

Affinity 831

Chapter 831 Pale-blue Eyes

Grey and Void decided to check out the volcano. There was nothing left for them to do anyway. Knowing that they were on the same Continent made them calm down relatively quickly, with Grey's tracking device, they knew the general direction they had to go.

As they ascended the volcano, the temperature started to drop at an alarming rate. The amusing thing was that there was no ice on the volcano as they climbed it, yet they could feel the air getting cold, even their breaths were visible.

"What is this place?" Basil asked. Of the trio, he was the Water Elementalist, so he was fascinated by the prospect of seeing something that might help him advance in his cultivation.

"A volcano, obviously." Birch replied, rubbing his hands together because of the cold.

"I know, but have you seen a volcano like this before?" Basil said.

"This should be a special type of fire." Braden pondered. Of the trio, he was the one recognized to be the smartest, he was also the Space Elementalist. Not just that, but according to what Grey found out from them, he was also the eldest of the triplet.

"Correct, it's clearly a flame, but it gives off icy chills. It's even colder than most of the ice users I've encountered, excluding that Ice Dragon." Grey joined in on the conversation.

After getting them to be his lackeys, he built a good relationship with them. Although the way they started was a little on the wrong foot, he's building a relationship where they could trust each other. They wouldn't be equals, but they wouldn't be his slaves as well. They were here to help him out on some things, and they had the right to give out their suggestions.

Even the triplet was a little surprised at how Grey was treating them. They were one hundred percent certain that if they were in Grey's position, then they would naturally maltreat him. He wasn't from their race, so they did not need to sympathize with him.

They continued speaking as they ascended the volcano, the triplets soon brought out their horns, and it gave off a glow that covered their bodies, keeping the cold away from them.

While this was going on, Grey's eyes were shining with a pale blue light, identical to that of the corpse he encountered while escaping.

"Mas... Grey..." Braden called out to Grey when he noticed the color of his eyes. He had never seen Grey's eyes emit pale blue glows before, so he was a little curious.

"Huh?" Grey looked at him, a little puzzled.

"Your eyes, they're blue." Braden pointed out.

"Wait, what?" Grey was taken aback, he quickly used his water element to create a piece of thin ice that made something like a mirror for him.

Looking at it, he was stunned. It was as if he was staring into the eyes of the corpse. It hadn't been long since he saw the corpse, so he still recalled how its eyes looked.

"What's happening?" He muttered, flabbergasted by what was happening.

Due to the panic of the spatial tunnel breaking apart, he panicked, so he didn't notice when the light entered his body. Even if he did, the panic of the spatial tunnel wouldn't make him think much about it.

"Aren't these the same eyes that the corpse had?" Void asked after staring at the eyes for some time.

Grey nodded, trying to compose himself. While he was thinking of how it happened, he recalled what happened after he entered the spatial tunnel. He saw a flash of blue light, but he didn't see where it went. Originally, he thought it was from the space around, but now he understood it wasn't.

He didn't know what to do because he was unsure of his next course of action. There was no way he could pick out the cause of the light, nor could he expel it from his body. He didn't know if it would be harmful to him or not.

'This is getting a bit too complicated.' He thought to himself, 'Could the corpse have been what helped out with the teleportation array, also sending me here to acquire something, or is it just a coincidence?'

Multiple questions ran through his head. It was a little odd that as soon as the blue light flashed by, the tunnel stabilized and they were sent here. It would've been okay if they were just sent here, but for some reason, he felt some resonance with a volcano he had never seen before, and also from how it seemed to activate on his own as he ascended the mountain, there must've been a connection between the two.

The more he thought about it, the more he felt this was the most likely explanation. It made sense if for some reason the corpse sensed his blue flames and the remnant consciousness in the body helped send him to acquire its legacy or something like that.

'But with my luck, will something like that really be possible?' He asked himself another question.

Unknown to him, his hypothesis was a little off, the blue light affected the destination, but without his protector helping to stabilize the tunnel, it would've been impossible for him to land here. His luck also played a role in this, because, in the case that his protector managed to send him to his original destination, he would've missed the chance of appearing here.

When Grey appeared here, his protector also appeared as well. He hid in the void as he watched Grey think of how to leave the place. He was still contemplating why Grey appeared in such a desolate place when Grey's eyes started to glow as they ascended the mountain.

'Don't tell me it's because of that...' He was a little unsure.

He noticed the light, but he wasn't able to stop it. However, he knew it was harmless since he checked Grey's body and saw it resting in his nebula quietly. He would've been able to force it out, but he could feel that it was meant to help Grey, so he let it be.

'How lucky, looks like he's not always unlucky.' He chuckled at the thought of Grey's bad luck all this while.

Chapter 832 Void's Plan

Grey tried to search for the blue light multiple times, but he was unable to. He didn't know it was resting in his head, and even the thought of that never crossed his mind.

With no way to examine it, and given the connection it seemed to have with this volcano, he decided to find out about it after entering the volcano.

From what he could tell, only a few people could go in. He was exempted from any form of cold it was emitting, the others were not so lucky, minus Void.

Other than the poison miasma, Void seemed to be invincible to other things.

'I wonder what type of magical beast he is.' He mused as they got to the peak of the volcano.

At this time, the horned men paused at a particular spot past the middle when ascending the volcano. They were unable to go any further, so only Grey and Void continued the ascent.

Standing at the peak, they felt a chilly breeze gush out of the volcano.

"That's not encouraging." Grey said as he tried to move closer. Even with the pale blue light, he still felt this chilly wind. He was a hundred percent certain that if anyone else tried to come in here, they would turn into an ice statue.

Void's expression also turned serious as they exchanged glances. Nodding to each other, they walked to the entrance of the volcano, looking inside, Grey saw something that caught his eye.

"Isn't that the same flame?" He almost exclaimed.

He had seen something like this before, it was when he added the fire element to his elements. There was a floating blue lotus sitting at the top of the lava, giving off intense chills. Even from so far off, he could feel it. His heart started to beat faster from excitement. He felt an unbelievable sense of joy just staring at this lotus.

"Hey, it's like that plant when I was just born." Void commented when he saw the lotus.

"It is, but unlike that one, this is a complete one. It seemed to have formed not too long ago." Grey said excitedly.

"Nice, looks like we were lucky this time." Void laughed, he could see the joy in Grey's eyes.

"Guess so. But do you think I can obtain it so easily?" Grey asked with a wry smile.

Void wanted to ask about something when Grey pointed at a moving figure in the volcano. Yes, there was a living creature inside the volcano, resting at the side. It was breathing slowly.

