

Affinity 811

Chapter 811 Improved Space Abilities

Two days later.

Boom!

A large explosion sounded out in the southern part of the capital city.

Grey's figure appeared standing in the sky as he looked at the large group of horned men rushing in his direction.

He looked at them with a haughty expression, it was as if he was looking down on lesser beings.

The horned men saw Grey's face and the red horned man's facial expression turned distorted.

"You again! Don't think you will be able to escape this time." He screamed at Grey and threw an object into the sky.

The second the object left his hand, an old man appeared in the sky and a large formation covered the entire city.

"Let me see how you escape now." The red horned man laughed.

Grey had been tormenting them for the past two days now. Every time that they were about to catch him, he would escape from their grasp. They even brought out the faster Elementalists in the capital, but none of them had been able to catch up to Grey.

'Void, gotten it yet?' Grey looked at the

Of everyone in the group, he was the fastest, so he was the only one who could cause chaos in the city. According to the plan of the leader of the group, he would distract the experts while they traveled to where the portal was located.

Normally, Grey would never agree to something like this since he didn't trust them. But when they were escaping after the mission, Void sensed a treasure entering the capital. It presumed one of the experts who came back brought it to the capital.

This was not the only thing that gave him the confidence in taking this task, the main reason was that he made a breakthrough in one of his space element skills, the Great Void technique. Now, he could tag someone, and even when the person was not close to him, he could still appear there.

He had experimented with Void and noticed the distance was unbelievable. Even after Void went over thirty kilometers away, he was still able to appear on the spot. The only thing was that with the increase in distance, it became harder. Other than that, they had not seen any other limitations for it.

He was sure there were limitations, but he would try to find them later on. Before the group left, he tagged Gil when he shook him. One of the most mysterious things about the mark was that he could tag anyone without them even noticing it.

He was sure that the place the portal was located was not any further than sixty kilometers from the capital. Once Void successfully takes the treasure, then he would instantly teleport there.

Before these experts rushed there, he would be long gone.

'I need a little more time. There's a troublesome figure here.' Void replied.

'Even with all the commotion I caused, they still kept the powerful ones there. Hmm.' Grey thought to himself.

He was sure that there was something valuable in the palace other than the life of the ruler. However, he wasn't too interested in this, the most important thing to him right now was leaving this place.

The horned man and the others attacked Grey after they had successfully sealed the place.

Grey didn't even try to fight with them, he turned around and fled, dodging the attack slightly. The horned men continued chasing him, with the help of an old man. This old horned man was on the same level as the one Void killed before they retreated during the raid.

He had been the only one who had been able to not only catch up to Grey but even successfully attack him, however, in the final moments before he could apprehend him, he would vanish without a trace.

Grey's use of the horns as a weapon was one of the things he hated the most about him. He wasn't even bothered with the fact that Grey had to kill hundreds of his kind to get their horns.

While Grey was running away from the old man, Void was entangled with three old men in the palace. Even with his domain, these horned men were each stronger than the old man he fought the last time.

In a large mountain range, a portal could be seen spinning. Around it were multiple horned men standing guard. They built a camp close to the portal, this way they would be able to monitor the people who used the portal.

Gil and the others were looking at the camp vigilantly. They had been staring for minutes now.

"What do we do?" One of the people they rescued asked.

"What else can we do?" The leader of the group shrugged before stepping out.

While hiding, he had been able to ascertain that there were only six Peak Overlord Plane horned men in the camp. With their numbers, they could deal with them.

The leader of the group was the first to step out, walking confidently into the camp.

When the horned men noticed him, they were first taken aback, but after a moment of realization, they rushed out to surround him. The six Peak Overlord Plane Elementalists all came out as well. They looked

at the leader of the group with an annoyed expression. They've all heard of the deaths that occurred in the capital a few days ago, so they naturally hated humans even more now.

"Kid, where are your accomplices?" One of the horned men at the Peak of the Overlord Plane asked coldly.

"Look around." The leader of the group spread out his hands and attacked.

The others rushed out from the side and joined the attack. With their numbers, they were able to quickly overpower the soldiers. Other than the Peak Overlord Plane horned men, the others were on the verge of being subdued.

Gil and the others were fighting against the horned men at the Peak of the Overlord Plane. With the help of five Ninth stage Overlord Planes Elementalists, they were on the front foot in the battle.

Chapter 812 Parting Gift

Gil and the group were able to easily subdue all the horned men in that area. Given their large numbers, it wasn't a surprise that they did.

Even the Peak Overlord Plane Elementalists who were the most difficult to deal with had been defeated.

"You all should start going, there should be people on the other side of the portal to protect you. But be prepared for anything just in case." The leader of the group said to the people they rescued.

To be safe, he sent one Peak Overlord Plane Elementalist to lead the way.

"Connor, are we going to have to wait for him?" One of the ladies in the group asked the leader of the group.

Connor looked at her, "Of course. Without his help, we wouldn't have been able to easily rescue these people, nor would we have been able to get to this place. Besides, he's not here because he's trying to ensure we don't face any issues when leaving."

When they were fighting against the Peak Overlord Plane horned men, they suddenly realized that had their numbers been many, then they wouldn't have been able to even breach this place, much less escape. These horned men at the Peak of the Overlord Plane were very difficult to deal with, even for them. They couldn't help but wonder how Grey had been dealing with them for the past two days.

"I know, I just wanted to confirm if we have to wait for him, even if more experts come." The young lady said.

"Hmm, we'll have to wait till then, but for now, we're waiting. With his speed, he would get here in a few minutes." Connor replied before sitting down.

The people they rescued were already gradually using the portal and teleporting to the Aurora Continent. It would take a while before they left since the people numbered in hundreds. They couldn't flood the portal since there was the fear that it might collapse.

On Grey's end.

Grey was still fighting with the old men as he ran through the city, ensuring that he was not caught in an encirclement. If he allowed that to happen, then he would have to suffer from being hit. No matter how powerful his body was, it was not indestructible, so he would feel pain when hit.

