

Affinity 651

Chapter 651 - A New Beginning

Time went by in the blink of an eye and one month went by.

Alice and Reynolds were still not back yet, while Blake accompanied Delia to her family.

A change could be felt across the entire continent, and even the normal citizens could sense it as well. They were entering a new time, and today was the start of it.

This was the day the new Emperor of the entire Azure Continent was going to be crowned, and it was none other than the Second Prince old man Gerald brought over to see Chris the day after the great battle.

Old man Gerald was a decisive person, so after getting approval from Chris, he immediately started to arrange for the coronation of the Second Prince. He traveled to the Azure, Stellar, and Blue Wind Empires to speak with the Princes there. Even though he could forcibly unify the entire continent, he didn't want to do it that way.

The Second Prince accompanied him on the journey to speak with the other Princes. Initially, the Second Prince brought the idea that in each generation, an Emperor would be chosen from one of the Royal families of the four empires. But old man Gerald rebutted the idea, the reason was simple, it would cause conflict.

They might agree to it now and things might go smoothly, but there is bound to be conflict in the future between the families. Power is an intoxicating thing, once one gets the feeling of it, they wouldn't want to lose it.

Old man Gerald placed all the Princes from the other empires in a counsel. Each of the Crown Prince would be in charge of governing their empire just like before, but the Qilin Empire was the ruler and reports must be given to them.

Since it was a new beginning, the name of the continent was changed. It was no longer called the Azure Continent, instead, it was called the Novus Continent. The name was taken from the leading empire which had changed names from the Qilin Empire to Novus Empire which meant 'New'.

Chris and the others were all invited to the special occasion. Chris originally rejected the invitation, but Oliver was adamant they went there because they were the reasons the other empires weren't fighting against the Second Prince and peacefully letting him ascend the throne. Especially Chris since he was publicly recognized as the strongest person on the continent.

Blake and Delia would be coming there as well. Then there's also Alice and her family. Reynolds said he might be coming with his family as well.

When they got to the Arena at the Capital, it was already jam-packed, but the second they were recognized, they attracted all the attention in the arena to themselves. They were all famous individuals, so it was natural that they were easily recognized.

Klaus wore a lofty expression betraying the indifferent look the others wore. Old man Gerald welcomed them, directing them to their special seats.

After a few minutes, the event started. The families of Alice, Reynolds, and even Delia were specially recognized. They were given positions at the top, and even the new Emperor had to respect them.

Alice's family was big, so even though they were overwhelmed by their new status, they managed to control it. Reynolds' family which consisted of only three individuals, were shaken.

This was their first time coming to the Capital, yet they were treated with such respect.

When the event ended, old man Gerald announced that he was officially the new leader of the Lenz organization. He was part of the family, so being given the position of leader was not a surprise.

It was as if being friends with Chris and Grey was starting to bring its benefits.

Reynolds moved his family to the Capital, so he spent a little longer before he returned to the group. Alice's family didn't move since they were already used to living in Frost City. The same went for Delia's family as well.

Chris had been teaching Grey all he knew, increasing Grey's knowledge of arrays. His inscriptions were upgraded to a new form. Now, he could place an attack inside a talisman. It was like getting an already prepared attack.

Chris gave tons of stored attacks to Klaus. He knew his nephew's personality, and he would definitely need this. The thought of visiting the Aurora Continent came to him, but he couldn't leave Oliver in this state. The old man was the most powerful person he had seen, and he was certain that if anyone could help his friend, it was none other than the old man.

Blake and Delia would be coming with him as well, only Grey and his friends would be going to the Aurora Continent on their own. Since Grey had gone there before, he knew how to survive there.

Klaus had broken through to the Sixth stage of the Overlord Plane while they had been in the valley. The same as Grey, he broke through a week earlier than Grey did. Reynolds had broken through to the Third stage of the Overlord Plane while Alice had gotten to the Third stage, on her way to breaking through to the Fourth stage.

Reynolds was the one with the weakest cultivation stage individually, but they all knew other than Grey, none of the others could fight against him because of his Elemental Warrior.

On this particular day.

Grey and Klaus were sparring under the watch of Chris and the others.

Klaus' abilities with ice had gone to another level, even Grey had to be watchful of it.

Their battle was intense, but Grey was victorious in the end.

Seeing Grey use the space element, Chris squinted his eyes.

'Hmm, so this is his secret. I wonder how his friends would react if they found out. He must've told them by now,' He thought to himself.

There was no way he didn't understand what was happening. When Grey took the first test, he was present, and now, Grey suddenly got two more elements. Of course, he knew it must be the result of a rare treasure.

Chapter 652 - Too Peaceful?

"I'm bored," Klaus said while sitting on the throne Void stole and swinging his legs around.

He even wore one of the crowns as well.

Grey was by the side busy writing down some things he had learned from the time he had been with his Teacher on a piece of paper, he raised his head to look at Klaus before focusing on what he was doing again.

"Me too, let's go out," Void said laying on the armrest of the throne.

"Even if we go out, I'm already too famous. I don't want to be disturbed by my fans," Klaus said with a sigh.

Grey snickered when he heard this. He didn't believe with Klaus' personality he would want to stay hidden if he were famous. Klaus would go around flaunting himself, he might even take an announcer with him that would announce his arrival before he got to any place.

"Isn't there a place we can visit?" Void asked with a secret smile to Klaus.

Before Klaus could reply.

"You two are not going out to steal anything. The Principal has already warned you two after the last time. If you even take a step out, I'll ask Alice to beat you up," Grey warned.

Some days before the coronation, Klaus and Void vanished from the valley. Grey was training so he didn't take note of their disappearance.

They went out to have 'fun' and on the way, a young man offended Klaus. This person was from a family that can't really be regarded as a top family, but since they had six Overlord Plane Elementalists, they were respected around the area.