"Rank Six, you have work to do." Void grinned at him

The beast resting on the side was a giant double-headed snake in Rank Six. Grey wasn't too shocked by it having two heads, what made him almost lose hope was its stage. If it were to be in Rank Five, then he could deal with it in the Fusion State, but now, he couldn't even dare to fight against it.

"I have a plan." Void said, to take Grey out of the depth of depression.

Grey nodded for Void to tell him his plan and after he was done listening to it, his eyes brightened, before going dark once again.

"It won't work. It would sense it." Grey said after hearing Void's plan.

"Trust me, this thing can perfectly hide the aura of the treasure. Without having a powerful sensory ability, it will never sense it. Why do you think it hasn't moved since we came here? It can only sense us when we get close to it." Void explained.

Grey looked at the sleeping snake once again. Void's plan would be able to help him get what he wanted, but it was also very. They would enter the volcano, find a safe spot inside and use the treasure. This would help boost Void's Rank to the next one, while also giving them a good chance of acquiring the lotus after he does.

The volcano could hide the aura of the treasure, so it would not leak out, attracting other magical beasts.

Grey had his doubts about the plan since it involved them putting their hopes on a probability. If it didn't work and the snake sensed them, it would be alert, and could even consume the lotus if they escaped.

He stood on the same spot for a while, brooding over the matter seriously. This was not something he could take lightly, any mistake and his life would be in danger.

He started to regret why he didn't use his points to get a teleportation talisman from the Faction. There are talismans that are on sale in the Faction, it has those made by Sage Plane Elementals and Elemental Venerables. Had he been able to acquire one made by an Elemental Venerable, he would've been able to take out the necromancer at first.

'Teacher's talismans are almost up, I have only two left for escaping, and five for attacking.' He thought out everything that could possibly happen, and after making sure that with his Teacher's talisman, they could escape, he finally agreed to it.

The reason he agreed was simple: if Void manages to break through to the Sage Plane, they could go back to the Faction within the week, this way, he would submit his mission and take his points. He wouldn't need a cultivation room any longer since Void had already broken through.

In addition, he would get his personal Sage Plane guard with him. It was a win-win every way he looked at it.

The duo entered the volcano as quietly as they could and Void used his sharp claws to break a part of the volcano, creating a cave inside. Grey ensured that none of the rock pebbles fell to the ground when Void was making the cave.

The second the duo entered the cave, they closed it once again, and their auras completely disappeared from the place. Of course, Grey waited outside first and handed the treasure to Void, and after he didn't sense Void or the treasure, he was finally reassured.

After so long, Void was finally going to break through to the Sage Plane.

Chapter 833 Fighting A Rank Six Magical Beast

Two days went by in a flash.

Grey and Void were still hiding inside the cave they made in the volcano. The treasure was already exhausted and Grey was currently giving off the aura of a Ninth stage Overlord Plane Elementalist. His eyes were still shut as he tried to get used to his new cultivation stage, as well as to figure out what the blue light was.

After some time, he managed to locate the blue light. He had tried communicating with it, but he was unable to make it budge in the slightest.

While Grey was busy trying to figure out what the pale blue light was and what it was used for, he noticed a change in the surrounding. The essence around the place was converging at a particular spot.

Void was on the verge of breaking through to the Sage Plane.

Grey opened his eyes and saw Void floating in the air. His eyes shone with a black light that seemed somewhat demonic. His fur fluttered from the wind circulating around due to the excess essence in the area.

Even the essence in the volcano rushed there, alerting the double-headed snake. It raised its heads to look in the direction of the commotion.

Void lifted into the air and he started to grow larger. This wasn't Grey's first time seeing him in this size, although he was still a little amazed every time he saw it.

"This will alert the beast. Unfortunately, there's nothing I can do. Hopefully, he breaks through in a short time." Grey muttered as he looked at Void.

The converging of the essence started to make the lava in the volcano unsettled as it started to move from side to side.

Outside the volcano. The sky was getting darker as the essence circulated in the air. After getting to a particular point, it shot out a single drop of essence that was in a liquid form.

Whenever a Magical beast or an Elementalist gets to the Sage Plane, they would all get this. This is like a blessing from the world, giving them the purest essence it could offer, as well as offering the profoundness of each element. If one was lucky, they could awaken their domains from this.

Void already had his space domain, if he could get a second domain, it would boost his strength to another level.

Grey hoped this was what happened.

The drop of essence dropped into the cave. When the snake saw it, its eyes lit up and it charged straight to the cave.

Grey was astounded by the essence, just staring at it alone gave him a sense of oneness with the world. If he got the chance to observe this thing more, then he would be able to advance his elemental grades faster.

'If only.' He thought as he stared at it.

He had heard of people stealing this essence just as the person or beast breaking through assimilates with it.

'I wonder if those guys will get some things from it.' He thought about the triplet.

After some time, he found a way to send them inside the cave. Surprisingly, the temperature was okay in the cave.

After telling them to try to gain whatever they can before Void completely assimilated with the essence, he stepped into the void and vanished. He could already sense the aura of the snake as it was rushing in their direction.

He appeared outside, blocking the path of the snake. He was already in his Fusion State, three fusion orbs were in his hands, and it brought out two of the attacking talismans he got from his Teacher.

No matter what, he would make sure Void broke through successfully.

The double-headed snake saw Grey and it naturally paused, when it sensed his aura, it attacked without a second thought. Grey was still in the Overlord Plane, and he was no match for it.

Grey already knew this would happen, so he didn't panic. With a wave of his hand, the orbs shot at the snake.

The snake opened its mouths and spat out two streams of fire. One headed in Grey's direction while the other collided with the fusion orbs.

The orbs broke apart and the impact forced Grey back. He managed to block the second attack, but he still slammed into the wall of the volcano.

'So this is the difference in strength eh?' He struggled to crawl out of the hole he made on the wall.

He knew from the start that he was no match for the snake, but he didn't think the difference in strength was this huge. The Sage Plane and the Overlord Plane are miles apart.

'Luckily, all I need to do is delay it.'

Grey shot out from the hole and used one of his Teacher's talismans. The moment the talisman's attack collided with the snake, it smacked Grey with its tail, sending him crashing into the wall once again.

The snake was unable to dodge the attack since it didn't think anything of it. It was after it was hit by the attack it knew it was not something it could neglect.

However, with Grey gone, it rushed in the direction of its target. Whatever was breaking through to the Sage Plane would be gone soon, so it had to ensure it got there before it happened.

Boom!