Five more Peak Overlord Plane horned men had joined in on the battle, each on the same level as the old man. With the speed of the first old man, he was able to catch up to him for some time, giving the others the chance to get close to him and attack.

'Void, aren't you done yet?' Grey could barely hold on against these men.

Even after using multiple horns, they were still able to not only catch up, but they attacked in a well-coordinated manner, giving him almost zero chances of dodging.

'More are coming, but I will get it soon, don't worry. Just hang on a little longer.' Void's voice resounded in his head.

'Damn it!' Grey couldn't help but complain.

Bang!

He slammed into the ground after receiving a blow from one of the old men. He tried entangling them in a close ranged battle, but their physical prowess was above any of the horned men he had fought against before.

After standing up from the rubble, he turned around and fled in the other direction.

"You think we would let you leave?" One of the old men sneered and raised his hand, pointing at Grey.

As Grey was fleeing, he felt his body suddenly start to become heavier.

"Crap! What the hell is this?" He was shocked. His speed was reduced by almost twenty percent. In a chase like this, twenty percent was a lot.

He could barely escape from them in the first place, with his body becoming heavier, it would make things even more difficult.

The old man laughed when he saw this. When he punched Grey a few moments ago, he marked him. This mark enabled him to increase the weight of whatever it was on.

Just when they thought they finally had Grey, a strange black cat appeared on his shoulder.

'I'm done.'

Grey's figure blurred and he vanished without a trace.

"It's that skill again, he shouldn't be able..." The red horned man was on the verge of speaking when he saw the formation they created had a crack on it.

"He passed through it, just like that?" He was dumbfounded.

The space tunnel Grey created was something that they couldn't counter since it was completely different from other space tunnels.

"That direction... The portal!" One of the old men looked in the direction where the crack appeared, and without even having to think about it, they knew his destination.

"Come on!" The old man said to the others and rushed in that direction.

A few minutes later.

The old horned men appeared at the place where the portal was located, and to their anguish, all the horned men that they left there were dead, and their horns had been removed. Grey was the only one who understood the chemistry of their horns, so he was definitely the one who took them. They've also seen him use it multiple times.

"How could he take care of them in such a short time?" One of the men asked as he looked around.

The portal was currently shaking, clearly on the verge of collapsing.

"He baited us, this wasn't something he did alone. Looks like the reason they attacked the city from the start was never because they wanted the humans, they only wanted to draw us out. With the portal they used already destroyed, this was their only hope of leaving." One of the old men replied.

Not all of them knew about the appearance of another portal. The horned man clenched his fists in anger.

While they were talking, he heard two pieces of news that sent him into rage. The white desert had been infiltrated, and the next batch of geniuses who were being groomed were all killed. Even the cores that were kept in the storage were destroyed.

Not just that, but the palace was also infiltrated and a large black beast not only killed three of the top experts in the kingdom, but he also stole the treasure they acquired not too long ago.

Chapter 813 Trial

The Aurora Continent.

Grey looked at the portal once again. He stayed in a strange world for weeks, and he couldn't help but feel his gains were very good. His earth elemental grade saw a huge boost, and he comprehended gravity as well. He also broke through to the Eighth stage of the Overlord Plane in both his cultivation stage and his physical body. What else could he ask for?

Connor walked up to Grey, "Thank you for your help, it wouldn't have been this easy without you."

"It's okay." Grey replied with a smile.

Grey spoke with them for some time before leaving. Connor invited him to travel with them, but he refused. His current objective was to get into a Faction and cultivate patiently until the time for the battle.

Once he enters a Faction, getting to the Sage Plane was his first aim. He didn't really care too much about other things.

After leaving, he started his journey once again.

Three weeks later.

Grey was standing in front of a large gate, a huge crowd were standing outside the building as well, all the youths below twenty years of age with only a few above twenty. He heard a top Faction was recruiting members, and all they had to do was to challenge someone from the Faction, if they won they would get a chance to join them.

The Faction was on the decline according to what he heard, but it was still a powerful Faction nonetheless. The Faction was mass recruiting members, so many youths naturally came to try their luck.

'The people are too much, it would take forever if they have to fight one by one.' Void said.

'They will most likely change the plans.' Grey nodded.

While he was speaking with Void, an old man came out to welcome the people who came over for the recruitment program. Seeing the size of the crowd, he couldn't help but chuckle.

"I see that we still have some appeal. Unfortunately, we naturally can't take in everyone, and with your numbers, the task to get into the Faction has changed..."

The old man told them about their new task. They would be taken a special place where they would have to survive for one week, those who survived would be taken into the Faction. There was a side quest that would give them a better position when entering the Faction, the place where they would be kept had magical beasts running rampant, the person with the highest number of beast cores and best qualities would get a good position.

The thought of endangering themselves just to get into a Faction made a few of the people who came for the recruitment have second thoughts. Factions rarely used this method since it caused too many deaths.

A few people even gave up immediately and left the place. Not everyone would want to put their lives at risk just to get into a top Faction, especially when it was one that was dying.

In the blink of an eye, over thirty percent of the people present left the place. The old man didn't seem fazed by this, it was within his expectations.

"Anyone else leaving?" He asked after noticing no one else was moving.

A few more people left the crowd, reducing its size once again.

When the old man confirmed that no one else was leaving the crowd, he nodded before addressing those present. The place they would be sent to had different zones, for each of the three stages, Early, Mid, and Late stages of the Overall and Origin Plane.

The magical beasts in each zone was within said stage, if anyone went to a stage above them and died, it had nothing to do with the Faction. Not just that, but if any of them died from the beast's attack, it showed they were not competent.

When the crowd heard his words, a few more took a step back. They were all thinking if trying out was a good idea or not.

"You still have the chance to leave if you want." The man looked at all the people present.

Many more people left when they heard this. In no time, the place which was previously crowded with thousands of people had reduced to a bare just over eight hundred people.