Klaus was naturally irritated by him and he went with Void to 'borrow' the family's greatest treasure and flaunted it in front of the young man while standing at the gate to the young man's family compound. The young man accused Klaus of theft and called for the guards to take him down. Who knew the guards were only in the Early stages of the Origin Plane.

Klaus went easy on them, only freezing them. He didn't kill them, but the scene sent a chill down the spines of the young man and the other guards.

Those watching were excited because this particular young man had been oppressing a few people due to his status.

Klaus mocked the young man and he went ahead to call the big guns. When Klaus saw the people he called out, he laughed out loud, almost falling to the ground.

The strongest person in this family was actually in the Fourth stage of the Overlord Plane. At the time Klaus was in the Second stage of the Overlord Plane, he could take on someone in the Fourth stage, much less now that he was in the Fifth stage.

He smacked the old man straight back into the compound, shocking the entire family. It was at this moment that they knew they messed up and they couldn't help but glare daggers at the young man.

Klaus went a little further by leisurely walking into the family compound and summoning the elders of the family to give them some advice.

While he was in the middle of punishing the young man, Blake who went to the city to get something for Chris heard the news and rushed there immediately. On seeing the state of the compound, he glared at

Klaus who chuckled awkwardly. Even though he knew Klaus wasn't at fault since the young man was the one who instigated the matter, he felt Klaus went a tad too far. He apologized to the elders of the family before dragging Klaus with him.

On their way out, he recalled that Klaus took something from the family, and forced him to return it. What he found amusing was that these people didn't even dare to ask for it when they were leaving. Had he not remembered it, they would've lost it forever.

He reported the matter to the Principal and Chris when he returned. Klaus and Void were reprimanded strongly.

However, Grey felt the story must be missing a few vital details. First of all, given how their faces were on countless posters across the empire for a long time, there was basically almost no one who didn't know about them. How the hell did this particular young man didn't recognize Klaus?

Besides, this was Lunar City, the place he had been living for a long time before they left just over a year ago.

"Hmph!" Klaus snorted at Grey's words before picking up a blade of grass from the ground.

He flicked the blade of grass in Grey's direction, and Grey set up a defensive wall in front of him, however, he was stunned when the blade of grass cleanly passed through his earthen wall. One has to know that the defensive ability of this wall had gotten to another level. Yet, this simple blade of grass Klaus threw his way passed through it so easily.

He stretched out his hand quickly, and after enforcing his hands with all seven elements, he caught the blade of grass. The blade of grass had turned into a piece of solid thin ice that had terrifying penetrative power.

Grey was a little taken aback by how powerful Klaus' ice abilities were. If he were to fight against him using only the ice ability of the water element, then Klaus would definitely have the advantage.

"When are we leaving?" Klaus asked still swinging his legs around.

"I have no idea. We'll have to wait till Teacher and the Principal are about to leave," Grey replied while breaking the blade of grass that had turned to ice.

"I miss the days we were being chased," Klaus' statement stunned Grey.

Who would miss something like that?

Alice walked in when Klaus said this and almost had the urge to beat him up.

"Why don't we spare since you're so bored?" She asked with a warm smile.

"No, I still have burn marks from the last time. Go find someone else you want to beat up," Klaus immediately rejected the idea.

Grey laughed when he recalled Klaus' pitiful appearance after his sparring session with Alice. Although if it was a true battle he would defeat her, since they were only trying out the mastery of their elements, she managed to strike him twice with lightning.

Klaus' hair stood straight for almost the entire day.

Chapter 653 - Food Delivery

Grey was the one who later agreed to spar with Alice. He wanted to try out a new method of his inscriptions, and it would be best while battling.

Buzz! Crash!

A lightning bolt struck in Grey's direction, but he didn't even glance at it. Just as the lightning bolt was about to touch, a black inscription lit up in front of him, and the lightning bolt disappeared into it.

Bang!

Alice was lucky she moved away from the spot hastily, else she would've been struck with her own attack.

"This..." Alice wanted to complain, but she was just short of words.

Grey just sent her attack back at her, and the distance between when the attack came was so close that if Grey hadn't told her of this before they started the sparring session, she would've been caught off-guard by it.

This is just like Void's ability. Unfortunately, it also has its limitations. If the person attacking was around Blake's level, then he would have difficulties returning the attack. At most, he can use it to reduce the strength of the attack, but the inscription would fall apart soon after.

Klaus who was by the side complained about the overwhelming advantage of the space element.

"Why is there even such an element?" He complained while looking at Grey and Void.

He has never faced a Space Elementalist, and after watching what Grey and Void were doing to their enemies, he didn't want to. The space element was like the king of all elements. At first, he thought it was only for escaping and dodging attacks, but when he saw what Void did with it against that Peak Overlord Plane Elementalist, he had a change of heart.

He had already concluded that if he were fighting against a Space Elementalist he would immediately surrender. If it were a life and death battle, he would negotiate with the person.

Alice continued helping Grey out, and after being unlucky and being struck by her attack, she gave up. Klaus burst out laughing when he saw Alice's appearance was almost exactly the same as his own.

Alice smiled irritably before looking at Grey with a mischievous smile. She sent a lightning bolt at Grey, and it disappeared.

Bang!

"Ah! Damn you Grey!" Klaus yelled after being struck by the lightning Alice sent out.

How could he not know that this was to get back at him for laughing at Alice?

The group continued hanging out leisurely in the valley as they enjoyed their rare moment of peace. Klaus was keeping the group entertained with his stories. Grey was the group's chef, understandably.

Chris was taking advantage of the times he hadn't been able to eat anything. He was chunking down whatever Grey brought his way. And seeing this, Grey didn't know between his Teacher and Void who ate more.

Of the entire group, Void was the only one who seemed to come close to his Teacher when it came to eating.