The snake retreated when it noticed Grey's presence in front of it. And even before Grey was able to come out of the spatial tunnel, it spat a large fireball at it, pushing Grey back into the spatial tunnel.

Grey's figure appeared behind it and it swung its tail at him once again.

Grey was getting trounced, but he couldn't let the snake have its way. He was on the verge of crying, the snake was literally forcing him back into the spatial tunnel, making him unable to attack it. If he appeared too far from the snake, then it would be able to dodge the attack easily.

The snake wanted to get to Void, but it was apprehensive of the talisman Grey had with him, so it couldn't neglect him. It planned to squash the human pestering it before getting what was left of the essence.

It turned around, facing Grey.

Chapter 834 Void's Second Domain

Grey was startled when the two-headed snake turned to his direction. Without being told, he knew the snake wanted to get serious with him now.

He hastily retreated, but the snake chased after him and sent out a powerful stream of flames that almost knocked Grey to the ground. Grey was in the Fusion State, but he had no choice than to use his Teacher's talisman to help boost his speed so he could escape from the snake's attack's.

When Grey got a good distance away, in hopes of drawing the snake away, he was left disappointed when the snake quickly turned around and headed in Void's direction. It was already a Rank Six Magical beast, so it was very smart. It quickly picked up what Grey wanted to do, so it played along and when Grey moved further away, it rushed in Void's direction.

'This thing is too smart for my liking.' Grey complained before rushing back to where Void was located. With his space element and his Teacher's talisman, he was a little bit faster than the snake.

Appearing in front of the snake, he attacked with his Fusion orbs, but it didn't have any impact on the snake. The scales of the snake were stronger than Grey's attacks.

The snake attacked Grey, but missed. Grey on the other hand continued attacking the snake, making sure it didn't get to Void.

Once the snake decides to leave him since he was only using his Fusion orbs, he would bring out his Teacher's talisman to attack.

The strength of a Sage Plane Elementalist would burst out from it, threatening the snake. The snake would instantly turn its attention to Grey once again.

Grey knew he was no match for the snake, so all he did was to repeat this process until Void broke through. He had to use his talismans sparingly since it wasn't much.

Ten minutes later.

Grey's figure was sent flying and he slammed into the wall of the volcano. There were presently too many holes like this around, and they were all made when Grey slammed into the wall. It couldn't be helped, the snake was just too powerful for him. If not for his light element, he would've sustained too

many injuries to even count. Even with the light element, he still had some injuries that hadn't healed up yet.

'What's holding Void up, shouldn't he be done by now?' Grey was on his last foot.

He just used up his last attack talisman, and he was getting beat up by the snake. For some reason the snake attacked more aggressively, Grey guessed it had something to do with not sensing the essence any longer. This meant that Void had already assimilated with it. Even if the snake killed him now, it still wouldn't be able to get it.

Grey was sent in different directions as the snake attacked, and as he tried to escape, he was sent crashing down.

'Oh shit!' He exclaimed in his head as he saw the direction he was headed.

He hastily opened a teleportation tunnel that made him appear on the side. He slammed into the ground, where the snake was previously resting on.

If not for this tunnel, he would've crashed into the lava, and although he had the fire element, he would still be in danger from freezing. This fire didn't burn, rather, it froze anything close to it. Standing so close to it, Grey started to shiver from the intense cold.

His eyes glowed even brighter and the lotus which had been dormant all this while suddenly started spinning.

"What the hell!" Grey blurted out uncontrollably.

The snake rushed down when it saw this, from how it tried to get to Grey frantically, Grey was certain it was panicking.

'Void...'

Grey called out as he tried escaping from the snake which was coming down.

The snake appeared on the ground within some seconds, before Grey could even open up a space tunnel, it swung its massive tail at him, sending him flying away from the lotus.

Grey crashed into the ground, almost getting into the lava. Luckily, he stopped only a few feet away from it.

The snake didn't stop its attack, it rushed after him, attacking brutally.

Grey managed to finally get some distance between himself and the snake. However, the glow in his eyes intensified and the lotus started spinning faster.

He knew he had to leave here quickly, or else the snake would try to kill him. The glow from his eyes resonated with the glow the lotus started giving off, alarming the snake.

'If that crazy cat doesn't come down soon I'll kill him!' Grey complained as he ran from the snake.

He could feel a sort of closeness with the lotus, but he didn't even dare to look in that direction now. The thought of acquiring the lotus did not even cross his mind at the moment, surviving was his only goal.

Initially, he thought Void would be done with his breakthrough soon, but things aren't going as expected.

The snake soon caught up with him, and sent him flying once again.

All the talismans he got from his Teacher were used up, so he had to deal with running on his own. There was no way an Overlord Plane Elementalist would be able to outrun a Sage Plane Elementalist.

Grey's body was about to slam into the wall by the side when he felt a soft paw on his back.

'Great! You're here, deal with it.'

Grey didn't need to turn before knowing it was Void, he hastily ran in another direction, rushing back to the cave they made at the top of the volcano. He was bleeding all round, and he was certain the internal injuries he sustained were more than what his current mastery of the light element could deal with. His only hope of a quick recovery now was the healing tonic they got from the blooming viper, and even that was almost used up as well.

Void stood around three meters tall, with an odd look on his face. He wanted to show off his new appearance to Grey, but Grey didn't even give him a glance.

He currently had a golden fur around his neck, making him look majestic. The fur was around the same length as his normal fur.

"Did the beating affect his head?" Void muttered before staring at the two-headed snake.

The snake was still an Early stage Rank Six Magical beast, just like Void.

Void looked at the snake with a demeaning look, it was as if he was looking at an inferior beast.

"Leave now and you'll live." He said offhandedly.

The snake looked at him and snarkled. It looked at Void like it was staring at a moron. It knew Void's bloodline was superior to its, but it also knew that Void broke through only a few minutes ago, he wouldn't even be accustomed to his new strength yet, much less being able to fight against it.

"You made a wrong choice. I wonder what you would taste like." Void said cockily as he charged at the snake.

Inside the cave.

Grey quickly took out the healing tonic and gulped it down. He was going through a lot of pains, and his body was bruised all over. When he stepped into the cave, the three horned men were seated in a meditating position, clearly they had benefited from watching Void's breakthrough.

This was the first time they were watching anyone break through to the Sage Plane, so it was bound to be beneficial for them. Grey didn't bother with them since he had to worry about his health.

He had red marks all over his body from the times the snake's tail hit him, and his clothes were completely ruined. At this point, he was even sure more than fifty percent of his ribs were broken.

After he gulped down the tonic, he focused on healing himself. However, his eyes continued giving off the pale blue glow.

