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Chapter 861 Snatch And Vanish

The Secret Realm.

In one of the numerous towns.

A youth could be seen with a black cat sitting on his shoulder. This youth had blue skin and was speaking with one of the townspeople.

The youth was Grey and Void. They had been here for a week now, and Grey had actually not only learned the language spoken here, but he had found a way to make his skin color change as well. Presently, he was pretending to be a Water Elementalist.

He heard of a treasure appearing not too far from this particular town, so he wanted to get information about it.

A few minutes later and after asking more people, he managed to get the news of where the treasure was located. If he headed southeast from the town, he would find a huge tree. According to what he heard, the treasure was being born in this tree.

He thanked the people there and rushed toward where the treasure was located. Although he found the fact that these people weren't bothered with the treasure, he wasn't too worried. With Void with him, he didn't need to fear anyone. If things became too difficult, he would escape. He had even created some teleportation arrays around.

"What do you think the treasure is?" Void asked curiously.

"I have no idea, I only heard about it not too long ago. I'm short on the details." Grey replied as they walked in the direction the townspeople pointed.

A few minutes later, Grey saw the shape of the large tree.

Before even getting there, he could already sense the aura of the people there. By the time he got there, he saw different people there, each had a different color to signify their elements.

Grey didn't talk much and sat down some distance away. He looked around carefully and found out that he was the only human there, the rest of the people were from the Lutra race. After staying and learning their language, he found out that the people here were part of the Lutra race. Apparently, there were other secret realms that had other members of the Lutra race.

Of all the people that came into this realm, Grey was one of the few people who had incorporated himself with the race almost perfectly. Others could barely notice the difference between him and those from the Lutra race.

The people he met there were all in the Overlord Plane, so he was one hundred percent confident in being able to obtain the treasure. He reduced his aura to around the Mid stages of the Overlord Plane so he wouldn't attract too much attention.

Some hours later, the tree started to glow with a blinding green light. Green usually represented the wind element, so those who had the wind elements amongst the people present were excited. The light shows that the treasure was of the wind element.

'The wind element. Not bad.' Grey said to Void.

'I'm no longer interested in it. You can keep whatever comes out.' Void said with a sad voice.

He originally thought it might be something that would benefit him, unfortunately, it was for Wind Elementalists, and there was nothing he could do with it.

When the light got to its peak, a flower sprang out from the tree and it slowly opened up.

Grey felt an intense amount of wind elemental essence and he couldn't help but feel refreshed just from breathing in the essence.

'Nice, I'm getting this.' He was happy with what appeared.

The other Wind Elementalists were all excited about the prospect of the treasure. First off, those on the Overlord Plane here were all middle-aged or old people. This was just like the situation in the Azure Continent. Since the Sage Plane was the last Plane, it was extremely difficult for them to break through to it. Getting to the Overlord Plane was easy, crossing it, not so much.

As soon as the flower bloomed, Grey's figure vanished. He wasn't the only one who made a move at that time. There were a few Wind and Space Elementalists around. Even the Lightning Elementalists made a move as well. They were the only ones who were confident in their speed.

But Grey got there before any of them. When he appeared, he had to spend a little time to make sure he didn't handle the treasure recklessly. The small time he spent there gave the others the chance to appear before him. He didn't get flustered by the number of people that were coming at him. He carefully took out the treasure and with a blink, his figure was changed with that of another man.

The man was a Fire Elementalist and standing close to the flower, he was taken aback when he saw multiple people rushing at him. He couldn't even say a word before he was attacked by the first few who got there.

Grey did the switch at the time when they were about to unleash their attacks, so they couldn't stop it.

The Fire Elementalist fell to the ground, injured.

All those who wanted to take the treasure turned around and they saw Grey's figure bolting away from where they were gathered.

"After him!" One of the Wind Elementalists screamed.

The others started to chase Grey.

Grey looked behind him and gave a mocking smile. He had already prepared for a scenario like this. He created a teleportation array under a lake. When he got there, he dived into the water and when he got to the bottom, he vanished in a flash.

The lake was not too big, but others couldn't see the bottom part of it since it was pretty deep.

They surrounded the lake, in hopes of getting Grey when he came out. While they were surrounding the place, one of the people dived in a few seconds after Grey entered.

