpses shrieked loudly as if in pain.

Grey also stopped immediately before holding onto his head. He felt a slight headache from what just happened.

He turned to look at the west, 'Void, there's someone...'

He gave Void the exact location of the person he just sensed when he tried to mess up with the control of the corpse.

Never in his wildest dreams did he think he would be able to get the location of the person controlling the corpse if he did it. When he was trying the experiment, he was only working with an ownerless corpse.

All he did was mess with the black strings he found inside the corpse.

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Somewhere outside the town.

"What just happened?" A shrill voice muttered.

A cloaked figure could be seen hiding in the trees.

"What?" Another cloaked figure asked.

"Someone just used the corpse puppet to find my location," The first cloaked figure explained.

"A necromancer?" The other one asked.

"No, it's a young boy. I can sense something strange about him. He not only used it to find my whereabouts, but he also cut off my connection with them," The cloaked figure said.

"He must be one of us. There's no way someone can just know how to cut off connections from puppets without going through proper training," The other figure said.

"I believe so too, we should go closer before they destroy my tools. It took me years to groom them to their current state, and I can't afford to lose them," The cloaked figure said.

The reason they hadn't been able to sense the mark on Grey's body was due to the distance. Since it could only be sensed from a one-kilometer radius, they didn't know. They were around one and a half kilometers away from the town.

By the time they got within the one-kilometer radius, their expressions changed and they looked at each other.

"Can you sense it as well?" The first cloaked figure asked.

"Yes, but how come it's so faint?" The other one asked.

Chapter 612 - A One In A Million Puppet

"That's because you're going to die soon," A small child-like voice came from behind the duo.

"Huh? Who said that?" The cloaked man Grey disconnected from the corpse was shocked.

Necromancers have one of the best perceptions there is, so it was almost impossible for someone to sneak up on them. Yet, they could hear a voice, and it was that of a child as well.

"It's me, your death," Void replied.

Before the duo even saw him, he attacked.

Boom!

He was already a Peak Rank Five al Beast, and even amongst others in the same stage, he was well above them. These necromancers who were weaker than an ordinary Eighth stage Overlord Plane Elementalist stood no chance against him.

The attack sent the duo flying, crashing into the tree they stood on.

They coughed out a mouthful of blood before exchanging glances. After the attack, they saw who attacked them. A small black cat.

"You must be connected to that kid, he's the only one who knows where I'm located," The cloaked man said.

"Blah blah blah, just die already," Void mocked before attacking once again.

Swoosh! Bang!

The duo used a combined effort to block the attack, but it still pushed them back.

Without wasting any time, a coffin soon appeared in front of each of them, and a figure walked out. Unlike the rest ones, this corpse had no flesh, it was all bones. But the other coffin was a little more interesting, instead of a human walking out, a al Beast was what actually walked out, and it was at the Peak of the Overlord Plane.

"Damn! I never knew you guys did it to al beasts as well. You have desecrated my kind, and it will not end well for you," Void said coldly before attacking.

This time, he wasn't holding anything back. Seeing a al beast being controlled after its death infuriated him.

The dead beast was also from the cat family, a large blue tiger that stood over two meters tall.

Bang! Boom!

The battle soon intensified with the addition of the skeleton and the al beast.

The two necromancers stood behind them, making sure to protect themselves from Void who seemed hellbent on killing them in the most brutal way, especially the one who was controlling the al beast's corpse.

"Contact the others, tell them we have a problem," The cloaked man Grey interrupted his control of the corpse said to the other one.

"Alright," The man nodded before taking out an item from his storage ring.

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Back in the town.

After Grey managed to sever the connection, he was still a little shocked it worked. But since it had already worked out, there was no use in thinking about it, he quickly moved to the one Alice and Instructor Delia were fighting against.

Just like before, as soon as his black tendrils wrapped themselves around the corpses, they shrieked loudly before they stopped moving.

"I have a way to stop them, but it will be only for a while. However, I don't know if I can do the same for those in the Sage Plane," Grey told the others about his recent discovery.

"Just do it, so you guys can escape," The Principal said.

Grey nodded before going after the one that was with Klaus and Reynolds, when he was done with that, he faced the one that was with Instructor Blake.

At the time he was done, the first two he severed their connections were starting to regain themselves again.

He hurriedly rushed towards them and did the same thing.

"Try to destroy them," He said to the others.

Boom!

"Way ahead of you," Klaus said after he attacked.

His attack soon died down and nothing happened to the corpse, not even a scratch.

"What's going on?" He asked, stunned.

"I don't know," Grey replied while trying to once again stop the other corpses from being controlled.

They attacked the motionless corpses once again, but they were unable to damage them.

"Fine, that's how you want to play huh?" Grey said before bringing out one of the storage rings in his possession and keeping all five corpses inside.

Since he couldn't destroy them, he would hide them in a storage ring.

"Leave," The Principal said after he pushed back one of the Sage Plane corpses.

"Okay sir," The group nodded, but just as they were about to leave.

"Where do you think you're going to?" A shrill voice asked, accompanied by a dark fog that raced towards Grey.

"Oh no," Everyone's heart sank.



Grey was at the forefront of the group, and before any of them could react, this black fog was already in front of him.

Grey, seeing something appearing in front of him out of nowhere, hastily rose a firewall in front of him to block whatever was coming his way.

The black fog went past the firewall before a dried hand was stretched out from it, trying to drag Grey inside.

Grey's instincts kicked in, thanks to his heightened senses and physical speed after consuming the Dragon's blood essence, he dodged the hand.