Back in the volcano.

The snake was running for its life. In the space of only a few seconds, Void already showed that they were not on equal footing.

The snake was currently stuck in what seemed to be a sea of darkness. This was Void's second domain, the domain of darkness.

He used a special darkness treasure to break through, so while he was still getting used to the darkness essence from the treasure, he got an insight while he was assimilating with the essence.

If people heard of a newly ascended Rank Six Magical beast already having two domains, they would probably go crazy. However, it can't be helped, Void had the fabled black elemental grade for all his elements, so this was totally natural for him.

The snake spat out streams of fire, trying to break away from Void's clutches.

"I told you to leave the first time, you mocked me. Now, I want to cook you and eat you, be a good snake and let me kill you, okay?" Void said with an evil laugh.

The snake panicked when it heard this and hastily increased the intensity of its flames, it didn't even mind about its health any longer and started to burn its life essence to increase its strength.

"It's futile, against me, all your efforts are worthless. I'll show you what it means to be a great Magical beast." Void commented and waved his paws.

After waving his paws, he went back to his previous small state. The snake fell to the ground, dead.

If it was told from the start that Void would be able to kill it, it would never have believed it.

Chapter 835 Emerald!

Void looked at the beast sprawling on the ground, unable to move.

The snake was pleading for its life, but Void didn't seem to even care. He was about to kill it when Grey came out from the cave.

"Leave it, we can use it later." Grey said as he descended down.

He was better than when he ran back. It had been only a few minutes since he used the healing tonic, but he was already almost back to full health.

"You're lucky he didn't kill you." Void snorted and smacked one of the heads of the snake.

Grey landed by the side, placing his entire focus on the lotus. This was what had most of his interest, since the snake was already defeated, he didn't need to worry about it any longer.

His eyes glowed as he walked close to the lotus. The lava under the lotus churned and gave off intense chills.

Void shivered before shaking his head, "I can't stay here while you're doing this. I'm outside."

He was about to leave when he noticed the snake's eyes glued to Grey and the lotus. He smacked the snake's head before saying, "If you keep looking I'll make sure you can't see anything any more. Now, move."

He dragged the snake with him as they stepped out of the volcano. They didn't go to the cave since they would disturb the trio who were training there.

Grey didn't bother with Void as his entire focus was on the lotus. He stretched out his hand and the lotus floated in his direction before rotating above his palms. It gave off a cold yet comforting feeling.

He touched the bottom part of it and the top opened, revealing a small pale blue flame, dancing in the middle. Compared to the one he absorbed, this one was larger.

A strange thing occurred just as he was about to begin the process of absorption. The flame flew on its own and drilled itself into Grey's head, without his approval. Before Grey could move, it was already inside his body.

Due to the distance, he couldn't even dodge it. He was forced to sit down cross-legged and start cultivating. This wasn't something he could completely absorb in a single sitting, and he originally planned to start using it after he was fully healed, however, things changed.

He sat down close to the lava, with the lotus increasing in size. Before Grey knew it, he was unknowingly sitting under the lotus and it floated above the lava. The essence when cultivating in the lotus was almost double the normal essence.

Grey noticed this change, but he couldn't open his eyes to check the cause of it as he focused on getting the best of this experience.

Time flew by and two days went by in a flash.

Void was having fun outside the volcano, playing with the snake. Although the snake was a little too big, he didn't have any issues with playing with it. Besides, he didn't have anything to do. They've gone

through the entire island, and the only Rank Six Magical beast had been bullied by the duo, it was lucky to get away thanks to some distraction.

The triplet were done with their training and they were currently sitting under a tree, watching Void and the snake.

Boom!

The volcano vibrated, accompanied by a loud explosion.

Grey's figure shot out from the top of the volcano, he was currently sitting on a large lotus.

"Run! It's going to blow!" He yelled at the others.

Void got on the snake and tapped it twice, it immediately flew into the air, preparing to leave. The triplet appeared on its second head with the help of the Space Elementalist among them.

Void vanished from the head of the snake and appeared on the lotus Grey was using to escape.

"Fancy, and shiny, I like it." He commented.

Grey looked at him with his eyes, and for a brief second, his eyes turned pale blue, sending chills down Void's spine.

"Stop that, it's freaking me out." Void complained.

Grey chuckled before looking away. His eyes returned to normal and smiled happily. His gains from this trip was immense. To begin with, he still had the floating clover which brought him out, in addition, Void broke through to the Sage Plane and he also got to the Peak of the Overlord Plane after acquiring an insane ability.

He started to feel that his luck wasn't as bad as he thought it was. Klaus had always been the lucky one, but looks like spending some time with them recently gave him some luck.

If he was fast enough on his return, he could get his points, which he wouldn't need to waste on a cultivation room any longer.

Given how the lotus was, he decided it was best to keep it hidden. So he went to the other head of the snake, sitting down with Void by his side.

"What did that thing give you?" Void asked curiously.

"Want to try it out?" Grey asked with a cunning smile.

"We'll get opponents soon enough, you'll use it against them." Void sensed something was wrong, so he immediately declined.

Grey laughed before looking away. He decided to check out what his current elemental grade were. His main focus was his fire and darkness elemental grades since they were the ones he got things for. Unfortunately, he couldn't sit down and try to understand the profoundness from the essence Void absorbed. Had he been able to watch it for some time, he was confident in being able to increase at least one of his other elemental grades.

He quickly entered the chaos space and went straight to check his elemental grade. After placing his hand on the stone and it followed the same routine, the result was out. Grey focused on only two, since the others had the same result.

His darkness elemental grade shot up to the cyan elemental grade. As for his fire elemental grade, it was currently giving off a bright emerald color. After this elemental grade, was the black or white elemental grade. This means that Grey's current fire elemental grade was already at the peak of what everyone knew.

His darkness element was not too far behind.

When he came out of the chaos space, his eyes shone with brilliance. He didn't think that things will go this well. In fact, he was elated. If not for the danger, he wouldn't mind getting in this situation more often.

Three days later.magic

Pyrmond Faction.

Mission hall.

The young lady in charge was currently sitting down, bored. She was tired since there was nothing to do here. Originally, she would've left already and let someone else take up the task of commissioning the missions, but a certain arrogant young man took up a dangerous mission, and she wanted to see where his arrogance would lead him.

The time frame for the mission was two weeks, this was the last day, if the young man didn't come to report the success of the mission, or even his status, someone would head out to locate him with his badge, then the mission would also be regarded as failed.

It was already almost sunset.