Some seconds later, he came out with a baffled look.

"He's not there." He said to the others who were waiting outside.

"What do you mean he's not there?" A Wind Elementalist asked with an irritated voice.

"I couldn't find him." The man said again.

He came out of the lake to prove to them that he didn't find Grey.

The reason Grey picked this particular lake was that it concealed the aura of the space element, so only a Space Elementalist would be able to sense that he used a teleportation array, and that person had to go into the water to find out.

Chapter 862 Spreading Across The Continent

Aurora Continent.

It has been over six months since the Pyromond Faction and the Syphilis Faction competed for the secret realm.

Grey's name had started to spread across the Region as one of the new geniuses who sprang out from the Pyrmond Faction. He was regarded as undefeatable under the Sage Plane. According to what was said, it was said that he could even fight against a newly ascended Sage Plane Elementalist and come out on top.

People felt like the Pyrmond Faction was just saying this for the fame, however, it was confirmed by one of the members of the Syphilis Faction who participated in the competition, it was none other than the genius, Lydia.

She told them of his battle with her, but she didn't forget to add the fact that he crippled himself as well in the end just to ensure he was victorious.

The members of the Pyrmond Faction came out to rebuke the story, saying it was false and that Grey was perfectly fine. To prove that she was right, Lydia challenged Grey to a battle. Grey was seemingly nowhere to be seen, she used this as proof to others that Grey was crippled and that the Pyrmond Faction was only using his name to try to lure in more geniuses to their Faction.

The story lasted for some time before it started to die down, after all, Grey was nowhere to be seen, and the members of the Pyrmond Faction weren't even doing anything to show that he was still fine since they couldn't bring him out.

More geniuses rose over time, and Grey's name soon started to fade off. Only in the Pyrmond Faction was his name still very much heard. The reason for this was that they all witnessed him show his strength during the day of the celebratory ceremony.

The Dawson Family.

Conor was staring at a particular figure with all his focus.

'Strange, why is there some sort of resemblance?' He couldn't help but wonder.

The man he was looking at was a figure respected by not just everyone from the Dawson Family, but the entire Western Continent, Lucas Dawson. He was the genius who rose to fame twenty-odd years ago. He went to the peak of the world in the fastest time ever recorded, in less than thirty years, he went from a

normal human to a powerhouse even the strongest Faction in the Aurora Continent as a whole wouldn't want to mess with.

This man was currently sitting leisurely, eating fruits with a beautiful lady beside him.

Conor was staring at this figure for a single reason, there was a youth he encountered not too long ago that has some sort of resemblance to this man. The only difference was that this youth was a little more handsome and younger than this man. They both had the same sparkling eyes. The youth in question was Grey.

In fact, looking at both figures, Lucas and the lady beside him, he could actually find some resemblance between them and Grey. He couldn't help but have a wild thought.

'Impossible! They would've brought him to the Family if he was their kid.' He dismissed the thought quickly.

No one would want their child to suffer alone. Not just that, but from what he knew, Grey's background was very mysterious. He appeared from nowhere and quickly rose to fame.

After coming to know Grey, he recalled on one of his travels when he went to the Northern Continent and heard of a genius named Grey who was dominating all the Regions' geniuses rankings while in the Origin Plane.

Connecting the dots, he guessed it was most likely this Grey as well.

Grey's name also spread to other Regions close to the Region the Pymond Faction was located.

In the Faction his friends joined, they all heard of his tales. They couldn't help but smile at the news. They all knew Grey would become very famous in a short time, and in less than a year he was already well known as a genius that would go on to become a monstrous powerhouse.

They didn't believe the news of him crippling himself since they all knew Grey would never do something like that. Doing anything that would harm himself was the last thing Grey would do, so they knew it was only a plot by others who didn't like him.

Kyle also heard of Grey's news from his Family and couldn't help but shake his head. He had always believed that as long as Grey was around, he would most definitely make a name for himself. However, he didn't think that Grey would join the Pyrmond Faction which was on the decline. Most people felt the Pyrmond Faction drop from the top Factions in a short time.

Two more months went by in a flash and the stories of Grey started to die down. Many people thought he was nothing more than a fallen genius, while others felt pity for him.