The old man looked at those present and nodded, "Courageous, each individual will be given a talisman that can help them if they are in danger. The talisman would teleport you out, this will however mean that you have been eliminated from the trial."

When the youths heard of the talisman, they couldn't help but heave a sigh of relief.

'He wanted to see if those who came are brave. Interesting.' Grey thought.

This was the fifth Faction he had come to since leaving the horned race's world. None of them had been able to attract him, so he hadn't joined any one yet.

When he heard about this Faction and its history, he was a little interested in it so he decided to come over and see how the trial would be. At first, he was disappointed when they said all they had to do was to fight against someone from the Faction, but with this change, he felt a little intrigued by them.

The old man used a simple method to weed out those who weren't brave. If he had said that there was a talisman from the start that would teleport them out of danger, then everyone who came would take part in the trial, but he excluded it, making the youths think they were going to endanger their lives.

After the man finished telling them about all the rules, he told them to get into a line for their respective stages.

The gates opened up and thick elemental essence sipped out. Grey's expression changed slightly when he sensed this. He never expected that the elemental essence here would be this thick.

People dressed the same way came over to lead them into the place. They would be undergoing the trial in the Faction grounds.

Chapter 814 Golden Fur Panther

Grey followed the crowd as they entered the Faction ground. After entering, he felt just how thick the elemental essence here was. Cultivating in a place like this would boost his speed. With the increase of his elemental grades, he would need a lot of essence to break through.

The men in front of them led them to a place that led to a forest. This place was fenced round, and a powerful array was surrounding it.

'This is probably where they keep the beasts.' Grey thought as he looked at the place.

After they got to the place, the gate was opened and each person was allowed inside, a talisman was given to them. The men also told them of the rules once again. They didn't forget to advise them to use the talisman whenever they sensed a threat since there are beasts in the place that had abilities to kill some of them with a single blow.

It soon got to Grey's turn and he was given the talisman. After taking the talisman, he stepped into the forest.

From the moment he stepped into the place, he heard the roars of beasts coming from deep in the forest. He also sensed the powerful auras of the beasts, however, none of them exceeded the Overlord Plane, so he didn't feel too bothered.

All he had to do was to survive for seven days in a place where only Overlord Plane magical beasts occupied, he had no problems with staying there for a year, much less seven days.

'What do we do first?' Void asked.

'We'll scout the place for now.' Grey said as he walked into the forest.

Some of the youths who came inside were creating groups with people they were familiar with. There were also some people who formed a group even though they were not familiar with each other. Most of the people who decided to move alone were either in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane or at the Peak.

Grey and a few others in the Seventh stage were the ones who didn't join a group, deciding to move on their own.

Time passed by quickly and before they knew it, a day had passed.

Grey was still moving around, the place was quite big, and since he wasn't in any hurry, he took his time. He had avoided all the beasts in his path. As things stand, he was probably the only one who hadn't engaged any beast in a battle since entering the place.

While moving, he encountered a young man who was at the Peak of the Overlord Plane fighting against a beast in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane.

'Let's watch.' Void suggested, he was bored of just moving, so seeing someone fighting against a beast, he wanted to at least use it as a means of entertainment.

'Hmm, okay.' Grey nodded.

He knew his presence would alert the young man, so he tried to ensure that he stayed unnoticed.

The young man was a Dual Elementalist, having the fire and water elements. It was a powerful combination, and the young man was good at using the two elements.

Grey watched the young man slowly gain the edge in the battle. After almost five minutes of gruesome battle, the young man was able to finally kill the beast. He extracted the core and kept it in his storage ring.

The body of the beast wasn't too important to him, so he left it lying and continued on his path.

Just as he was about to leave, a large panther jumped out from the side, with golden fur. The panther charged at the young man.

The young man didn't notice the panther early, so he was hit by the first strike of the panther even though he tried dodging. Luckily, he only got a scratch.

The young man looked at the panther and his pupils dilated when he saw the color of the panther. This panther was already at the Peak of the Overlord Plane, but that was not worried the young man, what he was scared of was the specie of the panther. Golden fur panthers are regarded among the top-levelled cats, having a very high bloodline. Their strength was also something to take note of.

A Golden fur panther can easily defeat a normal panther on the same stage as itself. Presently, this panther was not something this young man could deal with on his own.

Without delay, the young man sent out an attack and ran in the other direction. The panther spat out a golden light that destroyed the attack the young man sent his way and rushed after him.

Around the body of the panther was a golden hue that made it move faster than normal.

'A beast with a high bloodline, nice.' Grey commented and rushed after the panther.

Other than Dragons and Griffins, this was probably the magical beast with the highest bloodline he had encountered. He wasn't adding Void to this category since Void was a little different.

The panther quickly caught up to the young man and started attacking it. From its eyes, Grey discerned that its intelligence was nothing like other magical beasts. This was a trait common in beasts with high bloodlines, they all had improved intelligence which helped them in surviving.

The panther was able to hurt the young man within two minutes of attacking. The young man was frightened, and he was already thinking of using the talisman to escape.

The only reason he was waiting was because he didn't want to give up so easily, but if he sees there was no hope of escaping from this beast, then he would use it.

Grey's figure flashed and he appeared in front of the panther. With a fireball, he forced it back.

His appearance startled the panther, but it didn't worry when it sensed Grey's strength. To it, Grey was another victim it would kill in no time.

The young man heaved a sigh of relief when he saw Grey and quickly rushed forward.

"We can fight it together." He offered.

"Don't worry, I'll be fine on my own. You can heal up on the side." Grey turned to look at the young man, but he quickly gazed back at the panther.

Chapter 815 Golden Fur Panther II

"That's a Golden fur panther, I couldn't deal with it on my own and you think you can?" The young man had noticed that Grey was only in the Eighth stage of the Overlord Plane.

This panther was not something that they could take lightly. It was powerful. He was already lucky to be able to fight against it till now. If not for the talisman, he was not certain if he would be able to escape from the panther.