One day, Chris walked up to Grey.

"I just had a brilliant idea. If this works, I wouldn't need to worry about food again in that hellish place," Chris chuckled in pleasure.

"Oh, what's that Teacher?" Grey inquired.

"We'll make something like a small-scale teleportation array, but it will be used only for bringing food to me. Give me that paper you used in making the teleportation array," Chris said, a tinge of excitement could be heard in his voice.

Grey did as ordered, and after Chris went through it multiple times, he brought out a plaque. He drew a few lines on it before working with Grey to infuse the space element into it. Although he was the one making the array, without a Space Elementalist's help, there was no way he could get access to the space element. Without the space element, the array was useless.

After he completed it, he brought out another plaque and they did the same thing. They immediately tried it, and it was just as Chris said, Grey could teleport food to anywhere the other plaque was located.

'He truly is my Teacher,' Grey thought internally.

The fact that all it took was a single try for Chris to make the teleportation array shocked him. He knew his knowledge of arrays wasn't on the same level as his Teacher, but this showed how far apart they were.

They concluded with that, and time went by.

A week later, Reynolds arrived after settling his parents down in the Capital City. Old man Gerald promised to take extra care of them, so he wasn't too worried about them. With the influence old man Gerald had amassed thanks to Chris, he didn't have anything to fear about.

The new Emperor of the Continent was also taking care of his family as well, and this was more than what he asked for. He couldn't help but think about the time he thought of actually working for the empire, it seemed like a long time ago, but it hasn't even been up to two years and now the Emperor of the continent was taking special care of his family that without him, the others couldn't even be considered as Elementalists.

With everyone complete, it was finally time for them to go their separate ways. Chris still had to take Oliver to get help from the old man training him, while Blake opted to stay by Oliver's side. Delia naturally did the same, so he would be taking them with him as well.

They followed the group to the edge of the Magical Beasts' forest.

"I made a few more talismans for you," Chris gave Klaus over fifty talismans that contained one all-out attack each from him. He even made one that was filled with the light element to help boost his speed so he could escape.

"I'll come search for you all after some time," He said to Grey before turning around with his group.

Grey's lips twitched but he didn't say anything. His Teacher didn't even give him any form of protection, giving everything to Klaus.

Who was his student again?

"Come on, let's go," Grey led the group into the forest.

Chapter 654 - A Familiar Tactic

"We should explore the place before leaving, this is my first time here and from what I've heard, there are treasures here." Klaus suggested.

Grey looked at the others to see if they approved of it, seeing that no one objected to it, and he agreed as well. But he didn't forget to warn, "This place is not as easy as it seems. Even Teacher wouldn't carelessly go too deep inside."

The others nodded. He was the only one who had come this deep, so they knew he had some sort of knowledge about the place.

With everyone's approval, they walked into the forest. They restrained their stages and it was difficult for those in a lower stage to know their level.

On the way, they saw some people, but they didn't cross each other's paths, each taking a different road. In here, everyone was afraid of being attacked for treasures.

Grey and his friends were probably the only group who were taking this like a stroll. Before long, they got to a place that was a little familiar to Grey, and he was a little taken aback when he saw someone standing outside the cave.

His lips curved into a smile.

'It's just like before, tricking people in and then killing them.' He said to himself while looking at a young man that was standing outside, trying to get into a group that wanted to get into the cave.

This was the same cave that he entered when he was trying to search for a cure for Void. When an old man was using people for sacrifices, using them to improve his cultivation. Grey was only in the Origin Plane at that time, and the old man was in the Overlord Plane. He was lucky to escape thanks to the space element.

Now, it seemed like the old man was trying to swindle people again.

"Restrain your cultivation to the Origin Plane. We'll head in there in as a group." Grey said to the others.

They nodded their heads and reduced their levels. The people here weren't stronger than any of them, so it was impossible for them to figure out that they weren't in the Origin Plane.

Outside the cave, there were four groups, and two of them had an Overlord Plane Elementalist. When they saw Grey's group coming in their direction one of them smirked when he realized they were only in the Mid stages of the Overlord Plane.

"Kids trying to get themselves killed." A scrawny middle-aged man said while licking his lips as he saw Alice.

Alice stared at him and grunted coldly.

Her reaction made the man and his group all laugh out loud. They could already see these kids losing their lives in the cave.

Just like before, the cave was sealed, and they were all waiting for it to open up. Grey and his friends sat some distance away from the cave.

The others were curious as to why Grey said they should come here. He didn't tell them his reason for telling them to come here, but they could tell that he knew something they didn't.

The scrawny middle-aged man approached them with a lewd smile.

"Little girl, why don't you come with us. Those kids can't protect you." He said while looking at Grey and the boys with contempt.

Alice didn't even look at the man. She pretended as if the man didn't exist.

Klaus on the other hand smiled before replying, "Protect yourself first. I don't think you..."

Grey placed his hand on Klaus' leg and tapped him. He knew Klaus was about to start cussing at the man.

Grey didn't want the old man to find out their strength. If the old man knew that they were powerful, he might run away.

"Looks like one of you is sensible. Little girl, I'll leave you with them for now, but once we get into that cave, you will come begging for our protection." The man laughed before going back to where his group was standing.

"Why didn't you let me teach him a thing or two?" Klaus asked.

"We're hiding our strength remember? There's an evil person here that I want dead. He almost killed me the last time I came here, and he's using a vile method to improve his strength. I might not be a saint, but this man in particular, I don't like him." Grey whispered to the others.

He remembered how he had to run. If not for sensibly using the time the man was killing the others to enter the Fusion State, then even with the space element, he would've been in a perilous predicament.

Klaus and the others finally understood what was happening.

"So you wanted revenge, why didn't you say so?" Klaus slapped Grey on the shoulder lightly.