While all this was happening, Grey was still inside the secret realm, training seriously.

In the secret realm.

Grey's figure could be seen sitting beside a lake. He was eating fruits leisurely. Void was sitting beside him, unbothered by anything.

They were enjoying their time when Grey felt something vibrate in his storage ring. He brought out the communication device and realized it was a distress signal from Keith.

'What could be going on.' He thought.

After checking for his location, he turned to look at Void.

"Keith's in trouble, let's go check it out."

He stepped on the rock beside him and it lit up. Over the past months he had been here, he had created multiple teleportation arrays across this realm. He couldn't say he had traveled the entire place, but he was almost certain that no one aside from those from the Lutra race knew this place as much as he did.

Their figures vanished soon after.

In another location.

In a city.

Keith was currently trapped in an encirclement, over ten people from the Lutra race surrounded him with malicious intentions.

'Damn it! I shouldn't have come here.' He complained internally.

'I hope Grey comes soon.'

All he could do was pray for Grey's quick arrival.

Chapter 863 Lutra Race Seeking Revenge

Grey and Void appeared not too far from the city where Keith was captured. He didn't know what happened, but from the number of people he saw gathered outside, he was certain that something major must have happened.

They were about to move when Void suddenly paused and looked in a certain direction.

"What's up?" Grey asked curiously when he saw Void looking in another direction.

"That two-headed snake is there." Void replied.

"Isn't it supposed to be with Keith?" Grey asked with a confused look.

"Yeah, that's why I'm surprised it's there." Void answered.

"Let's see what's up with it before meeting up with Keith." Grey suggested.

"Wouldn't he be dead before we come back?" Void was a little worried about Keith's safety.

"He should be fine. If I wasn't here, what would he have done?" Grey didn't feel too worried about it.

The main reason he came over was that since coming here, this was the only time Keith has asked for his help. If not, he wouldn't have come over to help him out.

Void could only agree with him and go over to meet up with the two-headed snake.

It took them a few minutes before they got there. Void traced the snake to a small cave that had some water inside. Looking around, they saw the snake lying on the ground, injured.

"I see, no wonder they got that guy." Grey commented when he saw the state of the snake.

Void went over to speak with the snake. He was a al beast, so he could naturally communicate with the snake. After talking for some time, he found out that Keith was ambushed by people from the Lutra race. Actually, Keith wasn't the only one, every human around this area was ambushed.

Grey gave the snake a healing tonic he got from this realm. It was not as effective as the tonic he got from the blooming viper, but it was still good. This snake had been very useful since he got it, so he didn't mind keeping it alive.

The snake was already in the Mid stages of Rank Six, so it meant whoever attacked them would be either in the Mid stages or the Sage Plane, or the Late stages.

Grey and Void left the snake so it could heal up before heading to the city. Since Grey could change the color of his skin, he didn't need to worry about anything. He walked into the city through the city gates and even greeted the guards as well.

The fact that he could speak their language made things easier for him. He asked around and found out a few things.

Those from the Lutra race had always known of humans coming into their world. However, lately, their city had been attacked repeatedly, and their cargoes were stolen. This sent them into an outrage and they decided to take out every human they found. They would track them, and after getting a good enough chance, they would ambush them.

In total, they had captured over ten humans during the past few days, and they would be executing them in a few hours.

"I guess there will always be a bunch of troublemakers." Grey said softly.

The Pyrmond Faction were the only ones who had access to this realm, from what they knew. He couldn't be a hundred percent certain that only the Pyrmond Faction had access to this realm. If other Factions accidentally found a spatial node that connects this place to the Aurora Continent, there was no way those from the Pyrmond Faction would be aware of this.

Grey didn't have any problems with getting to the place where the execution would be held, it was a public place, after all.

When he looked at all those captured, he noticed they were from the Pyrmond Faction. Most of them wore the Faction's uniform since it had defensive properties.

Grey wasn't wearing his since he was wearing clothes he stole from one of the members of the Lutra race. He had to fit in, and he couldn't do that with his normal clothes.

His gaze soon rested on Keith's body. Keith's state was not as bad as the two-headed snake, other than a few bruises, he was fine.

'What do we do now?' Void asked.

'Stop the execution, of course.' Grey replied casually.