"I know, don't worry, just watch from the side, if you notice I can't deal with it alone, you're free to join me then." Grey said with a smile.

The young man looked at him and retreated. Since Grey wanted to show off, then he would leave him alone. To him, Grey was making a wrong decision since the two of them had a high chance of killing the panther, if only Grey fought against it and was killed by the panther, he would instantly use his talisman to escape.

Grey knew the young man didn't feel he could deal with the panther alone. Thinking of this, he couldn't help but chuckle. Although this panther was powerful, it couldn't be compared to those old men from the horned race that were at the Peak of the Overlord Plane. This panther's strength should be below them.

The panther didn't attack immediately because it thought Grey and the young man would team up, when it saw the young man heading back, it couldn't help but look at Grey as if it was looking at a moron. Its eyes showed it so well even Grey and the young man noticed it.

'Haha, that guy is looking down on you.' Void's laughter echoed in Grey's head.

A soft smile appeared on Grey's face.

'It'll regret it soon enough.'

The panther attacked, hoping to kill Grey in the shortest time possible. Although it found how Grey appeared without its knowledge, it didn't feel Grey was its match.

Grey threw a blow at the claw strike of the panther.

When the young man saw this, he couldn't help but facepalm.

"Moron." He brought out the talisman, preparing to use it at a moment's notice. To him, Grey wanted to commit suicide.

The next moment, he saw a scene that sent chills down his spine, his mouth opened wide while his eyes nearly bulged out.

Grey's fist collided with the panther's claw, and the panther was sent flying. There was a flash of bluish light which indicated the usage of an elemental skill. But the fact that Grey was the one standing while the panther crashed into a tree was something the young man's brain found unbelievable.

"How?"

After a moment of silence, this was the only word that came out of the young man's mouth. He looked at the panther that was standing up after breaking through two trees from Grey's attack, then he looked at Grey once again.

Grey smiled when he saw the increase in his physical strength. He used his fire element to make the impact of the blow heavier, but the result was something that made him proud. His current prowess was on another level.

The panther roared and looked at Grey in disbelief. It rushed at him once again. Grey was prepared for it and they started exchanging blows.

The panther was quick, but with the help of the space element, Grey was faster.

The young man watched in disbelief as Grey was holding his own against the panther. This was the same panther that he couldn't fight against.

Just like the panther, he was at the Peak of the Overlord Plane while Grey was in the Eighth stage. Grey hadn't even gotten to the Ninth stage yet, but he was already this powerful.

Boom! Bam! Bang!

Grey and the panther continued fighting, destroying most of the trees around them.

When the panther realized it couldn't gain the upper hand, it spat out a golden light from its mouth.

Grey dodged the attack, but just barely.

'Hmm, such a strange attack.' Grey thought as he sensed the attack. The properties of the attack the panther used were something he had not sensed in other elements before.

The battle raged on and the panther realized it was not able to harm Grey. It had hit him a few times, but other than superficial wounds, Grey seemed perfectly fine.

Thinking up to this point, it felt a bit of fear and quickly turned around to escape after using an attack to force Grey back. When it started the battle, it didn't think Grey was a match for it, so it didn't really feel any burden when attacking. But now that it realized it might actually be the one who was in danger, it escaped decisively.

Grey naturally wouldn't let this beast escape from his grasp. With a blink, he appeared close to the panther and the gravity in the area increased.

The sudden change caught the panther off guard and it fell to the ground. But being a magical beast meant that it had powerful physical abilities. It managed to stand up almost immediately and attacked Grey.

Grey blocked the attack and retreated, but he made sure to stay within the region of his gravitational force field. This would help him in slowing down the panther.

They continued fighting, destroying the trees around them. Even the hill by the side had suffered from the battle as well.

Two minutes later, Grey stood in front of the Golden fur panther, which was panting heavily. It had wounds on its body from Grey's attacks.

Grey wasn't free from wounds as well, there was a large claw mark on his back and blood was flowing from it.

'A magical beast at death's door is truly not to be taken lightly.' He thought as he looked at his state.

When the panther finally came to terms that Grey was not going to let it leave, it put its life on the line in the battle.

Grey was not prepared for this, so the panther managed to wound him, and not on one occasion.

Chapter 816 Always In Danger

'Unfortunately, I have to kill it. It will be a nice specimen to study.' Grey said to Void as he looked at the Golden fur panther.

'We should try cooking it, its meat would be very nice.' Void drooled as he looked at the Golden fur panther.

If the panther knew Void's plans for it, it would most definitely do all it could to make sure it took Void with it. Fortunately, it couldn't hear what Grey and Void were saying.

The young man was standing not too far from them. He was still in a state of shock that Grey was able to defeat the Golden fur panther. This was a magical beast with a good bloodline which made it powerful in its stage, yet Grey, who was below it, managed to defeat it. Although he sustained some injuries, it wasn't something that was fatal.

He watched on as Grey not only killed the Golden fur panther but also extracted the core. To be honest, he couldn't say he didn't want it, but he knew he couldn't defeat the Golden fur panther, so he didn't deserve it.

"You defeated it." He walked up to Grey after Grey kept the corpse of the Golden fur panther.

"I was lucky." Grey replied with a smile.

The young man looked at him, he didn't believe Grey's words. This wasn't luck, he watched him beat up the Golden fur panther with his two eyes yet Grey was saying it was luck. To him, Grey was either trying to be humble, or very proud. He didn't know which of the two Grey was trying to be.

"For someone in the Eighth stage, you're quite powerful." He tried to continue the conversation.

Grey smiled without replying, he didn't really know what to reply to the young man's statement, so he stayed quiet.

"Do you mind traveling with me?" The young man asked.

Although he didn't want a companion, Grey was a powerful individual, so he didn't mind teaming up with him.

"I'm still surveying the place, if you don't mind traveling with me doing nothing, then okay." Grey replied with a shrug.