"No, I want to remove a vile person from the world." Grey shook his head.

"I understand, since we accidentally encountered this man again, you recalled your previous defeat. I like that, run while you're weak then come back when you're stronger and shove it in the face of the person who bullied you." Klaus said.

Grey's lips twitched, he truly didn't come here for revenge. However, he knew there was no way he could explain it to the others. No matter how he tried to explain, Klaus and Reynolds said he was a vengeful person.

After a few minutes, he finally gave up and let them think whatever they wanted to. Alice and Void laughed at his plight. They knew Klaus and Reynolds were purposely doing this to irk off Grey.

Three hours went by before the seal on the door gradually weakened. At this time, two more groups had arrived as well. By the time the seal broke, two people arrived. Altogether, there were around forty-eight people.

The two groups with the Overlord Plane Elementalists were the first to go inside. Before the group the scrawny middle-aged belonged to entered, he turned to wink at Alice.

"Can I beat him up later?" Alice asked with a smile.

"Sure, but you'll have to pray he survives till our destination." Grey said with a smile before walking in with the others.

Chapter 655 - A Familiar Tactic II

They entered the cave, and after walking inside, they soon got to an intersection. This was all too familiar, and followed the path five more groups followed.

They didn't walk far before they heard the scream of a person. It was clear that he was suffering from unimaginable pain.

Grey shook his head before spreading out his spiritual senses. He noticed the array in the cave easily, unlike the last time. After looking at it, he realized that he could tamper with it and the old man wouldn't even be able to realize it.

He decided to slightly delay the activation of the traps. This way, the people would get to figure out that an attack was coming.

He didn't want people to die when he could easily kill the old man. Naturally people would die anyway, but he wanted to reduce it as much as possible. After all, everyone here had a family, even those who didn't might have someone waiting for them.

After tampering with the array, he didn't bother with this group any longer and picked a path randomly. They walked ahead and he was the one who was leading them. He would occasionally activate an array, but he would easily destroy the attack. Before long, they had almost gotten to the end of the cave. Due to the delay in the attacks, over seventy percent of the people present made it to the end.

This shocked the old man greatly. He couldn't help but look around in a confusing manner. If the people he followed got here he could attribute it to the Overlord Plane Elementalists in their ranks, but even Grey and his friends who were in the Mid stages of the Origin Plane still managed to get there unscathed.

He snorted coldly before a sly grin appeared on his face. To him, either way, all of them would die. It didn't change a thing.

The two Overlord Plane Elementalists stared at each other and acted at the same time, each trying to first the other collect the floating orb.

Grey sat down to watch the show.

The scrawny man rushed towards them when he found out they managed to get here successfully.

"I'm impressed you four got here successfully, now hand over the treasures you acquired on the way." He stretched out his hand in a demanding way.

Grey raised both hands to show that he had nothing with him. The others did the same. The few things they saw when coming didn't really interest them, but they couldn't let free things go to waste.

They cleaned the place, keeping everything in their spatial ring. Since these people knew nothing of the space element, there was nothing they could do to them.

"I forgot, since you all made it here, then you were all trying to survive, how could you get the time to take anything?" The man mocked.

"Hey," Klaus called to draw the attention of the man.

The man naturally turned to look at him.

Klaus put on a questioning look before asking, "Aren't you a little too old for all this. I mean, you should be around eighty, or even ninety, yet you're here fooling yourself."

"You..."

"Keep quiet, I'm not done talking yet. Look at you, if you were my son, I'd send you back to hell where you came from the second I see your face. Then, what's with that face? If I didn't know, I would've thought you were a monkey masquerading as a person. But calling you in the same breath as a monkey seems like an insult." Klaus went on, and the man had his mouth wide open, unable to retort.

Klaus' words were like a knife that dug deep into the heart of the man.

The man wanted to speak, but nothing came out of his mouth.

"Now, that right there is a violation." Reynolds said before bursting into laughter.

Grey chuckled to his words. Alice covered her mouth, while Klaus also burst out laughing.

The man stood there, his expression despondent.

"You can go back now, your mom is calling." Klaus said when the man couldn't speak.

To their greatest surprise, the man actually turned around, and truthfully, someone was calling him, but it was a man.

His face contorted in anger before he angrily turned around.

He was just about to attack when a change occurred in the cave.

The two Overlord Plane Elementalists who were fighting suddenly started to struggle as if they were held by an invisible hand. When everyone looked below them, they saw the man who looked harmless merging with the orb.

"Hehehe, I have a bountiful harvest this time. I'll finally be able to break through to the Sage Plane." He laughed evilly as he completely merged with the orb.

His cultivation shot up to the Peak of the Overlord Plane. But Grey and the others knew his strength was well above those at the Peak of the Overlord Plane.

Grey studied the man before nodding his head. It was just as he thought, the man changed. His body blinked occasionally before turning corporal.

This was the reason Grey didn't try to kill him when he saw them outside. There was something strange about what he did, so the body outside couldn't really be said to be his true body. Grey didn't understand how it worked, but he felt slightly intrigued by it.

The two Overlord Plane Elementalists' expressions changed drastically when they saw this.

"You tricked us?" One of them said angrily.

"Hehe, keep quiet and die." The man chuckled coldly.

The two Overlord Plane Elementalists naturally wouldn't give up that easily. They managed to break free from what was holding them and attacked.

"Futile effort." The man said before waving his hands and blood red water appeared, blocking the attacks.

"Are there still special types of water?" Reynolds asked curiously.

"I don't know." Grey and the others shook their heads.

"Is that the person you want to kill?" Alice asked.

"Yes. He'll use a technique to drain the life of everyone here. But he'll want to deal with those two first." Grey nodded.

"Should we save them?" Alice asked.

"Not yet, let's watch for now." Grey smiled.