What shocked everyone was that he not only dodged it, but he grabbed onto it with both hands and pulled whoever or whatever was inside.

"Ah!" With a powerful yell, he was able to yank the figure out of the black fog.

Bam!

He slammed the figure to the ground repeatedly, before letting go.

"Such a powerful physique, you would be a one in a million puppet once I'm done refining you," The figure stood up as if nothing happened before saying.

The figure was standing around five foot five and was covered in a large black cloak.

"What are you doing here?" Grey asked coldly.

"I can say the same for you. You clearly look like a genius, so you will be well taken care of in one of those big factions. But to come across someone like you here it's truly a blessing to me," The figure said, chuckling lightly.

Now that the figure was out of the fog, the group could distinguish the figure's voice, and it seemed to be that of a female.

Chapter 613 - Chaos Orb

"Let us leave and I'll act like I never saw you," Grey threatened.

He was hoping to use the fear of the Factions in the Aurora Continent to scare this person away. Of course, he wasn't too hopeful it would work out, but he wanted to try.

"Hehehe, do you think we're scared of those stupid Factions? Even in the Middle Continent, we still act as we want, and there's nothing they can do to us," The figure said.

"Them," Grey said.

"What?" The figure asked in confusion.

"There's nothing they can do to them. The likes of you can't really dare to act wildly in the presence of the top Factions, you'll be killed in the blink of an eye," Grey corrected the figure.

Klaus and Reynolds who were by the side understood that Grey was belittling the figure and burst out laughing. Even in a situation like this, it was never a bad time to get a good laugh.

The figure started to shake visibly from anger. It was clear to see that Grey's words triggered a bad memory.

"What do you know? I'll kill you here and now," The figure said before attacking Grey with a powerful attack.

The figure didn't even call out a corpse, which came as a shock to Grey.

Instructor Blake rushed in front of Grey to defend him from the attack.

"Be careful, this is unlike them. They never physically attack unless they are forced to, or have a hidden motive," Grey warned.

Instructor Blake nodded, keeping his distance as he attacked the figure.

Buzz! Crackle! Boom!

Lightning danced across the entire town.

With two great lightning users attacking at the same time without any restraints, it was understandable how the situation in the town would be.

The figure continued attacking, and to Grey's surprise, this person was stronger not only with their elemental attacks but with physical attacks as well.

'No wonder she wasn't affected when I slammed her into the ground,' He said to himself as he watched the battle unfold.

The Principal was still entangled with the three Sage Plane corpses, even though he had been able to push them back one at a time, they were able to quickly get back together to stop him from moving.

'Void, how are things over there?' Grey asked.

He would feel a lot safer if Void was present here.

'Can you believe these bastards also do these things to my kind as well? I'll be done with them soon,' Void replied, still annoyed by what he saw.

'Be fast with it, there's still more hiding around, but I don't think we can deal with them now. Escaping should be our top priority,' Grey said.

'Don't worry, they'll get dead soon,' Void said.

Grey looked at the chaotic situation in front of him before shaking his head, "Must people always find ways to cause conflict? Can't we just live in peace?"

"I'm sure you know the answer to that question," Alice said.

Grey sighed before looking down, he knew what Alice meant. Even though things were like this, he still wanted to live a peaceful life, but people kept on interfering with it.

'The only way I can have what I want is to be the strongest, so strong that they wouldn't want to speak about me even when I'm not there,' He concluded in his heart.

Boom! Bang!

The figure managed to successfully send Instructor Blake flying, but before she could capitalize on it, Instructor Blake attacked as well, forcing her to retreat.

"You all will make nice puppets, hehehe," She cackled evilly as she attacked once again.

Grey looked at the situation and the thought of using the Fusion State came to his mind, but he quickly tossed it aside. They still didn't know what was in the shadows, so showing all their cards now will be dangerous for them.

'I'll use that to assist the Instructor,' He said to himself.

Opening his palm, three different elemental essences started to gather on top of it. He hadn't used the chaos orb in a while now, and since he didn't want to show the Principal and the Instructors all the elements he could control, he only used three.

It will not be as powerful as the one with all seven elements in his control, but its power shouldn't be too bad.

Instructor Delia was the first to notice Grey's movements, followed by his friends. This was also their first time seeing him use it, so they looked at it with curiosity.

They could all feel the power that was gathering inside the orb forming above Grey's palm.

While making it, Grey had been searching for an opportunity to contact Instructor Blake so he wouldn't be caught in the attack. Even though it wouldn't kill him it would still hurt a little.

The energy stirring on top of his hand naturally drew the attention of everyone in the place. Even the Principal turned to look at it.

'How many secrets does this kid have?' The Principal thought to himself.

When Instructor Blake saw this, he knew full well what Grey's plan was.

He soon started to push the figure in a certain direction. Since he mainly used long-range he kept a considerable distance from her.

Grey was already fully prepared for the attack, swiftly throwing it in the direction Instructor Blake was pushing the figure.

**Boom!**

A white light spread out in all directions, causing a loud explosion that even reached where Grey and his friends were standing.

The group hastily retreated.

The Principal managed to push one of the corpses inside the range of the blast while also retreating.

Instructor Blake was beside Instructor Delia. Protecting her from the impact of the blast.

"Since when could you do that?" Klaus asked.

"Well, it's been a while now," Grey replied sincerely.

"You never cease to amaze me," Instructor Blake said.

"He's my friend, what do you expect?" Klaus said proudly.

Instructor Blake smacked the back of Klaus' head lightly.

Chapter 614 - One More Should Do It

"Is she dead?" Reynolds asked since the light from the explosion still hadn't died down.