The young man thought about it for some time and decided to go on his own for now. He still needed to collect beast cores. The thought of traveling with Grey was enticing, but since Grey said he was not hunting for beast cores now, he couldn't travel with him.

They all wanted to get a good position in the Faction, and these beast cores were the key to that.

"I'm Keith, if we cross paths again, then I'll accompany you, but for now, I guess I have to continue on my own." Keith said with an honest expression.

"Alright then, I'm Grey." Grey replied and kept the corpse of the Golden fur panther in his storage ring.

Keith stretched out a hand and after shaking Grey's hand, he turned around and left.

The main reason he wanted to travel with Grey mainly lied on the fact that their mission here was to survive for a week. Forming an alliance with a powerful figure like Grey means he could guarantee his safety till then. However, the side quest didn't give him such luxury.

He could tell that Grey had a certain confidence in himself, and didn't seem too interested in getting a high number of beast cores. But he on the other hand wanted to get as many beast cores as he could to ensure he acquired a very high level when he joined the Faction.

According to what he knew, each member of the Faction is ranked. The higher the rank, the better the treatment.

Grey watched Keith leave with an interesting look.

"Interesting guy, don't you think?" Void asked while staring in the direction Keith faced.

"Yeah, we should continue. This place is big." Grey nodded before focusing on his main mission.

"Aren't you forgetting something?" Void looked at Grey.

"What?" Grey was a little confused.

"We just acquired a good meat, aren't we going to eat it?" Void couldn't wait to taste the meat of the Golden fur panther.

"Oh, I forgot about that."

Grey soon got to work with the corpse of the Golden fur panther, and after some minutes, the sweet aroma of well cooked meat started to spread across the forest.

Grey's cooking skill seemed to be improving according to Void, and his Teacher. He felt they were only praising him so they could eat more food.

Void happily ate the meat of the Golden fur panther with a wide smile plastered on his face. When Grey tasted the meat of the panther, he knew it was top notch meat.

"I wonder what a Dragon would taste like." He suddenly said after tasting the meat of the Golden fur panther.

If the panther tasted this good, he couldn't even imagine just how great a Dragon's meat would taste.

"You also have this fantasy as well? We'll definitely find out in due time." Void replied with a mouth full of meat.

He could barely speak properly, but he didn't care.

They continued eating, Grey didn't forget to send some to his Teacher. After they were done eating, they continued surveying the place.

One more day went by and he was pretty much clear on how the place looked. He even tagged all the places that had powerful beasts in his head. As long as he wanted to, he could battle all the magical beasts at the Peak of the Overlord Plane.

There were over thirty Peak Overlord Plane beasts, but only five of them were above the Golden fur panther. If he rated them, then they would be on the same level as those old men from the horned race. Unless he uses the Fusion State against those men, it would be difficult for him to defeat them.

"Alright, so what now?" Void asked.

They were done with what Grey wanted, and they still had five more days to stay in the place.

"I'm going to find a secluded place to train."

Grey already knew this place like the back of his palm, so it didn't take him long before he found a secluded cave.

Four days went by in the blink of an eye.

Inside the cave.

Grey hadn't taken a step out of the cave since he entered. He had been diligently cultivating. He focused mainly on comprehending his elements. Since there was nothing to do, he wanted to see if he could improve his elemental grade.

"You're a nutjob!"

Grey's shut eyes opened and he looked at the entrance to the cave. Outside the cave, he could hear people fighting.

"Hmm, a familiar voice." He muttered before disappearing from where he was sitting.

Void raised his head, but went back to sleep since he couldn't be bothered with others.

Outside the cave.

A young man was being chased by three others. The young man was at the Peak of the Overlord Plane, while those chasing him were in the Eighth and Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane.

"We've been searching for you all this while, do you think joining this Faction will save you? You've always been a failure, and you will fail here as well." One of the young men chasing the young man said with an evil grin.

The young man being chased was surprisingly Keith, the youth Grey saved from the Golden fur panther.

Keith looked at the face of the trio as they surrounded him.

"You're spineless fools, if you have guts why don't you fight me one on one." Keith gritted his teeth angrily.

"Hehe, that's a trick that only works on brainless morons. Individually, we're obviously no match for you, why do you think I teamed up with them?" The youth in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane scoffed.

Keith looked at them with an angry expression. He had collected enough beast cores to get a good position when entering the Faction, now, he risked losing everything.

"Hey."

He heard a voice behind him and he couldn't help but shake from shock. He hurriedly turned around, only to see a familiar face.

"It's you!" He exclaimed when he saw Grey's face.

He still recalled the abnormally strong Grey.

"Yeah, you seem to always be in a certain type of predicament whenever we meet." Grey looked past Keith's shoulder to see the faces of his pursuers.

Keith chuckled awkwardly when he heard this. The first time he saw Grey, he was being chased by the Golden fur panther and he was already thinking of using his talisman to escape. Now, he was being chased once again, and the thought of using his talisman came back to his mind once again.

The trio chasing Keith paused and looked at Grey.

"Who's that?" One of them asked.

"I have no idea, but they seem to be acquainted." The one in the Ninth stage replied.

Looking at Keith, he noticed something which made him a little confused, Keith seemed to be more relaxed the moment Grey appeared.

Chapter 817 Wise People Live Longer

"Hello." Grey waved at the group behind Keith.

The young man in the Ninth stage of the Overlord Plane was a little taken aback that Grey took the initiative to speak to them.

He nodded as a form of greeting.

"Can you just forget whatever he did to you and let him go?" Grey asked with a smile.

This was completely out of his character since he rarely spoke with people, much less even begging on someone's behalf. Normally, he would've attacked these people since he was already acquainted with Keith. But he felt he had been too detached from people for some time now, although he wouldn't become like Klaus who befriended everyone, he didn't mind making a new friend now and then. And these people might probably join the same Faction as himself, so he didn't want to complicate things.

The other reason he hadn't attacked was that he didn't know why they were chasing Keith, nor the relationship they had. What if he attacked them and Keith turned on him?