When the scrawny man overheard their conversation, he rolled his eyes.

Chapter 656 - The Deeper We Go, The Stronger They Get

The two Overlord Plane Elementalists were unable to put up much of a fight against the old man.

At this rate, they would die in a short time.

Grey looked at it and felt it was time for them to step in.

"Void, he's all yours." He said to Void.

Void was the only one at the Peak of the Overlord Plane amongst them, so he naturally had to be the one who would take out this old man. Grey might be able to defeat him, but he didn't feel a hundred percent confident without using the Fusion State. After all, he was still in the Sixth stage of the Overlord Plane and this man in particular seems to be above the regular Peak Overlord Plane Elementalists.

Void nodded and disappeared. This man wasn't a big deal for him to handle. He appeared beside the man, and before the man even realized what was happening, he sensed a deadly attack coming from all angles.

He tried to escape, but to his dismay, he was unable to move an inch.

The scrawny man who was standing beside Grey and his friends was taken aback when he saw this. He overheard Grey telling Void to take care of this, so seeing that the man had a panicky expression, he could tell that he was in trouble.

'They're only in the Origin Plane, how can they deal with this man?' He questioned himself.

Unfortunately, he was unable to get an answer. He saw something that scared the living daylight out of him. The man who they thought would kill all of them started to disintegrate. It was a fast process, and within thirty seconds, a complete human disappeared from the world.

It was so simple that they didn't even understand what happened. All they knew was that the man disappeared piece by piece. As if something was destroying him.

The scrawny man looked at Grey and his friends, and cold sweat ran down his spine. He wasn't stupid, so he knew this was as a result of them.

How did he summon the courage to mock these people? The truth was, if not for Alice, he wouldn't even give them a glance. But when he saw her, he wanted to take her for himself, so he approached them. Now, he had offended people he shouldn't.

Without even thinking, he fell to his knees.

When the others in the place saw him, they were surprised that he would kneel in front of these little kids.

"Is he that desperate?" A lady from the group the scrawny man belonged to asked, staring at the man with disdain.

He dropped his head to the ground in front of Alice and instantly started apologizing.

Seeing this, Alice furrowed her brows.

"You've ruined all the fun, get out of my sight." She said annoyed.

Since the man apologized this quickly, beating him up wouldn't be any fun. It would feel like she was only bullying him. And unlike Klaus and Reynolds, she wasn't that shameless.

Grey smiled when he saw this. He knew from the second the man got on his knees, Alice would let him go.

He squinted his eyes and looked at the man, after a thought, he shook his head. He couldn't kill the man. Of course it's not that it was hard, but it's because there were countless people like him. Should he go around killing all of them?

The main reason he let the man go was because he didn't try to attack them from the start, only demanding their treasure. It was unknown if the man would've tried to use force if not for what happened, but since they didn't know, there was no use in bothering about it.

Other than the scrawny man, no one else knew that the death of the man was as a result of Grey and his friends.

The two Overlord Plane Elementalist looked around, trying to find who killed the man, but they were unable to. They each returned to their group and hurriedly left the cave.

They almost lost their lives, so although they had calmed down, they didn't want to stay here any longer.

Grey and his friends left as well. Since the man was dead, there was nothing left to do there.

After coming out, they went deeper into the Magical Beasts' forest. Grey was unable to head this deep the last time because he was too weak at that time, but now, as long as he didn't encounter a Rank Six magical beast, he had nothing to fear.

He suddenly recalled the state Ellis was in when he tried to find the liquid he wanted to use to heal Void. Ellis was already in the Sage Plane at that time, but he too found it difficult to move freely here.

'What secrets does this place hold?' He asked himself.

If even with Ellis' strength he couldn't move freely and he even went as far as to warn Grey, this meant there are most likely beasts in the Seventh Rank here. Just the thought of it sent goosebumps across his entire body.

That was equivalent to an Elemental Sovereign. He couldn't even contest against a Sage Plane Elementalist yet, much less an Elemental Sovereign that's above the Sage Plane.

"I heard there are Dragons deep in the Magical Beasts' forest." Reynolds suddenly brought up the topic of Dragons.

"Yeah, so I heard." The others nodded.

"Is there a chance we can run into one?" Reynolds asked curiously.

"It's best we don't. From what I know, the deeper we go into this forest, the stronger the magical beasts. Don't think you'll encounter Rank Four beasts there. Very soon, you'll start meeting Rank Five beasts, and if we're unlucky, we might even meet a Rank Six beast in this area." The last thing on Grey's head right now is meeting a Rank Six beast.

There was no way he could fight against it. He didn't even have the slightest bit of hope in going up against it. So it was for the best that they didn't encounter one.

Chapter 657 - Such An Overpowered Element Shouldn't Exist!

The group wandered further into the Magical Beasts' forest, and just as they predicted, the beasts they encountered started getting stronger.

Now, they only encountered Rank Five beasts. Since most of the beasts were still in the Early stages, it was extremely easy for the group to deal with them. Alice was the main figure fighting against them.

Since she had the weakest power amongst them, she sorted to fight more. Reynolds also joined her since he didn't want to solely rely on his Elemental Warrior.

His personal strength was not bad when compared to others in the same stage. If he was even placed in the Aurora Continent, he wouldn't be below most of the people in his stage.

His Elemental Warrior made people forget he was still in the Early stages of the Overlord Plane.

They've also gotten some things on the way. This was the Magical Beasts' forest after all, a place littered with treasures. As long as one had a little bit of luck and sufficient strength, then they would certainly take back a treasure or two.

After spending almost a day in the forest, they had gotten to the part where the beasts were in the Mid stages of the Fifth Rank.

The battles got a little more difficult, but Alice enjoyed it even more due to the pressure she was facing. Of course she wasn't really in any danger since Grey and Klaus were there. Even Void was there as well, so there was nothing to worry about.