"Not exactly, but it should at least cause her some damage," Instructor Blake replied.

He turned to Grey, "Can you do that again?"

Grey nodded before opening his palm to show the one he was already preparing.

"Good, we'll work together to take her out. If there's a way you can make it more powerful, please do," Instructor Blake added.

Just as he finished his words, he almost choked on his saliva when a fourth elemental essence started to circulate with the other three.

The orb Grey was currently preparing was still in its early stages, but Instructor Blake could already see the significant increase in its power.

'Is he still human?' Instructor Blake asked internally.

He already guessed Grey had four elements, but seeing it with his eyes was still a little hard to take in. A Multi Elementalist with three elements is already regarded as someone special, and now there's Grey who had four. The shocking part of Grey's story was that when they did the test on him, only two elements came up.

This meant that he somehow managed to gain control of two more elements.

'No wonder he advanced so quickly. But the essence needed for each improvement in a stage must be tremendous,' Instructor Blake thought internally.

The light soon died down and the figure of the lady came to view. Her black cloak was destroyed by the blast, and some slight injuries could be seen on her arms, but the strange thing was that there was no blood coming out of it.

Her body was dried up, just like a corpse, and her hair had completely turned white. Her fingernails were extremely long, her teeth were black, and her eye sockets were empty.

"Now, that's disturbing," Klaus remarked.

"It truly is," Grey and the others nodded.

"You little brat, once I'm done with him, you're next!" The old lady screamed angrily.

"Let's go, keep your distance, and inform me just before it's ready," Instructor Blake said to Grey as he flew in the direction of the old lady.

Grey nodded, before taking flight as well. From the last time, he noticed he could control the chaos orb now, compared to the previous times where it would almost explode in his face if he tried to keep it with him for long. Now, he could hold onto it for a few seconds, even up to a minute if he wished to.

This would give him considerable time to throw it at the right spot. Also, making the chaos orb was easier now, it only took at most thirty seconds and he was done with it.

What he planned to do this time was to reduce the size of the orb, compressing it to the smallest possible size. The smaller it is, the greater the power it holds.

He also took note of how it got more difficult as he tried to compress it.

By the time Instructor Blake engaged with the old lady, he was already prepared. Presently, the orb was slightly smaller than a table tennis ball.

Instructor Blake exchanged a few moves with the lady, and when he was pushed back, Grey came in front of him and sent the orb towards the lady who just gave chase after Instructor Blake.

The old lady seeing the small orb coming in her direction hastily stopped, before trying to retreat. Unfortunately...

"Burst," Grey muttered slightly as he retreated with Instructor Blake.

Boom!

An explosion, louder than the first one, occurred.

The Principal who had once again started to face three Sage Plane corpses pushed one inside the range of the explosion.



The first one he pushed inside came out with some small damage. Since this explosion was larger, and he made sure to send this one towards the core of it, then it would take stronger damage compared to the first one.

After sending one of the corpses into the explosion, the pressure on the Principal reduced significantly and he quickly tried to use this period to deal some real damage to the two fighting against him.

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In the woods.

Void was still fighting against the two necromancers, he had defeated the corpses they brought out the first time, but after that, they had brought out two more.

One of them mainly used al Beasts' corpses, while the other used human corpses.

The more beast corpses Void saw, the more he felt annoyed by the man.

Bang!

He blasted the corpses apart, before charging at the duo. Before they brought out another corpse, he attacked. Easily ripping their cloaks apart while greatly dealing them some damage.

The duo retreated after the attack. However, it was already too late for them. Since Void had managed to get close to them, their fate was already decided.

Bam!

They crashed into a tree, destroying it.

Void appeared above them before smashing them into the ground.

Their wrinkled bodies were covered in injuries and blood coming out from different sides.

"What are you?" One of the men asked while staring at Void in terror.

"Just die already," Void blasted a powerful lightning attack at the duo who were on the ground.

"Ah..."

They screamed in pain before their screams died down.

After the lightning attack died down, Void's expression changed and he approached the corpses.

"Huh?" A look of confusion appeared on his face.

He quickly left the place, heading in Grey's direction. He could see the large light from Grey's chaos orb explosion.

'These people are just freaks,' He thought.

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Back in the town.

The explosion soon died down, and the old lady soon came into view. Her body was destroyed, with her left hand missing.

"One more should be able to do it," Instructor Blake said to Grey.

The Sage Plane corpse in the explosion managed to escape with a minimal amount of damage.

It charged toward the Principal once again, joining the other two who were being oppressed by the Principal.

"Hehehe, you really are something," The old lady said.

Grey was already preparing another chaos orb. Unlike the Fusion State, there wasn't a limit to how many times he could use this technique.

Chapter 615 - A Hidden Figure

"Let's go."

Instructor Blake and Grey took to the sky, rushing towards the old lady.

"You two think you can kill me? Impossible!" The old lady laughed before spreading out her single hand.

A black fog spread out from her body, enveloping her as she tried to flee.

Grey was already done with the chaos orb, with help from Instructor Blake, he appeared in front of the lady, in the direction she was escaping to.

He tossed the orb in her direction before retreating quickly.

The reason he took this risk was that Void was coming from this direction as well. So in case of anything, he could use his help.

The space element was still on lock down in this area, so he wasn't at his fastest any longer.

The chaos orb entered the black fog and seemed to vanish.

Grey was a little surprised by what happened, but the black fog was soon sucked in by a powerful force, followed by a terrifying explosion.

Boom!

This time, the old lady was right beside the orb when it exploded, so she took the full brunt of it.