"Arrogant people never last." She said with a shake of her head. There was a hint of pity in her eyes, Grey was part of her Faction, so she naturally didn't want him to die so young.

While she was still thinking about how Grey died. She noticed a shadow walk up to her.

"I'm done with the mission." A soft voice said, a little emotionlessly.

"Huh?" She raised her head to look at the figure.

When her eyes met with the face of the speaker, she stood up from her seat, eyes wide open from disbelief.

"Impossible." She muttered.

"Hello, the mission." Grey waved his hand in front of the young lady who didn't seem to be in her right state of mind.

The young lady stayed silent, still in shock. Grey tapped on her shoulder, trying to wake her up from whatever thought she was stuck in.

"The mission, I'd like my points now." He handed his badge as well as the floating clover to the young lady.

She took the item and after confirming it was what was stated in the mission, she transferred the points over to Grey's badge.

She remained quiet even after Grey walked out of the mission hall.

Only after she couldn't see Grey's figure did she finally come back to her senses.

"He actually completed the mission. But how?" She questioned.

As long as Grey walked over to the poison miasma, he would meet certain death. However, this particular plant only grows in a place like that.

"Unless..." She opened her eyes wide, "He already had it."

She smacked the table, as if she caught a thief.

"Such a sneaky move. He waited till the last day to make it seem like he truly went for the mission." She snorted with a sense of comfort.

To her, she just saw through Grey's ruse.

If Grey knew what she was thinking, he wouldn't even bother telling her she was wrong. He preferred when people think whatever they wanted about him.

Chapter 836 Keith's Trouble

Getting back to the Faction, Grey didn't have much to do. His elemental grade increased, he was at the Peak of the Overlord Plane, Void was in the Sage Plane, he got a new Sage Plane Magical beast pet, and there were also signs from the triplet that they would be breaking through to the Sage Plane as well.

All in all, his current target was getting to the Sage Plane as well. With the points he got from the mission, he read as many books as he could on arrays to improve his knowledge of arrays. He currently had an issue he couldn't neglect.

Void has gotten to the Sage Plane, but what if he was accidentally found by an Elemental Venerable necromancer, he would lose his life without even being able to blink. Void was no different as well. They might stand a chance against a Sage Plane Elementalist, but against an Elemental Venerable, they were no match for them.

His best choice right now is to improve himself, also, most of the people his age here were already on the Sage Plane. Those who were not in the Sage Plane were considered fairly talented, but they can't be compared with those on a higher Plane.

In Grey's house.

'I should try speaking with the others. It's been so long.' He thought before bringing out his communication device.

Since they separated, he had only spoken with them on one occasion, that was a few weeks before he entered the realm of the horned race. They didn't even know he was part of a Faction at present.

The second he sent his consciousness into the communication device, his head was flooded with messages. He almost fainted from the inflow of messages.

Most of them were from Klaus and Reynolds, naturally, while Alice and Kyle occasionally checked up on him. He first replied to Kyle and Alice since they had fewer messages, he started replying to Reynolds and Klaus after he was done with that. It didn't even take long before Reynolds sent another message, yelling at him for not replying sooner. Klaus and Alice did the same as well.

Grey chuckled when he heard their worried voices. They continued speaking and when they found out he was officially part of a Faction, they were elated. Thinking of Grey's mark, they all wanted him to stay inside the Faction and train. With Grey's talent, they were more than a hundred percent certain that he would be able to break through to the Sage Plane in at most six months.

They all spoke of their journeys so far. Klaus was already at the Peak of the Overlord Plane as well. While Alice and Reynolds were in the Late stages. Their speed stunned Grey.

He was the one with a higher elemental grade, yet his friends were advancing almost at the same pace as he was. Klaus was even more freakish, he was advancing quicker than the rest of them.

'Could their elemental grades be increasing as well?' A thought came to Grey, but he didn't know how to confirm how accurate it was.

This was the only reason he could think of. Either that or the stalled growth in the Azure Continent was currently exploding from them. Either way, they were advancing faster than normal.

Grey didn't forget to mention his adventure to the horned race's realm, and also Void's breakthrough to the Sage Plane.

Before he knew it, they had been speaking for hours. He just decided to spend the day speaking with his friends, since after this, he wouldn't be able to talk to them for a while once he focuses on his array training.

According to what he found out recently, an expert array master in the Faction usually trains others once a month, and thankfully, it was free. The class would be taking place in two days, so he wanted to continue growing his knowledge before then.

When he was done speaking with his friends, he went over to Keith's place, and he didn't find him inside. He guessed he must've left for a mission or something. He found a way to make sure he knew he had returned before going back to his place.

Two days later.

Grey came out of his place, heading in the direction of the array class. He still hadn't seen Kieth yet, but he wasn't really worried.

Getting to the array class, he found around fifty youths present. Most youths don't have an interest in arrays since it requires a large amount of time to get an actual good result from it.

The Elder soon came along, she was middle-aged, with her blonde hair falling almost to her waist.

She quickly started the class, and Grey made sure not to get distracted. He was still in the class when he got a message from Void, Keith had returned, and his condition was not the best.

According to what Void told him, Keith was attacked, and he even had to expend a lot of effort to escape with his life, but he sustained serious injuries.

Grey was forced to leave the class and head back to his place.

At Keith's house.

"What happened?" Grey asked the moment he entered, tossing one of the remaining two healing tonics he had with him.

Kieth took it, and without checking it, gulped half of it and returned the rest. Grey motioned for him to keep it.

"Remember those guys from the trial?" Keith asked.

"The three that wanted you dead?" Grey tried to confirm if they were speaking of the same people.

Keith nodded before narrating what happened to Grey. Apparently, they followed him out of the Faction when he was completing a mission and tried to end his life. He was fortunate to get help from a stranger walking by, hence he managed to escape.

Grey thought about the issue and felt Keith was stuck in a difficult position. Since the trio were part of the Faction, and given the unity policy in the Faction, he couldn't walk up to them for a fight.

After thinking about it for some time, he decided it would be best to send the triplet after them. He would track them down, and when next they leave the Faction, the triplet will take care of them.

Unfortunately, if he released them in the Faction, the old monsters would sense it since they were unauthorized people.

Chapter 837 You're Not My Type

Grey and Keith decided to work out a plan, Void brought the idea of beating them up in the Faction, but Grey and Keith were against it mainly because of the fact that conflict was forbidden in the Faction grounds. There are places where they spar, but the Faction ensures that no one dies from these.

After coming up with multiple plans, the best option they could come up with was simple: Keith would head out for a mission, and Void would go along, accompanied by the two-headed snake. Once they were outside, the snake would kill them.