'But there are a few Late stage Sage Plane Elementalists around.' Void warned.

'Not a problem, it's not like I want to fight. I'm just taking some people and leaving.' Grey replied, still not bothered about the people in the Late stages of the Sage Plane.

'Besides, I have you here, why should I be afraid?' He added with a grin.

'I'm not going to get myself beat up because of these people.' Void showed his stance from the start.

'Come on, you'll get some good shiny things from them as a reward.' Grey persuaded.

'I'm not going to fall for that again.' Void snorted and refused to listen to whatever Grey had to say.

Grey continued pestering Void, he wasn't interested in what the man on the stage was talking about. The man was talking about how humans came to their world and started to steal their resources and use them as objects of training. He planned to revolt against this, but the humans hadn't come this close to their high rank cities.

When Grey heard about what they had been going through in the past years, he couldn't help but shake his head at the cruelty of the members of the Syphilis Faction. They had been using these people for experiments, causing all sorts of diseases and disasters.

The people of the Lutra race had been searching for a way to make humans pay for their crimes. After the attacks on the city, they realized a group of humans was around. They sent out their strongest warriors, and after a few days, they captured this group of people.

'So Keith was unlucky and came to this area. No wonder even the snake couldn't do anything against them. They were ready for them.' Grey thought in realization.

Chapter 864 Not Coming Out

The man finished his speech before calling out the first person that would be executed.

It was a young man who Grey recognized, just barely though. If his guess was correct, then the young man was part of the group who followed them to the competition against the Syphilis Faction.

The young man was visibly afraid, he struggled as he tried to escape from the hands of the people who held him tight. Unfortunately, his cultivation was sealed and he was unable to move an inch.

He pleaded as they took him to the front of the stage, forcing him to his knees, the man who gave the speech summoned a dark sword that hung high in the air, waiting to drop. The young man pleaded with them, but no matter what he said, the people of the Lutra race didn't understand a word he said.

'How did you even learn their language?' Void couldn't help but ask.

Grey managed to learn another language after only staying for over a month. He was very fluent with it now that they wouldn't know the difference between him and a native speaker.

'I don't know, studying them I guess.' Grey shrugged.

During his first month here, he spent his entire time studying the people of the Lutra race. He even went as far as capturing one of them to try to learn their language. It took him a long time, but after putting his entire focus on it, he managed to get some ideas on it.

He continued learning even after the first month, and when he entered a city, he took some books from the library. Reading was one of the best ways to learn the language more quickly. He still had someone with him who he tried to communicate with frequently.

Their writing was completely different from what humans wrote, and he had to learn that as well. To be honest, Void didn't even know if Grey came here to train or learn about this civilization.

When the man was about to drop the sword....

"Wait!"

He heard a voice come from the crowd, pausing, he looked at the crowd, curious as to who would dare to ask him to wait.

The crowd parted apart so the speaker would be visible.

The young man who was about to be executed noticed the man pause and breathed a sigh of relief. Even though he didn't know what was happening, all he knew was that he was not going to die, well, for now. Maybe he could die in the next few minutes.

When the crowd spread apart, Grey's figure could be seen standing alone, with Void hiding in his storage ring.

"What do you think you're doing?" The man asked with a cold tone. .

"Nothing, I just don't think it's ideal to kill them." Grey replied.

When his words left his mouth, all those around him gasped in shock. They couldn't believe one of their own was siding with the humans.

"Seize him! We'll execute him first." The crowd was thrown into outrage.

They rushed at Grey and tried to apprehend him.

"Hear me out. You know fully well that these humans aren't the set that caused the deaths." Grey tried to explain, but unfortunately, they had no plans in listening to what he was saying.

All they wanted to do right now was to kill him, along with the humans.

Keith looked at the people and he couldn't help but take a double look at Grey's figure. He had hung out with Grey for a while, so he knew how he looked. This person had the same features as Grey, their only difference was color. Even the voice was the same, if not for the fact that he couldn't understand a word Grey was saying, he would've been a thousand percent sure that this person was Grey.

'I'll wait and see.'

The people surrounding Grey tried to capture him, but he easily snuck away from their encirclement. He appeared a few meters away from the stage where the young man was to be executed.

The man who wanted to execute him was slightly taken aback, but he hastily realized Grey wasn't the weak person he took him for.