Her enraged and pitiful shriek could be heard all across the town.

The small delay before the explosion gave Grey the chance to retreat to a safe distance.

His friends just stared at him in shock, awed by the power of the chaos orb.

"Damn it! He's amazing!" Klaus said excitedly.

"Yeah, I can't wait for us to go to this new continent," Reynolds said.

"Me too," Alice agreed with the two on a rare occasion.

She rarely agreed with them on anything, since well, they were nutjobs and rarely said anything good.

Instructor Delia was amazed by Grey's prowess. She still found it hard to believe that this was the same person that came to the Academy three years late compared to those his age. The same person Chris pranked when he just arrived.

"How time flies," She muttered with a shake of her head.

From what she could see, she knew very well that she stood no chance against him. Just this attack alone is enough to threaten her existence. Grey has done it three times now, which meant he could probably still do it a fourth time.

She wasn't even as fast as he was, so it was almost impossible for her to dodge the attack.

In the space of only three years plus, a student who hadn't even started cultivating has grown stronger than an Instructor, a top-tier Instructor for that matter who was regarded as a genius. It was unbelievable!

If Grey were to use this attack on Instructor Blake, it was unknown who would come out on top. But one thing is for sure, this attack was dangerous to anyone who was in the Overlord Plane. It might not kill them, but it will surely cause them some harm.

The light from the explosion died down, and a figure could be seen falling straight to the ground.

Instructor Blake and Grey hurried over to see the situation of the lady. And their expressions changed when they got there.

The frontal part of her body was destroyed, and what looked like a human could be seen inside all squeezed up.

The tiny human opened her eyes, and it was green but felt with bloodlust. Small injuries could be seen on the side of the body.

"What is that?" Instructor Blake asked in shock.

"I don't know," Grey shook his head.

This was the first time he was seeing something like this, and he couldn't hide his shock.

"My shell, you morons destroyed my precious shell!" The small person inside the old lady screamed at Grey and Instructor Blake in agony.

The voice was exactly the same as that of the old lady.

"Shell?"

Instructor Blake and Grey exchanged glances and they quickly understood what was going on, this small person inside the old lady was the real person. The old lady was probably a corpse that they took control of.

But how was this possible, and how the hell could they stay inside someone comfortably?

Multiple questions ran through the head of Grey and Instructor Blake, but their main priority now was to kill the lady. They don't want to know how they managed to achieve this feat of theirs.

A lightning bolt shot towards the small figure, but the lady disappeared, drilling into the ground as quickly as she could.

Grey seeing this rushed to the ground, stomping his foot on the ground.

The ground shook, but nothing came out.

"She escaped," He said with a downcast look.

"It's okay, we should leave," Instructor Blake said.

"What of the Principal?" Grey asked.

"He'll escape once we're not here," Instructor Blake said.

"Okay," Grey nodded.

He turned to look at Klaus before saying, "Klaus, give the Principal your communication device, so he can track us easily,"

"Good idea," Klaus smiled before throwing his communication device at his father. He quickly told him how to make use of it.

Void soon caught up with them.

'Were you able to kill them?' Grey asked telepathically.

'No, there's a small person inside their bodies,' Void replied.

'Hmm, I tried stopping the one we fought here from escaping, but even with the help of the earth element, she still escaped,' Grey told him about their ordeal.

'These guys are a bunch of freaks, I personally don't want to see them again,' Void said.

'Me too, but we'll see them again for sure,' Grey said before glancing at Instructor Blake and Delia.

'Do you think...'

'Yes, they're tracking us through them. I've not been able to sense anything on them yet, but I'm certain of it. How do you think they managed to lock the space around here without our knowledge, and even found us so easily?' Grey said.

When he heard of the Instructors' escape, he believed something was wrong, and it looked like his assumption was correct. The Instructors were being tracked, but they had no idea of it.

## Chapter 616 - A Nice Harvest

The group bid farewell to the Principal who was still in the middle of fighting before leaving the area.

On their way, Grey told them about his hypothesis.

"If what you say is correct, then leaving Teacher's side wouldn't be the best option," Instructor Blake said.

The Principal was the only one in the Sage Plane amongst the group. If they were to escape without him, it would mean that they would fall into the hands of these people since they could track them.

There's also the possibility of them having a hidden Sage Plane corpse lying in wait. A single one could easily wipe out the team.

Grey thought about it and couldn't refute Instructor Blake's words.

"So what do we do now, return to father?" Klaus asked.

"We haven't gone far from him, so going back wouldn't be an issue," Instructor Blake replied.

They turned to head back, but the sky above them suddenly went dark and a skeletal hand came out from the sky, heading towards the group as they tried escaping.

"What the hell?!" Reynolds exclaimed in fright.

He wasn't the only one horrified by what was coming in their direction, every single person there was shaken.

"Move, now!" Instructor Blake yelled while dragging Delia with him.



Grey snapped out of his shock and followed behind them. Klaus, Reynolds, Alice, and Void went after him.

Unfortunately, after getting to a certain stage, a black veil appeared, seemingly blocking them from going through.

"I can't get through," Instructor Blake said after trying to destroy it with his lightning blade.

Grey brought out his high-grade elemental weapon and tried using it to slash the veil, after infusing all seven elements in.

Clank!

The sword bounced off the veil, and Grey almost lost his grip.

"This is bad," Grey's expression changed.

The hand was getting closer to the group as they tried to think of a way to break through it.

'This is a domain. According to what I know, humans shouldn't be able to activate their domain until they at least get to the Sage Plane. And those who do at the Sage Plane are regarded as geniuses among geniuses,' Void explained to Grey telepathically.