Keith thought it was a good plan, so did Void. Although he was a little downcast that he didn't get the chance to kill them, he was happy as long as they were dead.

Grey wanted to go back for his array class, unfortunately, it was over. He couldn't help but curse at the trio who attacked Keith. When thinking about it, he suddenly recalled the young lady who sent people after him. He managed to get the location of where she stays from the men she sent after her.

She was from a mid level family, and the strongest person from her family was in an Elemental Venerable. Now Grey understood why she could only send Overlord Plane Elementals after him. She must've had a lot of potential, hence the family agreed to this. Unfortunately, they miscalculated.

Grey decided to make more communication devices and handed them over to the triplet. He sent them out to gather information about the young lady. When next he was traveling, he didn't mind paying her a visit. Well, if it was along the path he's taking, then he would, if not, then he would focus on his mission.

He also gave one to Keith, this way they could speak more frequently whenever they were not in the Faction. Although Grey doesn't use his often, it's still better than not speaking at all.

Bringing out his tracking device, he looked at the light dots before fixing his gaze on one that was further away from the rest.

'I wonder how he's doing?' He thought as he stared at Ellis' light dot.

Since going back to the Azure Continent, he hadn't been in contact with Ellis. Even after coming back, he still couldn't get to him. The distance between them was massive, so it was natural.

After going back, he checked up on Keith before going back to his place to focus on his arrays. He knew as long as he continued trying, there's a chance that he might just come up with a good idea to help seal the mark on him.

Three days later.

Keith was back to normal, and he took up another mission. Grey originally wanted to accompany him since he was bored, but thinking about the fact that the young man leading them would retreat once he saw him, he decided against it.

Void on the other hand was very enthusiastic about the mission. He had been bored for some time now. Other than when he played with the snake, he hadn't been able to have any fun. He preferred when they were traveling.

Keith took up the mission and left the Faction as planned. Void was with him the whole time.

When they got to a forest some kilometers away from the Faction, the trio stepped out once again. This time, there was a man with them.

'Sage Plane.' Void noticed the Plane of the man the moment he appeared.

The man was in the Early stages of the Sage Plane, the second stage to be precise. The snake had no issues with dealing with him, much less Void.

"What is the meaning of this? You attacked me last time, now you're here again." Keith pretended to be afraid.

"You managed to survive, yet you foolishly came out again even after knowing we are after your life. I never knew you were this dumb." The leader of the trip mocked.

The man who stepped forward looked at them before saying, "End this quickly, I have matters to attend to."

"Yes." The trio nodded before attacking Keith.

Void stepped forward when this happened.

"You three never know when to take a break, do you?" He waved his paws and sent all three of them flying with a single attack.

The man reacted quickly and managed to stop them from getting hurt. He looked at Void with a surprised gaze.

"A Rank Six beast, and since you can speak, I guess you're one with a high bloodline. Come with us, this kid has nothing." The man said slowly.

"Will you be able to take care of me? Even your family can't take care of me." Void mocked.

The man was irritated by Void's words, but he calmed himself. If he could bring back such a Magical beast back, it would be a good thing for their family.

"A beast of your caliber deserves the best, we will naturally treat you the best we can. I know my family is lowly, but we can assure your continuous growth." The man tried convincing Void.

"I'm not interested in small fries like you people. If you can defeat me, I might consider it." Void said with a proud smile.

The man nodded with a smile, "Alright, I appreciate the opportunity. I won't waste it."

Void chuckled before saying, "You're not my type. Also, you're not my match."

He waved his hand and the gigantic two-headed snake appeared.

Keith was frozen solid from fright as he saw the snake. He was scared shitless. From the aura the snake was emanating, he could tell it was on the same level as the man in front of him.

'Where the hell did they get this from?' He couldn't help but ask.

Void was chuckling when he saw the expression of the man. He knew the man never expected something like this to happen.

'This is why I love going out!'

The man gulped down, and before he could even say anything, the snake attacked.

Chapter 838 Why Are You Here?

Boom! Bam!

The snake and the man exchanged blows, but within a few minutes, the man was on the back foot. He was no match for the snake, at this moment, he realized the best thing to do was to escape.

Void would naturally not allow this to happen. He used his space domain to block the space around them, making it impossible for the man to escape. The snake continued its assault on it.

After almost ten minutes, the man was finally defeated with Void's help. Although the snake was stronger than the man, it was unable to kill the man on its own, if not for Void, the man wouldn't have any issues with escaping.

"Killing me will only make matters worse for him." The man said as he struggled to get on his feet.

"Will you be affected by it?" Void turned to Keith.

"They're already trying to kill me, what else is worse than that?" Keith shrugged, giving Void the go ahead to kill the man.

"You little runt, after everything I've done for you, this is how you choose to repay me?" The man questioned Keith angrily.

"You came trying to kill me, I see no reason in feeling sad that you'll die. This will mean one enemy out." Keith didn't feel bothered by the man's words.

The man wanted to continue pleading, but Void had seen and heard enough. A black orb appeared on the back of the man, and he started to break apart. This was his spatial distortion skill. The attack had grown stronger with the increase in his Rank.

The trio watched on as the man disappeared from existence. Their eyes wide open from disbelief, the man followed them to ensure that Keith was killed, however, he was the first person to die. How ironic.

Void turned to look at the trio when the man disappeared completely, "Now, back to you three."

They shivered from his gaze, clearly afraid he would kill them.

"Please, we are only following instructions, don't kill us." The leader of the trio fell on his knees and started begging.

The others followed his lead and also started to beg as well. They couldn't be bothered with their pride, as long as they lived, they would do anything.

Void turned to look at Keith, and he could feel an intense killing intent coming from him.

"My hands are tied, I really wanted to let you guys live, but as you can see, I'm only following orders as well." Void said with a chuckle.

Anyone would know he was only saying this for fun. The trio could only watch as their bodies started to disintegrate. Void's method of killing people was quite unique, there is not even a speck of dust from the person to indicate that he was there in the first place.

Keith watched on as the trio vanished. If he wasn't with Void, he wouldn't have known that they were dead.

"What now?" Void asked after killing the trio. It hadn't even been up to two hours they left the Faction, he didn't want to go back so early.

"You can accompany me to complete my mission." Keith suggested.

Having a powerful backup like Void with him was reassuring, at least he wouldn't need to be too scared about losing his life on the mission.

Void thought about it for some time before nodding his head. He didn't want to go back anyway. He communicated with Grey about his intentions to accompany Keith, not forgetting to tell him that he had already killed the trio who wanted to harm Keith.