She fought ferociously, but also made sure she didn't sustain any injuries. She might be aware that Grey and the others could save her, but it didn't mean she should forget defending.

Reynolds was also having a difficult time with his opponents, but he didn't back down. Just like Alice, he fought violently. If people were to see them fighting, they would be confused as to who was the beast and who was the human.

They fought like savage beasts, even though they were under pressure, they didn't back down.

Grey and Klaus were watching the battles as they munched on the piece of meat on their hand.

"Nice move! Now kick it in the head!" Klaus exclaimed. After talking, he used his mouth to hold onto the piece of meat before he started clapping.

If Reynolds wasn't fighting a serious battle, he would've left the beast and attacked Klaus.

The battle was long, but Alice and Reynolds won in the end. It was expected given they were more calculative than the beasts.

All they did was bait the beast, and when it thought it had the advantage, they unleashed a ferocious counter.

The beast seemed to be a couple, so their cooperation was quite high. But Alice and Reynolds had better cooperation, and since the beasts were wary of Grey and Klaus, they didn't use their full strength.

"Such a nice battle. But Reynolds, I feel you're a little lacking. You should've kicked the head of the beast when I told you to, that would've sent it running." Klaus gave his analysis of the battle with his hands behind his back.

Alice and Reynolds were still panting from the fight, so they didn't attack him immediately. However, after they recovered, Klaus ran away.

They were unable to catch up to him, so all they could do was grit their teeth and wait for his turn to battle. Their journey here could also be said to be a form of training.

Going to a new place, the others felt a little pressured. Grey had told them how those in the Overlord Plane were around eighteen. And most of them were more powerful than their counterparts in the Azure Continent.

The group wanted to boost their strength as much as they could before going there, especially Alice. Unlike Reynolds, she didn't have an Elemental Warrior, so surprisingly, from being the strongest in the group while they were still at the Arcane Plane, she had fallen to the weakest.

She was already close to the Fourth stage of the Overlord Plane, and she felt it would be for the best if she managed to attain it before they left.

They camped in the woods since it was already dark.

The next day soon came and they started their training once again. Alice tried to fight against a beast that was already on the verge of breaking through to the Late stages of the Fifth Rank, and when ultimately lost. The battle was hard fought, but the beast had the advantage from the start.

The group encouraged her, after all, it wasn't an easy feat. She was still in the Early stages of the Overlord Plane, yet she wanted to go against a beast almost in the Late stages.

After that battle, the beasts they encountered were either in the Late stages or were about to enter. Klaus finally started his training.

His use of the water element had reached a frightening stage that Grey was sure he hadn't seen anyone that had a better mastery than Klaus in the same stage.

The group walked deeper, and the beasts got stronger. Klaus fought against a beast that should be around the Eighth stage of the Overlord Plane and won. One has to know that he was in the Sixth stage.

Once a beast or an Elementalist breaks through to the Late stages, their strengths increases. It's not like the increase from one stage to another, but a different one entirely. For Klaus to still win when two stages below showed his competence.

Grey had also joined in on the battle, but due to the space element, his own couldn't really be called a battle, more like a one-sided fight.

Before the beasts could figure out what was happening, they were already dead. Klaus couldn't help but look at Grey's disappearing and appearing silhouettes in envy. He naturally didn't feel it in a bad way, more like if only I had this as well. Or better still, such an overpowered element shouldn't exist in the first place!

Chapter 658 - Goodbye Azure Continent, Hello Aurora Continent

The group continued their journey deeper into the Magical Beasts' forest, and before long, the beasts they encountered were almost at the Peak of Rank Five. They naturally didn't dare to go any further since it would mean that they would soon leave the region for Rank Five beasts and enter the one for Rank Six beasts.

Even in this place, there is the possibility of encountering a Rank Six beast since it isn't that far. One thing that made the group less worried is that even the Rank Five beasts rarely come out from their caves. They all preferred staying inside. Other than the appearance of a treasure, most of them might not come out for months or even years.

The group stayed in the Magical Beasts' forest for over a week before they decided it was time to head to where the teleportation array resided.

Alice had broken through to the Fourth stage of the Overlord Plane before they were leaving, so their journey wasn't wasted.

When the group got to the building, they were quite surprised, not expecting such a building to be in this place. Who would have the time to build a mansion in the Magical Beasts' forest?

"The teleportation array is inside." Grey said to the group while they were still staring at the building.

They nodded before following Grey into the building. Klaus and Reynolds looked around curiously, trying to see if they could find anything that might be of importance. Unfortunately, there was nothing in that building, not even chairs.

"Is this the only way to get to the Aurora Continent?" Alice asked.

"This is the only one I know of. Since this one is here, there's a high chance that there is another one somewhere." Grey replied after giving it some thoughts.

Alice nodded in understanding.

They didn't waste any more time, all standing in the teleportation array. Grey set the essence stones in their positions and the array soon lit up.

"Goodbye Azure Continent." Klaus waved as if there was someone there sending them off.

Somewhere in the previous Azure Empire, deep in a forest.

Some figures could be seen in a compound, rushing towards a small room.

They soon got into the room, staring at the figure sitting behind the table.

"What is it?" The figure sitting behind the table in the room asked.

"The boy is no longer within range." One of the figures said.

"Does that mean he has gone to an independent space?" The figure asked.

"I don't think so Supreme One, you should also know of the main continent. If he were to go there, then there's no way we can track him there." The figure replied with heads bowed.

"There are powerful necromancers there, they will certainly sense the mark. Unlike before, I made sure to place a new mark on his body while we forced them out of the spatial tunnel." The figure regarded as the Supreme One said.

Compared to human necromancers, these guys didn't need to use their lives in exchange for placing a mark. They could easily use it. The person marked wouldn't even know they were marked.