'A domain?' A confused expression appeared on Grey's face. But before Void could answer, 'Is there a way you can get us out of here, we'll speak about this later,'

'I should be able to if I activate mine,' Void answered with uncertainty.

Just like Grey, he couldn't access his space element properly, and that's the only element he had awakened his domain. The only reason he's attempting this is that they were not at the center of the lock down, so the spatial lock here wasn't too powerful.

With Void in the middle, a powerful energy radiated out.

Everyone felt the energy, but there was no change in their situation.

'Void...' Grey called out.

'I'm coming, this is me literally straining myself,' Void said with difficulty.

The group stayed close to the edge of the veil, resting their bodies on it as if the hand wouldn't be able to get them if they were there.

'Void,' Grey called out again.

Void had his eyes shut, not saying anything.

The hand was only about ten meters away from them. If they tried to move in another direction, the hand would get to them before they got there.

Eight meters, six meters, four meters.

Just when the hand was within inches of the group, almost already touching Instructor Blake's head, they fell through the veil blocking them, all falling to the ground with hearts pounding.

"What... what just happened?" Klaus asked as he saw the hand grabbing the ground where they were previously standing.

"Void happened, we should get going," Grey answered before picking up Void.

He could see that doing this put a lot of strain on Void, luckily, he was conscious so it meant he wasn't really hurt.

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Somewhere in the woods.

"How did they escape from that?" A figure dressed in a black cloak with a croaky voice asked angrily after smashing a tree to smithereens.

"I don't know," Another person dressed in a black cloak answered.

"I thought there was no one that could use domains, and their Sage Plane expert was stuck with fighting your puppets?" The first speaker said.

"There's a strange cat with them," A voice said from the ground.

The ground shook and a small black head stuck out from it. It looked exactly like a human, only the eyes were bigger and teeth were sharp.

"A cat? What does a cat have to do with this?" The first person said.

"It almost killed us, even with our higher number," The figure said before coming out from the ground.

It was around one meter in height, and its entire body was black. Its ears were longer than that of a human, and the tips were pointed.

"We came here to hide and regain our strength, eating these kids will be beneficial to us. Send out the puppets, we can not let them escape," The first voice said.

"Yes, Supreme One," The last figure in the group nodded before disappearing from the woods.

At the time this person was leaving, a third figure came out from the ground. But compared to the first two, it had injuries all around its body with blue blood dripping from the side.

"What happened to you?" The person regarded as the Supreme One asked.

"I was almost killed by the kid who disconnected our connection with the puppets," The figure said.

"What?" The Supreme One asked in shock.

The figure went on to tell him of how Grey tried to force her out from the ground with the earth element. She sustained injuries even though she escaped successfully.

"We'll get him soon. I wonder how he managed to achieve that," The Supreme One said thoughtfully.

"Also, there's a mark on him..." The lady Grey fought against told them about his prowess and that of the Principal and Instructor Blake.

"This is a nice harvest, you'll get the lightning user once we get them," The Supreme One said.

#### Chapter 617 - Risky Choice

Grey and his friends hurried back in the direction of the town. He had tried to locate whatever they used in tracking Instructor Blake and Delia after their last encounter, but it was unsuccessful.

The duo tried themselves, but they were unsuccessful as well. Even Void, Klaus, Reynolds, and Alice also tried to see if they could find it, but none of them succeeded.

Grey took out the communication device to try and see if the Principal had escaped from the three Sage Plane puppets he was fighting against.

'It hasn't even been up to five minutes since you left, they've not given me the chance yet. But, I'm no longer within the town's premises...' The Principal told him his current whereabouts after Grey told him about their speculation and what they just encountered.

'Sir, I think the best thing to do now is to alert the troops fighting. If you want to, you can make a big attack that will surely attract the attention of those in the camp,' Grey said.

Their current situation is bad, if there were to be other Sage Plane corpses, then they were toast. Even someone as powerful as the Principal can't go against five corpses on his own, let alone more than five.

'It has not gotten to that yet, we still haven't verified if they have more. But either way, ending up with the empire wouldn't be good for any of us,' The Principal said.

'We have the space element as a last resort to escape, and none of them know about Void's abilities, giving us two escape cards. But just as you said, we'll wait to see if they have more Sage Plane corpses,' Grey responded.

After ending the conversation with the Principal, he told the others of what they spoke about, and his plans to alert the empire if things went wrong.

"With Void's help, we should be able to escape from the empire since they don't know about the space element. Our options are risky, hopefully, we're lucky and they don't have any more Sage Plane corpses," Klaus said.

They couldn't escape on their own, especially given what they just encountered. Void couldn't continuously help them since the pressure on him would be too much.

However, if they happen to be caught by the empire, Void could easily come in and sneak them out of the place.

Any way they look at it, the latter plan seemed safer. Well, if they weren't killed immediately, that is.

They rushed towards the area the Principal was fighting, but they didn't get too close, keeping a good distance.

Boom! Bang!

They could hear the sounds of the explosions from the Principal's attacks.

They hid somewhere safe, with Void keeping track of what was happening in the area. Grey also made a quick array around where they were hiding to make sure if anything came into that area, he would be alerted.

It didn't take long before his expression changed.

'Something's coming,' Void messaged him telepathically.

'Yeah, I've sensed it,' Grey replied.

His expression already told the others of their current situation, and they all prepared themselves for what was coming. If it's in the Overlord Plane, then they still had a chance, but anything in the Sage Plane, then they would turn around and run.