He wanted to clarify things first before coming to a conclusion on what to do.

Keith looked at Grey, never expecting him to be someone this humble. He had seen Grey fight, and knew for a fact that Grey could take on two of these guys, so their two had no problem with defeating this trio, but Grey wanted to settle the issue in a way that wouldn't involve any conflict.

The young man in the Ninth stage looked at his companions and fell deep in thoughts. He was trying to figure out Grey's intentions. On a normal day, he would feel like Grey was weak so he was trying to find a way to safely resolve the conflict, but from Keith's expression, he knew that wasn't the most likely case.

"Since you're asking on his behalf, I will let him go for now. Take care." The young man said before turning around and leaving with his group.

"Alright, take care." Grey waved at them with an amiable smile.

"Well, that went better than I imagined." He turned to Keith.

"Robert is a wise person, he could tell there was something off about you, so he decided to retreat instead of pushing on." Keith shook his head with a sigh.

"I see, sensible people like that tend to live longer." Grey commented before walking back to the cave.

Keith looked behind him with cold eyes, before walking after Grey.

"So, what have you been doing?" Keith asked as he caught up with Grey.

"I've been resting here." Grey replied nonchalantly as he entered the cave.

When Keith entered the cave, he knew for a fact that Grey wasn't lying. From how the place looked, it seemed like he had been staying here since he came for the trial.

"You're probably the only one who doesn't seem to care about the trial." He said with a wry smile.

His contact with Grey had been short, but he couldn't hide his interest in him. Grey seemed to have a certain mysterious halo around him that makes people want to know more about him.

"Not really." Grey shrugged and took a seat.

Keith had gotten a good number of beast cores, so he didn't mind staying with Grey. If he went out on his own, he might risk being attacked once again. It was best he stayed with Grey for the last two days to ensure that he passed the trial successfully.

In another part of the forest.

The trio who just left paused and started discussing.

"Robert, why did you let them go?" One of the young men with him asked, confused with Robert's decision making.

"Do you think that guy who appeared is simple?" Robert asked the young man.

"He's only in the Eighth stage like me, I can take care of him." The young man replied.

"You need to learn to be more observant, if not, you'll die without even knowing how." Robert said calmly before looking back in the direction Grey and Keith headed.

"What now?" The second youth asked.

"We'll have to join the Faction, what else can we do? The young lady ordered us not to return without the news of his death, do you want to go back while he's still alive?" Keith said before walking away.

"I wonder why these people can't mind their own business." The youth in the Eighth stage of the Overlord Plane said angrily.

To him, Grey's involvement was the main reason they were unable to complete their objective. Even if they couldn't kill Keith now, they would get the chance to once he was eliminated from the trial. Now they had to risk joining the Faction, which would mean spending more time on the mission.

Time went by and it was finally the last day of the seven days trial.

Grey had been living a pretty comfortable life, eating the meat of the Golden fur panther while also discussing with Keith. He found out that Keith was a small figure in his family and he somehow managed to offend the young family head, and now he wanted him dead. The reason for their dispute was all because of a young lady who fell in love with Keith.

Keith was a handsome figure with sparkling blue eyes and white hair, although he was not on Grey and Klaus' level, he wasn't too far behind.

Grey found the story to be absurd. How would someone want to kill another person all because the person he liked likes someone else?

"Something is definitely wrong with whoever that guy is." Grey stated after he heard the complete story.

"Is that the reason you joined this Faction?" He asked after a moment of silence.

Keith nodded, "Honestly, I would've never joined this Faction. It is on the verge of falling, and there are more powerful Factions that I can join, but I don't have enough time, so I had to join them. Although they're on the decline, they're still a powerful Faction."

"Interesting." Grey said before looking at the entrance of the cave with a thoughtful expression.

"How about you, why did you join this Faction? I'm sure someone of your talent wouldn't have a problem joining the very best Factions around." Keith asked when he saw Grey's expression.

"I find them interesting, so I decided to check them out." Grey said nonchalantly.

Chapter 818 Can We Stop Them?

Keith looked at Grey, unsure of how to reply. Grey came because he found the Faction interesting, this confirmed his thought of Grey being from a powerful background.

Now he understood why Grey didn't seem so bothered with getting beast cores. This was the last day, and Grey was still sitting here nonchalantly. The urge of asking Grey if he wanted to get beast cores came to his mind, but he decided to let it go. It was Grey's choice after all.

Grey naturally didn't know what he was thinking about. He stayed in the cave almost all through the day.

A few hours before sunset, Grey finally stood up from his sitting position.

'Is it time?' Void asked.

Grey nodded before walking towards the exit of the cave. Keith was standing outside, looking at the scenery. He had gotten bored of staying in the same place for two days, so he decided to stretch his legs.

"Where are you going?" He asked when he saw Grey coming out from the cave.

"Hunting." Grey's reply was simple and short.

"Finally." Keith said and followed behind him.

This was what he had been bothered about, but since Grey was finally taking the step, he felt a little excited. He wanted to see just how powerful Grey was. Although he saw him act the last time against the Golden fur panther, he felt that wasn't Grey's full strength.

After leaving the cave, Grey maneuvered through the forest like a beast who had stayed there all his life. From where he was headed, Keith guessed Grey wasn't moving blindly, he most probably had a target.

A few minutes later, he found Grey's target.

A large Raven that stood over three meters tall was resting on a small hill. The Raven was at the Peak of the Overlord Plane, and the aura it released was on par with the Golden fur panther.

'To think he wants to fight against that.' Keith clucked his tongue, amazed by Grey's choice.

Ten minutes later.

Grey was standing victoriously over the fallen Raven. It took him no longer than ten minutes to kill a beast at the Peak of the Overlord Plane, while still being in the Eighth stage of the Overlord Plane. Grey's talent was something Keith didn't even dare to dream of having.

"Let's go." Grey said to Keith before keeping the core and corpse of the Raven. Their next target was a Fire Lion that was located deep within the forest.