Grey didn't object to him leaving with Keith, he needed some alone time to focus on his arrays anyway. Void would be bored if he returned.

This mission would take at least a week, so he wanted to focus all his time and attention on arrays for now.

Two months went by in the blink of an eye.

Grey had been part of the Faction for over three months now, his progress had stalled after his last double breakthrough. Now, he was focused on getting his physical strength to the Peak of the Overlord Plane. After two months, he had managed to get it to the Ninth stage, but he hadn't been able to advance again.

With the help of his gravitational force field, training his physical body was easier than before. But it still took time nonetheless.

Void has been accompanying Keith whenever he's going out on a mission. Grey had been in the Faction all this while, not bothering to go out for any missions. He was already out of points, but he was still able to research arrays with the knowledge he acquired from the books he read, as well as the class he had been going to.

"Hey, the Faction is holding a sparring contest, will you take part?" Keith asked Grey as he walked into the place.

"I'm not interested." Grey shook his head. He didn't want to do anything that will make him stand out at the moment. Keeping a low profile was his objective now.

"This contest will bring out those who will participate in a competition held every decade between our Faction and the Syphilis Faction." Keith told Grey what he knew about the competition.

This competition will decide who would have rights to a particular realm. It was just like what Sylvia was recruiting him for.

After thinking about it, Grey still didn't want to go since he wasn't interested in those things. The only thing that tempted him was the possibility of going into the realm to cultivate. Since he was already at the Peak of the Overlord Plane, it would be beneficial for him to go out more often to seek a breakthrough to the next Plane.

"I'll think about it, maybe I'll partake in it." He said after careful consideration, "Oh, by the way, when's the sparring contest?"

"Next month." Keith replied.

Grey nodded and they continued speaking about something else. Keith had already decided to partake in the contest. He couldn't miss any chance to grow stronger.

A month soon went by.

It was the day the sparring contest was taking place.

Grey was sitting in his place leisurely when he suddenly saw a figure standing in front of him.

He raised his brow to look at the figure properly, it was the Elder who brought him into the Faction.

"Hello." He stood up to greet the Elder.

The Elder nodded before looking at him, it was as if he was trying to gaze into his soul.

"I see you've made good advancements." The Elder nodded.

When Grey joined the Faction, he was still in the Eighth stage of three Overlord Plane, now in the space of four months, he had broken through to the Peak of the Overlord Plane. In fact, he knew that Grey had already broken through three months back since he had been monitoring him all this while.

"I was lucky." Grey replied with a collected expression.

"I see." The Elder nodded before looking at Grey again, "Why are you here?"

"Huh?" Grey was taken aback by this question.

"Why are you here?" The Elder asked again.

Grey paused and quickly understood what the Elder was implying. The Elder wanted to know why he wasn't taking part in this contest.

"I..." He was about to explain when the Elder stopped him.

"I don't need to know your reason. Normally, I wouldn't be bothered with who decide to take part in a sparring contest, but this competition is very important to the Faction. Of the ten people who would be taking part in the competition, six has been chosen, the reason we are doing this contest is to pick out the other four." The Elder looked at Grey and continued.

"With your talent, I know you're by no way weaker than the six people already picked out. In the Overlord Plane, you have very few opponents, added with your domain, you're almost invincible. I've recommended you to the Faction Leader, however, as you can already tell, no member of the Faction is given special treatment, so you will still need to prove to everyone that you can partake in the competition through this contest."

Grey didn't say anything and looked at the Elder, unsure of what to say. He knew the Elder was pleading with him to take part of the contest.

The Faction's Training Ground.

It was filled to the brim with people standing around. There were platforms raised around the place for battles, and a few people could be seen fighting.

Keith was currently seated some distance away from the platform, staring at the battles taking place. All the fighters were at the Peak of the Overlord Plane, and most of them looked to be younger than Grey.

"Do you think he'll come?" He asked Void who was with him.

"I have no idea what goes through his head. He might, he might not come. It mainly depends on his mood." Void replied with a shrug.

They were still speaking when he sensed Grey's presence, he looked in the direction and saw him walking over with the Elder who welcomed them into the Faction.

"Isn't that the Elder who brought us into the Faction?" He drew Keith's attention to them.

"Yeah, why is he with Grey. Don't tell me he went to bring Grey himself?" Keith was shocked.

If this was what happened, he didn't know what to think. The fact that an Elder went to bring Grey himself showed how much they valued him.

"It just might be." Void commented.

Chapter 839 Easily Taking A Spot

Grey walking over with the Elder drew the attention of some of the people in the area. Especially among those in the Elders side, they all turned to look at Grey.

There were two familiar faces there when Grey looked in that direction, it was the duo that witnessed his battle with the young lady and her group.

He noticed a few Elders looked at him with malice. From what he could guess, they were probably upset that an Elder had to bring him over.

There were also a few people at the Peak of the Overlord Plane that also looked at him. Their auras showed that they were almost on the same level as the geniuses Grey met at the gorge when he wanted to enter the horned race's realm.

Of all the people there, he found five which he felt were on the same level as the leader of that group.

He later finds out from the Elder that they were part of the six people who would be taking part in the competition. Grey nodded to his words before walking over to where Keith and Void were sitting.

"Why is he with you?" Keith wanted to settle his curiosity.

"He came over to bring me here." Grey didn't need to hide this from him, so he told him.

Keith already guessed this, but he still found it almost unbelievable coming out from Grey's mouth. Grey was currently one of the few people that could draw the attention of these Elders. He didn't find it odd, especially after getting to know just how powerful Grey was to begin with.

Since Grey broke through, he hadn't seen him fight. But when Grey was still in the Eighth stage of the Overlord Plane, he could already defeat Magical beasts at the Peak of the Overlord Plane, not any regular Magical beast, but those that were regarded among the cream of the crops in their species.

Grey sat down beside Keith and they continued watching the battles. The one on the platforms finished and another one started.

Keith was part of this group that fought. His opponent was a Peak Overlord Plane Wind and Fire Elementalist, but he was able to win in the end.

When this round ended, Grey decided to step in after getting a look from the Elder. He had no choice, besides, the reward offered was quite tempting. He presently needed all the help he could get so his breakthrough would be quick. He didn't want to stay at the Peak of the Overlord Plane just as long as he did when he was at the Peak of the Origin Plane.

When Grey stepped onto the platform, he naturally attracted some attention. One of the reasons was that he came alongside an Elder, the second reason was that he was handsome.