Grey placed some trap arrays that would at least slow down whatever it was. He also held the communication device in his hand so that he could tell the Principal to find a way to alert the empire of their current location.

A loud eerie screech came from outside the building they were hiding, indicating it was time to leave.

'Sir, a Sage Plane corpse is here, alert the empire,' Grey said as they ran for it.

They all came out of the building, rushing into the sky. Their direction, where the troops from the Qilin Empire were camped.

The war was still ongoing, and it had gotten to the point where the strongest fighters from all sides were coming out.

If Grey and his friends were to suddenly appear in any of the camps, it would cause an uproar, throwing the battle in a different direction. Every single empire will rush towards them, trying to capture them.

Boom!

A loud colorful explosion rang out behind them as they quickly escaped. It was from the traps Grey set up.

After getting the hang of the chaos orb, he used an array formation to contain it in a trap array. This way, once triggered, it would release the pent-up energy it had been storing.

Unlike the previous ones, this chaos orb was made from seven different elements, so the strength was unimaginable.

Even the Principal who was a good distance away was dumbstruck by it.

"What's the use of me even trying to alert the empire when he already can?" The Principal asked himself in disbelief.

The strength of that explosion was insane. He couldn't believe it was made by someone who was still in the Fifth stage of the Overlord Plane. It could very well rival an attack from a Peak Overlord Plane Elementalist, and not any Peak Overlord Plane Elementalist but a genius.

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At the borders of the Qilin and Blue Wind Empire.

The light from Grey's attack caught the attention of the people on the battlefield and those in the Qilin Empire camp that was at the back.

Seeing that it was coming from the Qilin Empire's side, the guards at the camp hurried to inform their superiors who were inside the tent.

"An explosion from our side?" A young handsome youth asked.

Looking closely, it was a face Blake, Delia, and the Principal was familiar with. It was none other than the Crowned Prince of the Qilin Empire, Jason Gale.

"Yes, Your Highness," The guard bowed as he reported.

"Come, let's go check it out," Jason walked out of the tent, accompanied by two old men.

After coming out, they took to flight, rushing in the direction of the light.

Chapter 618 - With Him, Nothing Is Impossible

Bang!

Grey and Instructor Blake were sent flying.

Reynolds' Elemental Warrior was destroyed by a single attack from the Sage Plane corpse.

Alice, Klaus, Reynolds, and Instructor Delia continued flying as Grey and Instructor Blake tried to hold back the corpse.

The trap array Grey set up was already exhausted, but it was unable to do any significant damage to the corpse. Other than slowing it down for a few seconds, it didn't amount to much.

This goes to show the strength difference between an Overlord Plane Elementalist and a Sage Plane Elementalist. Even though the corpse wasn't at the original strength of the person while alive, it was still too much for the group who were still in the Overlord Plane.

"Get back, I'll try to stop it. You are its target," Instructor Blake pushed Grey back after standing up from where they crashed.



"You don't need to take the risk alone. My previous attack should be enough to alert the troops of the empire at the border. Hopefully, they get here soon," Grey refused to leave.

Void appeared on his shoulder, sending out an attack toward the corpse.

The corpse punched out, destroying Void's attack. Snow soon started to fall around the area where they were standing. Before long, the snow started to take the shape of humans, just like a snowman.

The strength of each snowman was around the Early stages of the Overlord Plane, but there were over twenty that appeared.

Buzz!

Lightning danced across Grey and Instructor Blake's body. On Grey's body, there was red lightning, while Instructor Blake had the regular silver-colored lightning.

Surprise appeared on Instructor Blake's face, as well as that of Grey's friends since they all knew he previously had regular silver lightning.

Grey and Instructor Blake charged into the group of snowmen, quickly destroying them with their power lightning attacks.

Grey made three inscriptions as well, using them to help Void distract the corpse that was trying to get close to them.

Grey had been impressed with Void's performance so far against the Sage Plane corpse. Even though he didn't have the upper hand, he had been dodging most of its attacks, while making sure to pester it. The inscriptions made it almost impossible for the corpse to free itself from the disturbance.

The corpse raised its hand, and ice shards appeared in the sky, covering a range of around five hundred meters radius. Luckily, Instructor Delia and the others were not in this area.

Grey turned to look at Instructor Blake, and the lightning around their bodies flared up.

Buzz! Bang! Boom!

They started attacking wildly, especially Grey as soon as the ice shards started to fall in their direction.

Given the large number of the ice shards, it was impossible for Instructor Blake to dodge them. Grey was a little lucky thanks to his space element. Since they've managed to leave the area where the spatial lockdown was done, he had free access to the space element now.

Nevertheless, the duo was still hit by a few of the ice shards. Void was the only one in the area that wasn't affected by the ice shards.

Whenever the ice shards went close to him, they would vanish, before appearing behind the corpse, attacking it.

When he was in the trial land with Grey, he used the skill as well. According to what he told Grey, it was an innate skill that would transport any attack directed at him in another direction.

He rarely used this skill since it took some effort to use. It was just like when using a domain, it might be flashy and cool, but the consumption was insane.

The corpse wasn't affected by the ice shards that were striking it. Since they were its attacks, all it did was to dissolve them before they even touched him. He still had complete control and connection with each ice shard.

Outside the battleground, where Klaus and the others were standing.

"Damn! Since when did Grey have red lightning?" Klaus asked.

"Red lightning, man I'm jealous!" Reynolds exclaimed.

Unknown to him, Grey acquired the ability to use red lightning during their expedition to the Chimera Forest when he wanted the lightning tree.

"Wasn't his lightning silver?" Alice asked dumbstruck.