This Lion was stronger than the Raven, but Grey still managed to defeat it within fifteen minutes without sustaining any major injuries.

He had some injuries, but they were only superficial ones, things that he couldn't really be concerned with.

They soon went for the third beast. At this moment, Keith finally recalled what Grey said to him when he invited him to join him, Grey told him he was surveying the place, now he knew why.

Grey planned to take out all the beasts at the very Peak of the Overlord Plane. A bold yet insane plan. While others were thinking of killing the weaker ones, he didn't even put them in their eyes.

This was what being a true genius was, he didn't need to bother with the small fries, he attacked the big ones from the start.

While Grey was on his hunt, something was happening outside the trial ground.

In a room outside the trail ground.

A group of young men dressed in loose clothes were staring at a map that seemed like a hologram, and right before their eyes, they watched as one of the brightest lights went out one by one.

At first, there were over thirty bright lights, but in the space of two hours, fifteen went out. What shocked them even more was that of the five which shone the brightest, one of them was down as well.

This was something they never expected to happen. If the lights were dying out with a difference of hours, then they wouldn't be too concerned, but the speed at which they were dying down was alarming.

"Call the Elder." One of the young men said to another.

The young man nodded and went away. A few minutes later, he returned with the man who welcomed Grey and those who came for the recruitment over.

"Why are you calling me?" The old man asked with a calm expression.

"Elder, look." One of the young men pointed at the light dots.

At the time the Elder arrived, one of the lights was dying down, so he witnessed it as the man showed him the map.

"Oh, there's a good budding among them." The Elder said with a smile.

Even if the person who defeated this special beast was also at the Peak of the Overlord Plane, they must be powerful to be able to do this.

"That's not the problem Elder, the problem is that over fifteen has gone down in the space of two hours." The young man explained with a wry smile.

"Huh! Are you sure of what you're saying?" The Elder asked, stunned.

"Yes, if you can wait a little while, then you will see what I'm talking about." The young man said.

The Elder stroked his beard before nodding, if what they said was truly happening, then there's a chance that there might be a figure in that Sage Plane in there, or the top figures amongst the recruits teamed up to take out these beasts. The thought of one person being the cause of this didn't come to his mind unless the person somehow broke through to the Sage Plane inside the trial ground.

If they knew an Eighth stage Overlord Plane Elementalist was the cause of this, it was unknown how they would feel.

The Elder was still waiting when he saw the scene right before his eyes. In twenty minutes, another bright light had died down, and this one was among the top ones.

"I wonder which people are behind this. Defeating these beasts is an impressive feat." The Elder commented.

"Should we do anything to stop it?" One of the young men asked with a pained expression.

"Why would you?" The Elder asked.

"Elder, it took so much effort to groom these beasts." One of the young men blurted out.

"You can always groom more, bringing a good talent to the Faction is the objective now." The Elder said before walking out of the room.

The young men exchanged glances, a little frustrated since they have to watch their efforts go down the drain. They couldn't help but curse at the person or people who were behind this.

Chapter 819 Getting Eliminated On The LastDay?

Keith was having one of the greatest shocks of his life. He was watching Grey hunting all the beasts that were at the Peak of the Overlord Plane, alone.

Grey had been fighting the beasts on his own without even having to ask for help any time. What was worse was that Grey's attacks were too swift, and he seems to have a certain ability that increases the weight of the things around him. He didn't really know what this ability was, but he was sure that it was what makes the beasts he fights against fall over when he gets close to them.

It has been six hours since Grey decided to hunt for beast cores, and he couldn't say he wasn't amazed. Grey's abilities were definitely on par with those geniuses with Cyan elemental grades and higher. He had been fortunate to witness a genius with Cyan elemental grade, and the genius was just like Grey, too powerful for those in the same stage as himself.

Keith could most certainly bet with his life that Grey had a Cyan elemental grade. There's no way Grey was going to tell him it was lower and he would believe it. Another shocking thing he found out was that Grey's healing speed was unbelievable.

While Keith was still thinking about Grey's ability, Grey was focused on the last beast on his list. There were countless beasts here, and Grey was sure most of the people here collected at least fifty beast cores, even Keith had over sixty. According to what he found out, most of the people here aren't too bothered about the stage of the beast, opting to go for quantity instead of quality.

For someone like Keith, killing magical beasts in the Early stages of the Overlord Plane was too easy. He could easily kill ten to twenty a single day. If Grey wanted to, he could kill over one hundred in a single day.

Thud!

The corpse of a giant snake slammed into the ground, it was dead.

This snake had white scales which sparkled even at night.

Grey was panting slightly from the battle, of all the beasts he had fought against, this snake was the trickiest one. But in the end, he still managed to kill it with a decisive blow.

He was still resting when he noticed a group walking out from the left. They were ten in total, and they were staring at Grey in shock.

They had been targeting this snake for some time now, and after finally coming up with a good plan after multiple failures, they saw Grey fighting against it. They initially wanted to help out and then force Grey to leave it to them, but on seeing that Grey was not doing badly against it, they decided to wait by the side and after the battle was over, they would step up.

Even if the snake won, it would be injured by Grey's attacks and grow weak. If Grey were to kill it, he would not be a hundred percent since he went through a tough battle with the snake. All in all, they would be the winners.

Keith noticed them and moved closer to Grey, looking at the group approaching them.

"Impressive." A young lady in the Ninth stage said as she walked over.

She seemed to be the leader of this group.

Grey didn't reply as he stared at her, he could see her eyes trailed on the corpse of the snake, seemingly checking to see if the core was still in place.

"What do you want?" Keith asked calmly.

He could already sense that they were up to no good, but he didn't want to jump to conclusions. Besides, he knew Grey would have a way to fight against these people. With him here as well, he would never let them harm Grey.

"You watched him fight alone, how cowardly." The young lady said with a hateful tone.