His opponent was a Fire Elementalist at the Peak of the Overlord Plane. But in the space of three minutes, he defeated him. It wasn't even seen as a battle, it was more like a thrashing. If not for Grey going easy, he would've beaten his opponent out cold.

After that battle, he quickly drew the attention of most of the people in the training ground, the Elders were the most focused. An Elder had recommended Grey for this particular competition, so they wanted to see what he was capable of. His first battle already showed them what they wanted, he was powerful. The fact that he could defeat someone in the same Plane and stage in such a short time proved this.

Grey naturally couldn't be bothered with them. When he was done with his opponent, he went back to his seat.

They stayed for some time before he stepped onto the platform again, and the result was the same, he dominated his opponent from the start of the battle to the end. The time was still the same, nothing more than three minutes. At some point, a few people had the notion of Grey bribing the others. How could someone in the same stage as them beat them so easily? It looked fake, especially since Grey was not one of the famous members at the Peak of the Overlord Plane.

Till the end of the day, Grey continued dominating his battles, not interested with the side talks from the side. He could hear what most of the people were saying, but there was nothing he wanted to show them.

The main round of the sparring contest would be taking place the next day. Only those who performed exceedingly well could take part in this stage. Keith managed to be part of this group.

The Elders spoke about Grey's battles, and each gave their opinions of him. Given his talent, most of them liked him. Nevertheless, they all felt he was too proud, due to the fact that he waited till an Elder invited him over before taking part in the sparring contest.

The next day soon came.

Only forty people made it to this round. Each participant will fight a total of eight battles, each battle would be against four others. After all the battles are done, the four with the highest rank will get the spot in joining the other six for the competition.

There were more than eight platforms in total. If all eight battles take place, this would mean all forty participants are fighting in a group of five. From the arrangement, one participant will not battle against someone they've fought before.

Grey felt it was a good plan. Even though there would be people with advantages of teaming up, they wouldn't be together forever. After one fight, they would change opponents.

His first involved two others who were considered powerful from the previous battle. Once again, Grey dominated his battle, making him one of the most powerful people fighting.

By the time Grey was done with the battles, he had already defeated all his opponents, taking first place in all eight battles.

He was the only one who managed to achieve such a feat.

Chapter 840 Promising Batch

Grey's performance stunned the Elders, as well as the youths watching the battles. They never thought Grey was actually that powerful.

The Elder who recommended Grey had a calm expression since this was not his first time seeing Grey battle, the others didn't have the same expression. Each had a look of surprise on their faces.

With the completion of the sparring contest, the competition would follow right after. Grey and three others secured the other four spots. Keith was unsuccessful in his attempt to fight for a good position. This was within his expectations, so he wasn't feeling too disappointed by the result.

Since Grey would be taking part in the competition, he started to encourage him as much as he could. Grey was his friend, so he naturally wanted the best for him. To him, Grey had a better chance of taking a good position compared to the other geniuses at the Peak of the Overlord Plane.

When they were done with the sparring contest, they all went back to their houses. According to what Keith and the Elder told Grey, the competition would be taking place in a week time, so they would be transported to the place in a few days.

On Grey's way back to his place, he was approached by the five geniuses who were already part of the initial six that would be taking place in the competition. They invited him over for a meeting, which he accepted.

He met up with the group later that day, and he was greeted with a group of around twenty people, all youths were at the Peak of the Overlord Plane. He searched for the people who invited him over, and sat down by their side.

They spoke for the rest of the day, and Grey got to know the others who would be taking part in the competition, except for a certain talented genius. The genius was regarded as the number one figure under the Sage Plane in the Pyromond Faction. Unlike the others, they would be meeting him at the place of the competition.

There were rumors of him having the Emerald elemental grade, but people didn't know what his real elemental grade was. He was a Dual Elementalist, having the fire and space elements.

Grey was a little interested in this figure who had the Emerald elemental grade, since there were rumors about this, the chances of it being true was quite high. Not just that, but even if he doesn't have it, he shouldn't be too far from it.

Grey for instance currently had an Emerald elemental grade for his fire element, and he knew his current strength was above what it used to be. It was also said that this young man had gotten entangled with a Sage Plane Elementalist, and although he didn't win, he didn't lose either.

This was not an easy feat. The current Grey could naturally achieve this, but he never thought there would be people who could achieve this as well. This mainly has to do with him not encountering those geniuses that were top tier regularly.

He left the gathering and went back to his place. To his surprise he saw the Elder waiting for him there.

"I see you have an interest in arrays?" The Elder muttered as he looked at the few marks Grey drew around the place.

He was a little impressed by it, but Grey's mastery was not on his level.

Grey nodded before bowing as a sign of showing his respect to the Elder. The Elder nodded before taking a seat.

The Elder spoke with him a little while, giving Void a long look. He felt there was something odd about him, but he didn't want to speak about it. Void was Grey's pet, and there was no need to ask about it.

After staying for a little while, he told Grey to follow him. With a wave of his hand, they disappeared.

They appeared in a hidden cave. Grey could tell that they were still at the Faction ground. He looked around curiously, and sitting in front of them was a man who looked to be ordinary. He couldn't even sense any signs of elemental fluctuations around him which he found a little suspicious.

There were a few people at the side as well, from men to women. Their age range varied, some looked to be in their late twenties, while others were middle-aged, with the rest being a little old-looking.

Grey kept his mouth shut and followed the Elder.

"Grey Dawson, that's your name right?" The ordinary looking man in the middle asked when Grey walked into the place.

He saw that there were a few people on the side as well. All youths, they were obviously the others who would be taking part in the competition. Seeing the others made him calm down a little.

"Yes." Grey replied with a calm expression.

"Hmm, I see." The man replied after some time.

He kept quiet before speaking again, this time, addressing all the youths present.

"As you all know, the Faction is on the decline. This realm has been one of the most vital parts in grooming talents for us. Losing it has pretty much shown on the Faction. We not only lost it, but we also lost one of our strongest appeals to take in members..." The man continued speaking.

Grey got to find out that the realm they were fighting for originally belonged to three Pyrmond Faction, but after the Faction suffered a calamity, the Syphilis Faction used the opportunity to come into play. The Pyrmond Faction was not at its peak, so it was no match for them.

They came up with the plan of fighting for the rights to the realm every decade. Still suffering from the effect of the calamity, the Pyrmond Faction lost the first battle, naturally.

It has been well over a hundred years now, but they still haven't been able to take it back.

The man encouraged the youths who would be taking part in the competition before telling them to leave.

"This batch has the most potential so far. Hopefully, they can win it."