"Well, he had been using silver lightning all these while, guess he had been hiding it," Klaus said.

"Wait, isn't it only possible to have just one color of lightning?" Instructor Delia couldn't hold herself back from asking.

"Well, that's how it's supposed to be, but with him, nothing is impossible," Klaus remarked.

Reynolds and Alice nodded in agreement to Klaus' words. They knew all too well what he meant. Others might not know, but they knew of his freakish abilities.

As if having a second color of lightning was something major compared to being able to comprehend another element, or even upgrading the elemental grade?

So long Grey doesn't die young, then he will surely become the most powerful individual alive, and it wasn't even a contest with anyone.

They held Grey in high regard, and to be honest, they didn't feel anything other than joy in being friends with someone who is as freakish as he was. They all knew that it was all thanks to the pressure they felt from being left behind that pushed them to grow this fast.

Instructor Delia stared at the friends, almost wishing she had someone like Grey as a friend. Not just that, but the friendship between the four of them was something she rarely saw. If it were others, they would feel envy when one of them was performing so well compared to the others, but in their case, they felt nothing but joy for their friend.

She could also tell that they all believed in each other unconditionally. If Grey, Klaus, Alice, or even Reynolds told the group to follow him into hell, the others wouldn't even ask the reason and would follow him.

'This is what true friendship is,' She thought.

## Chapter 619 - Reunion Of Two Friends

Boom! Bang!

Instructor Blake crashed into a tree, but before the corpse could get to him, Grey and Void appeared in front of it and attacked, forcing it to block their attacks.

"How long do you think we can hold out?" Instructor Blake couldn't help but ask.

"I have no idea, but it shouldn't be for long," Grey replied.

For the first time in Instructor Blake's life, he was actually praying he got captured by an enemy. At least being held captive by the empire meant that he would still be alive, from how this thing was attacking, it looked like it wanted to kill him.

Instructor Blake couldn't help but sigh as he got up from the tree, after dusting himself clean, he rushed into battle once again.

By the time he joined them, Grey had already been sent flying by the corpse, while Void disappeared, appearing in another location to dodge the attack of the corpse.

'I really need to work on how fast I can teleport,' Grey thought while joining the battle once again.

Since the time of the explosion, it has been almost five minutes, but it felt like a lifetime already since the corpse was well above them in terms of strength. They hadn't even been able to put a scratch on its body, while Grey and Instructor Blake had injuries all over their bodies.

Reynolds' Elemental Warrior didn't even last up to a minute before it was extinguished. Since Reynolds wasn't the one who called it back, it was impossible to summon it in such a short time. It will take around a day or so before he could summon it again.

The only reason it was this early was that he was a high-grade summoner.

Swoosh! Bam!

Grey's inscription was destroyed by the corpse in the most overbearing way possible. It literally stretched out its hand, and when it closed its palm, the inscription shattered.

This was the first time Grey's inscriptions were destroyed in such a fashion, and he didn't know if he should be impressed or worried by the strength of the corpse.

'A Sage Plane Elementalist is truly on a league of their own compared to Overlord Plane Elementalist,' Grey thought with a shake of his head as he made another inscription.

Instructor Blake tried engaging in close combat with the corpse, and it didn't take up to two moves before he was sent flying.

Even with Void's superior abilities with the space element, just like Grey, he had been sent flying on multiple occasions by the corpse.

The group could literally be said to be fighting a losing battle. Their only hope was that the empire's troops arrived before they were killed.

They had tried retreating while the battle was on. Well, it's not on purpose since it was the corpse sending them flying in that direction, but it was still something.

With them going closer to the borders and the troops coming in their direction, it was only a matter of time.

Grey estimated it would take an Overlord Plane Elementalist at most eight minutes for them to cross the distance from the border to where they were located if they flew at top speed.

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Not too far from where Grey and Instructor Blake were fighting.

While Grey, Void, and Instructor Blake were busy fighting against a single Sage Plane corpse, things weren't any better with the Principal.

The three corpses didn't feel pain like humans, and nor do they get exhausted. He had been fighting them for over ten minutes now, and he had expended a lot of energy and effort, yet, he still hadn't been able to take one of them out.

Whenever he gets close to taking one out of the picture, another one will come over, helping it. The synergy between the corpses was on another level. The Principal felt only a few groups of people would be able to perform with the same level of cooperation.

Boom! Bang!

The Principal was pushed back by a combined attack from all three corpses.

Just when he was about to attack, he turned to look in the direction of the borders, where the war was taking place.

"Finally," He heaved a sigh of relief.

Staying close to the borders turned out to be a blessing in disguise. He thought it might've been very dangerous staying in this place since it was so close to the borders. But who would've thought that the same people they were running away from would turn out to be their helpers later on?

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On Grey's side of the battle.

Instructor Blake and Void were the first to take note of the people from the borders. It didn't take long before Grey and the others noticed them as well.

"Oh finally!" Grey almost collapsed on the ground when he noticed them.

He even almost stopped fighting right there and then.

Within a few seconds, three figures appeared in front of them. Delia and Blake noticed the one standing in the middle.

"Jason, good thing you're here, go and fight," Blake said before dashing in Jason's direction.

Jason and the Sage Plane experts by his side were dumbfounded by what they were seeing.

They could see that they were fighting against a Sage Plane Elementalist, but what surprised them was that the person they were fighting against didn't seem to be alive.

"Blake, what's going on?" Jason asked with a curious expression.

"We'll explain later, kill that thing first, well, if you can," Blake said.

"Take it down," Jason ordered the two men by his side.