She felt Keith was a coward who was only hanging around Grey because he was powerful. The thought of Grey wanting to fight against the beast on his own didn't even cross her mind. Who would want to fight against such a beast alone?

Keith wanted to speak but he held back, even if he told them it was Grey's wish, they wouldn't believe him.

The young lady looked at him in a demeaning manner before moving her gaze to Grey, her eyes paused on his face for some time, a little stunned by his handsomeness. She didn't want to admit it, but Grey was the most handsome guy she had ever seen.

"Since you took such an effort in killing this snake, we'll let you keep the corpse, all we want is the core." She said with a soft smile.

The corpse of this snake was quite expensive, and it could be used to exchange for things in the Faction after joining. According to what they know, they wouldn't be given the freedom to use all the techniques in the Faction, instead, they would have to earn points to exchange for a technique. Corpses of beasts like this could be used to exchange for a fair amount of points.

"Not interested, move aside." Grey replied coldly.

He had never been friendly with people who wanted to take advantage of him. To him, this group was his enemies. The fact that they waited until he had killed the snake showed their nature.

"Come on, you already made it to the last day, even successful at that. It would be a shame if you have to use your talisman in the end." A young man walked out from the group and said.

Why would anyone risk getting himself eliminated because of a single beast core? To them, it wasn't worth it.

Grey knew this as well, but there was no way he would let people ride on him. Given the effort he put in to defeat this snake, he wasn't even interested in leaving a scale for anyone, much less its core.

When he heard the young man's threat, he smirked.

'I won't be the one using the talisman.' He thought to himself.

Chapter 820 Not To Be Bullied

The group stared at Grey menacingly, waiting for him to move aside so they could extract the core of the snake.

Grey naturally had no plans of letting others steal his things, especially people like this who feel they can bully others with their numbers.

"Move." The young lady said, her expression turning cold.

"You're not getting this, I'll advise you to leave at once. I can tell you already have enough cores to get a good position when you join the Faction." Grey said, not budging even by a little.

Even people at the Peak of the Overlord Plane couldn't threaten him, much less this group who only had four people in the Ninth stage.

"I guess you'll be getting eliminated then." The young lady said and prepared to attack.

"Heh! With the likes of you? I doubt that." Grey smirked and his figure vanished.

"He's a Space Elementalist, be careful everyone." Someone from the group yelled.

They were currently all standing close to each other, preparing to attack Grey, when he vanished, they all took a defensive stance, waiting for him to appear.

Grey's figure appeared in the midst of four of the ten people in the group, and the second he appeared, he used his gravitational force field. Being unaware of this, the four youths fell face first on the ground.

Grey didn't hold back and straight up attacked them with a powerful move.

The other six people were stunned, still confused as to why the four youths fell on the ground when Grey appeared.

Boom!

Grey's attack exploded out, and a bright light soon followed after. All four youths used their talismans to escape what would've been a fatal attack for them. Luckily, they were able to move even in the gravitational force field.

Grey hadn't gotten to the level where he could make those in the Late stages of the Overlord Plane become immobile, what he could do was to slow down their speed.

"Lucky." Grey clicked his tongue before turning to the other six, he tilted his head to the side to get a good view of their faces.

"Wha... what just happened?" A young lady among the remaining six asked, confused.

"He took out four of them simultaneously, and you guys are next." Kieth said coldly.

He was currently standing on the other side of the group, prepared to attack the moment Grey moves.

After using the gravitational force field in the presence of the others, it would be difficult for him to use it to catch them off guard immediately, so Grey didn't plan on using it now.

"You are going to pay for this." The young lady who was the leader of the group said slowly and coldly.

One of the people eliminated was a close friend of hers, so she would never forgive Grey for this.

"I'm only doing to you what you wanted to do to me. I see no wrong in that." Grey stated and attacked ruthlessly.

Keith, seeing this, attacked as well. He had been raring to go for a long time now, so when this chance came, he attacked excitedly. Grey had been the one doing all the fighting, so he was getting a little bored of only watching.

The group of six were taken aback, they were the ones who had more numbers, yet Grey and Keith were the ones who took the initiative in attacking. This was one of the weirdest things they had experienced.

They attacked as well. Keith fought against two while Grey was fighting against the other four. Keith's opponents were in the Eighth and Seventh stage respectively. Grey had two people in the Ninth stage, and the other two were in the Seventh stage.

Of the four people he eliminated during the first attack, two were in the Ninth stage, while the other two were in the Seventh stage.

A few minutes after the start of the battle, the group realized something horrible, Grey was not someone they could mess with. Unfortunately, it was too late for them.

"Hey, why don't we just end this amicably and leave?" One of the young men in the group asked.

Grey's strength was terrifying, it scared them. At this moment, they knew the chances of them being eliminated was very high. Grey wasn't giving them any chance to even escape. One has to know that he was fighting against four people, and he still had the upper hand. After going through a tough battle against such a powerful snake as well.

Grey didn't even bother to listen to the pleas of the young man, and continued his attack on them. As time went on, he was forced to use his talisman.

With the young man gone, the pressure on the others increased. Grey's strength was above theirs, but what made him this horrifying was his versatility. Having more elements made him a complete fighter. Adding his physique to it made things worse for others.

They could barely keep up with his speed, yet he's even faster if he used his physical body enhanced with his elements.

Ten minutes later.

Only the young lady who was the leader of the group was left. Keith had also dealt with his opponents. Although he was fighting against two people, he was able to deal with them. Grey taking out most of their companions gave him a helping hand since it distracted them for him to take the advantage.

"Why are you so powerful?" The young lady asked with gritted teeth.

"Because I don't want to be bullied by the likes of you." Grey said and opened his palm which had a fireball on it. He sent it her way and she was covered by a bright light after using the talisman.

She was already at the end of the trial, but making the mistake of attacking Grey cost her a spot in the Faction.

Keith looked at the freakish Grey, even though he knew he would be victorious, he still found it amazing. Grey was too powerful to still be in the Overlord Plane.