With this mark, as long as Grey was in the Aurora Continent, he was bound to attract the attacks of necromancers all around.

"What should we do now, Supreme One?" One of the figures asked.

"Hide. This is the best thing to do. Our tracks have already been exposed, and sooner or later more people from the main continent will come searching for us. We still haven't recovered completely, and it will still take some time before the seal weakens." The figure regarded as the Supreme One said.

The others exchanged glances before nodding. They left soon after.

Meanwhile, in the Aurora Continent.

Grey and his friends appeared in a place not too far from a small town.

The moment Klaus and the others appeared here, they could feel the difference in the elemental essence here. It was easily five times better than the Azure Continent.

Klaus took a deep breath before saying, "Hello Aurora Continent."

Grey looked at him, a little short of words. They decided to head to the town. First of all, he didn't know where they were, and although he had been here before, he was only familiar with some places.

"Hey, so there is a ranking system here. It's called the genius rankings. Each Plane has its rankings while the Early, Mid, and Late stages also have their levels as well..." Grey went on to tell them about the ranking system.

"That's nice, then I don't mind going for those in the Early stages." Reynolds replied straightforwardly.

Without his Elemental Warrior, he was still in the Early stages of the Overlord Plane.

"I'll go for those in the Mid stages then. It'll be nice if I can become famous." Klaus said with a grin.

"Heh! Not while I'm here." Grey scoffed.

"Have you participated in this ranking event before?" Alice asked.

"I not only participated, but in three or four counties, I was the number one in the Origin Plane. I even went as far as defeating a few people in the Overlord Plane. I'm in the top twenty of those in the Early stages of the Overlord Plane." Grey declared proudly.

"Damn, now I want to take on the challenge real bad." Klaus said.

"Don't worry, you'll get your chance soon. But I want to ask, what's the plan? Are we staying independent, or are we joining a Faction?" Grey asked the most important question.

"For now, let's watch and see. We can't hastily join a Faction." Alice replied.

"I know, but in a place like this, we naturally need backings. There are powerful forces here that you can not even begin to imagine. With Klaus here, I'm certain we will offend someone with a powerful background, and that might be the end of us." Grey explained.

Alice thought of it, and thinking about Klaus' personality, she couldn't say that Grey was wrong. Klaus was bound to offend someone sooner or later, without sufficient backing, they would be toast.

Chapter 659 - Trapped?

"What do you mean by that?" Klaus questioned coldly.

"You offend way too many people." Alice replied.

"Well, it's because I can't stand stupid people." Klaus said.

While they were talking, they got to the town close to where they appeared. After getting inside the town, they noticed strange gazes from the townspeople.

Grey pleaded with Klaus not to say anything before he asked someone where they were. The Aurora Continent was divided into five, and the last time he came, he appeared in the Eastern Continent, heading to the Southern Continent to meet up with Ellis. It would be best he was in either of them since he already knew his way around them.

He was more familiar with the Eastern Continent, so he would very much prefer they appeared there.

However, this wasn't the case.

"The Western Continent." Grey muttered as he returned to where his friends were.

He knew nothing of the Western Continent, neither did he have a map. After asking a townsman where the nearest city was, they left the town. The strongest person in the town was surprisingly in the Mid stages of the Origin Plane. In the Azure Continent, a town like this one wouldn't even have someone in the Arcane Plane, much less the Origin Plane.

"Did you find something strange about those people?" Alice asked the others.

"Yeah. They were staring at us in a strange way." The others nodded.

They too could sense the gazes they were getting. But since there was no one who could threaten them, none of them took it too seriously.

They walked for over three hours before the silhouette of a building came to view, however, it was not a city but a single building.

"Are you sure this is the direction they pointed at?" Reynolds asked confusedly.

"Yes. I should not be wrong." Grey replied as they walked closer to the building.

The building was almost like a castle, but not exactly on the same level as a castle. When they got to the gate of the building, they couldn't sense anyone inside.

"Come on, let's keep going." Grey had no interest in checking out the place. It wasn't like this was where he wanted to go in the first place.

The others nodded, but just as they were about to leave, they heard a cackling laugh from inside the building.

"Since you're here, why leave?" The voice laughed and the gates to the building opened.

"Sorry, but we'll pass." Klaus replied.

"Hehe, do you think it's that easy?" The voice chuckled.

"Uhhh, yes, yes I do." Klaus replied and the group continued walking once again.

"Fine, come in and you might stand the chance to gain a rare treasure." The voice tried to entice them.

Klaus' voice came from afar, " Keep your treasure, freak."

Silence reigned for some time. The person didn't think Grey or his friends wouldn't even sit by for a few minutes. They left the second they got there, they didn't even have an ounce of curiosity.

"Hehe, this is my forest, if you think you can leave so easily, it would really be a blemish on my name. But those townspeople really sent a group of strange people over. I'll teach them a lesson when next I pay them a visit." The voice laughed.

Grey and his friends didn't hear these words. They didn't have the time to wait to hear what the person wanted to say. Since they decided they weren't going in from the start, then there was no use in showing any form of interest.

Thirty minutes later.

"Huh? Haven't we passed the place before?" Klaus wore a confused expression.

"Twice actually." Alice stated.

"A maze?" Grey asked as he looked around.

Although the place looked like a normal forest, this was the only thing that could come to mind.

"Wait, why can't we fly?" Klaus suddenly asked.

He hasn't tried it since they came, but now that he wanted to, he found out that he was unable to.

"Oh right, I forgot to tell you all. Only those in the Sage Plane can fly. With the exception of Void, that is." Grey said.

He too had tried it, but he found out that he couldn't as well. So he left it at that.

"Void, fly up to see if we're in a maze or something like that." Grey turned to Void.

Void nodded before flying into the sky. After almost a minute, Void came down with a confused expression.