The two men paused, looking at Grey and Blake suspiciously.

"Don't worry, they won't do anything to me," Jason assured.

He wasn't a weak person, and he definitely had a trump card that he could use to fend off an attack from Blake.

"Alright,"

They nodded before rushing towards the corpse.

With two people fighting against the corpse, it wouldn't take long before they would take it down.

"So, you're the one who crippled my siblings?" Jason looked at Grey curiously.

Void was already out of sight, hiding inside Grey's storage ring.

Chapter 620 - A Famous Expert From Three Hundred Years Ago

"If you put it that way, yeah," Grey replied straightforwardly.

"You also threatened to cripple all of us," Jason added.

"All on the premise that he persists in his needless chase," Grey responded, his expression was the same, calm and collected.

Jason looked at him, a little taken aback by his coolheadedness even when facing him.

Klaus and the others approached the trio, all staring vigilantly at Jason. Alice in particular had an extremely furious expression, recalling how the Fifth Prince almost married her sister.

"It's been a while, how have you been?" Jason paid no heed to the stares he got from the youngsters as he turned to Delia with a warm smile.

"I've been alright," Delia replied while moving to Blake's side.



"We're not enemies, it's only a misunderstanding that will be settled shortly. If you four had come with the people sent over to the Capital in the first place, none of this would've happened," Jason turned to the youngsters who were staring at him disapprovingly.

"Given how those people came for us, I don't think the Emperor is quite welcoming towards us. From what I've heard recently, he's even trying to extract our cores," Klaus said coldly.

"All false, we only want to know whose side you're on. We have no interest in what you obtained, it's your fortuitous encounter anyway. If it was meant for someone else, then you four wouldn't have obtained it," Jason said gently.

His voice was soothing to hear, and the group almost dropped their guard against him.

'He has a way with words,' Grey thought internally as he decided to shut out whatever Jason was saying.

"I apologize for the way my father handled things, it must have startled you four," Jason continued speaking after a moment of silence.

"Enough, Jason, stop sugarcoating the Emperor's selfish desire," Blake injected before Jason could continue speaking.

He knew this friend of his. Jason was a cunning person who could easily deceive people that something was blue when everyone could clearly see that it was white.

Jason's way with words has been something he had since young, this made him the Emperor's favorite son, and also stamped his place as the Crowned Prince. It's common knowledge that even the Second Prince who was also fighting for the throne knew he stood little chance of winning against this blessed brother of his.

Jason stopped speaking and smiled in response to Blake's words.

He soon turned his attention to the battle that was ongoing.

"Hmm, what is that thing?" He finally asked.

"A corpse," Everyone replied simultaneously.

Jason gazed at them, almost wanting to scream 'Of course I know it's a corpse!'.

"What I mean is, how is it operating?" He rephrased his question.

"We're just as clueless as you are," Blake replied with a shake of his head.

His expression showed great curiosity. Jason didn't doubt him since this was the first time he was seeing or even hearing of a corpse being able to fight.

"Fascinating," He muttered as he looked at the corpse that was being suppressed by the two men who came with him.

Blake and the others exchanged glances, there was no way to were going to tell Jason about necromancers.

It didn't take long before the corpse was completely suppressed by the duo fighting against it. One of the men was a Fire Elementalist, while the other was a Lightning Elementalist. Individually, they could take down the corpse, together, it didn't even last three minutes before it was unable to move.

Both men returned with knitted brows.

Jason couldn't help but ask, "What's the matter?"

"That thing looks exactly like a famous expert who died three hundred years ago," The Fire Elementalist replied.

"It doesn't just look like him, it can also use his signature moves. I managed to trade blows with this person once, and I'm certain that thing is him. The strength might be a little lacking compared to when he was alive, but at least ninety percent sure that he's the same as this thing," The Lightning Elementalist said.

When Jason heard of this, he gasped in surprise. If this was a powerful expert who died three hundred years ago, how was he revived?

They were still in the middle of trying to figure out how it was possible when an explosion caught their attention.

Boom!

The Principal's figure retreated quickly as three corpses chased after him.

He was currently in a sorry state, and his previous appearance had been destroyed by the continuous attacks of the corpses.

Jason and the two men were stunned when they saw three more corpses. The two Sage Plane experts were particularly speechless as their bodies trembled.

Grey and the others noticed their reaction, and they were able to deduce that they might have some kind of relationship with one of the corpses.

"Mas... master," The Fire Elementalist called out with a croaked voice.

"I'll kill you!" The Lightning Elementalist's reaction was different from that of the Fire Elementalist.

Contrary to the pained expression on the face of the Fire Elementalist, he was completely overwhelmed with anger. Lightning even started to dance around his body.

Grey and the others retreated from the area, not wanting to get entangled in the brawl of an enraged Sage Plane expert.

The Fire Elementalist charged towards one of the corpses, while the Lightning Elementalist went after another.

The Lightning Elementalist drew a brilliant arc in the sky as he flew straight at the corpse.

Crackle! Bang!

A large lightning bolt struck the corpse from the sky, sending it straight to the ground.

Buzz! Boom!

The Lightning Elementalist attacked with a ball of lightning which exploded as it made contact with the corpse. Small lightning snakes exploded out of the lightning ball as they wrapped around the body of the corpse.

The corpse was still in the middle of chasing after the Principal, so it never saw the Lightning Elementalist's attack coming until it was too late.

One has to know that even for a Sage Plane Elementalist, if ambushed by someone of the same Plane, the chances of being killed were extremely high, especially since the corpse had no consciousness, so it couldn't react accordingly to the situation.