"I can't really say it's a maze, it's more like a really really foresty forest." Void said.

"Wait, what?" Klaus asked, clearly confused by Void's explanation.

"There are tons of trees, and each of them are tightly connected to one another. It's almost impossible to even get to accurate location of where you guys were located. Had I not been connected to Grey, then I would've been lost." Void explained.

"This means there's something actually disrupting our senses." Grey said.

"Yup, that's it." Void replied.

"Do you think it has something to do with that house?" Alice asked.

"Most likely. That's the only place before this forest." Grey said.

"Come on, we just got here and we're already facing a difficult time already, really?" Klaus turned around, as if questioning the world.

"Let's leave things to mark the places we go through, this way, we will know where we've passed." Grey suggested.

The group nodded and once again started their journey.

One hour later.

"We're lost." Grey said with a dark face.

"This isn't too good for us." Alice said.

Presently, a fog had appeared in the forest, making things more difficult for them.

"Can't we teleport out of here?" Reynolds asked.

"There's no other teleportation array I can use as a destination, and the space here is extremely tough so doing a normal teleportation is way harder than usual." Grey replied.

"So, what now?" Reynolds asked.

"Let's see if we can go back to where we came from." Alice suggested.

"Alright."

The others agreed, it wasn't like they were going forward anyway.

Chapter 660 - Natural Formation

"Hehe, that's it, come back to me. Without my help, there's no way you people can go through, even if you're in the Sage Plane."

A voice said after the group started walking back.

Surprisingly, they walked back out of the forest with so much ease that they started to doubt if they were truly out.

"The building is there, and... we all can't be seeing the same thing right?" Reynolds pointed at the building as he asked. He wanted to confirm if what he was seeing was accurate or an illusion caused by their extended stay in the forest.

"The building is there."

The others nodded, which came as a relief to Reynolds.

They walked in the direction of the building, and just as they got there, the gates to the compound opened up.

The group exchanged glances, and with a cautious expression, they walked past the building, not going inside.

"Heh? What's going on?" A confused voice came from inside the building.

Grey and his friends walked past the building and headed back towards the town.

What was the use of going into the building when they could easily take another route?

First of all, they had zero knowledge of what was inside. From how the voice spoke, it was accurate to say that this wasn't the first time he was encountering people, and once people got lost in the forest, they would come into the building and speak with whoever it was, but Grey and his friends didn't have such interests. They could easily use another road, it wasn't like this was the only way.

"Where, where are you going?" A panicked voice came from inside the building.

None of them replied, simply walking past without any thoughts of turning around.

"Wait, wait! Once you go past here you'll get to the nearest city, all you have to do is bargain with me."
The voice called out from inside.

"Oh, bargaining?" Grey asked curiously.

"Yes, all you have to do is give me a passing fee and you're free to pass." The voice replied.

Grey looked at the others, trying to see if they approve of the idea of giving this mysterious person a payment or if they should go ahead with their original plan which was passing another road.

"We might as well try. It will reduce the time needed to get to where we want to." Alice suggested.

Grey looked at the others and they nodded their heads as well.

After the group came to a concession, they turned around and headed toward the building. The gate was still wide open, and it closed shut after they went in.

Grey, on the other hand, didn't carelessly come in here, he had calculated everything, and with Void's help had been able to predict that whoever the mysterious person was, he was only at the Peak of the Overlord Plane. They could still handle him if he tried to attack.

Getting to the door of the building, it opened on its own and the group walked in. On getting into the building, they froze at the sight of what stood before them.

It was a boar, standing on its hind legs, it was over two meters tall. Although it was a boar, they could see slight signs of it being human, for instance, instead of hooves, it had hands, but its hind legs were hooves.

"Visitors, I rarely get them these days." The boar opened its mouth to speak.

Klaus rubbed his eyes to confirm if he was seeing properly. Reynolds did the same as well. Grey had a much calmer expression, but he was shocked deep down since this was the first time he was seeing something like this. Alice had a stunned expression, unable to utter a word.

"Hmm, what's with the faces, haven't you seen a handsome boar before?" The boar said when he saw how the group remained silent.

"In your dreams?" Klaus asked with an odd expression. He didn't even know where to start.

"What's with all the staring, you're making me shy." The boar said.

Klaus almost spat on the floor when he heard this, luckily, he didn't. Alice was a little amused by the way the boar spoke.

Grey didn't think much of it.

"You said you can help us get through the forest, correct?" Grey asked.

"Correct. All you have to do is drop something nice." The boar said while licking his lips.

"Aren't you afraid we might rob you?" Grey asked curiously.

"You humans are too weak for that." The boar grunted.

"What's with the forest?" Grey asked. He didn't speak on his previous topic any longer. The only reason he said that was to see the reaction of the boar, and from how confident he was, he was sure that he wasn't relying on himself alone.

'There's most likely something that gives him so much confidence. It's best if we don't see it.' Grey thought to himself.

The boar was already at the Peak of the Overlord Plane. So it meant what he was relying on must be above the Overlord Plane. A single Sage Plane Elementalist could easily take out all of them. Their only hope of surviving was the talismans given to Klaus.

The boar looked at Grey, and after a while, he spoke up, "There's a natural formation in there. According to what I know, it was made thousands of years ago. You can try if you want, but I know for a fact that an Elemental Sovereign came here once and was unable to get past it. Even flying above it is almost impossible."

Listening to the boar's words, Grey was amazed. An Elemental Sovereign was unable to get past it, then how could they who were only in the Overlord Plane get past it.

'A natural formation.' Grey fell deep in thoughts.

He had read about this from one of the books he read back in the Lunar Academy. There were some natural formations in the Azure Continent as well.

One thing he also knew was that, wherever there's a natural formation, there's definitely something treasure. In some cases, it will be a rare treasure, while in others, a powerful beast.