"Stand back, he's mine." The man told the others.

Grey smiled before stepping back, "Void..."

'I'm not coming out, fight yourself.' Void replied coldly.

'Seriously, you want to let me down now?' Grey didn't believe Void wouldn't answer him.

'You're the one who picked a fight with them. Deal with it yourself.' Void replied.

The duo continued arguing while the man dismissed the dark sword he wanted to use in executing the young man. He was a Space Elementalist, so with a blink, he appeared before Grey.

Grey forcefully ejected Void out of his storage ring. Unfortunately for him, Void disappeared the instant he appeared.

'Damn it Void! I'll give you five shiny things!' He negotiated.

'Ten.' Void's voice sounded in his head.

'Deal, now stop this guy while I save the others.' Grey replied hurriedly.

Void soon appeared in front of the man and he attacked him without warning. The man didn't expect a beast to appear in front of him, so he was caught off guard.

Grey rushed over to where the young man was kneeling and freed him.

"Okay?" He asked.

The young man looked at him weirdly, unable to reply.

Only after a few seconds of silence did Grey realize he used the Lutra race's language.

"Are you okay?" He asked in their language.

"Yeah, I'm fine." The young man nodded.

Grey waved his hand and those from the Lutra race who were running toward them were frozen solid. He didn't kill them, only making sure they couldn't move. He didn't forget to free the others as well.

'Void, we're leaving.' He said internally.

Just as he was about to teleport along with the others, he sensed a powerful aura rushing over. This aura was stronger than that of the man fighting against Void.

'Couldn't they just let me leave without causing too much trouble?' He complained internally.

With no other choice, he could only send the others away and stay behind. If he followed as well, then this person coming could easily break the spatial tunnel.

Chapter 865 The Sage Plane

The second the group vanished, an Old man who had two different colors appeared before Grey.

He looked around and snorted coldly, before stretching out his hand towards the empty space, clenching it, Grey felt a powerful spatial vibration.

'Crap! He wants to break the spatial tunnel and force them back.' He rushed into action and stood in front of the man.

He couldn't allow the man to do as he pleased. After making such a difficult effort to rescue the group, the man was going to bring them back just like that.

He activated his gravitational force field. Since the man was close to him, he was instantly affected by it.

This man in question was already on the Eighth stage of the Sage Plane. Grey on the other hand had broken through to the Second stage of the Sage Plane. He was the fastest amongst all the people who came in here while at the Peak of the Overlord Plane. When he studied Kieth and the others, he noticed most of them were still in the Overlord Plane. Kieth was fortunate to be among the few who had broken through to the Sage Plane.

Grey's strength was not something this man could take lightly. When the man sensed the gravitational force field, it was already too late and he had lost focus on his task. The group escaped with him being unable to stop them.

He looked at Grey with an odd and angry expression. The reason for this was because, from Grey's blue color, it showed that he was a Water Elementalist, yet, he had not only used the space element, but he had also used something related to the earth element.

"Who are you?" The man paused to ask.

He wanted to ensure Grey was not a genius from their race. If such a genius existed, then they had a good chance of breaking the barrier and going over the Sage Plane.

"An unknown figure who will be leaving now." Grey replied in the Lutra race's language before turning around.

The man chased after him. He didn't even think Grey was human because not only did he have their color which showed their elemental affinity, but he could also speak their language perfectly. It was almost impossible for his mind to go to that side.

"Stop!" The man appeared in front of Grey.

Grey couldn't continue his movement so he had to stop and listen to what the man had to say.

"I'll forgive the fact that you saved those humans, what I want to know is who are you, and how come you're only coming out now?" The man said calmly.

He wanted to reason with Grey calmly since he saw a lot of potential in him. Also, if he could recruit someone like Grey under his wings, he wouldn't have to fear his opponents and could fight for what he wanted in the kingdom.

Grey didn't say anything, he only looked in Void's direction, Void was still fighting against the man. He was at the disadvantage, and honestly, he wasn't really a match for the man he was fighting against. However, because of his space element, the man couldn't kill him. Void's mastery of the space element was miles ahead of Grey, and even if Grey manages to break through to the Mid stages of the Sage Plane, he still wouldn't have a better mastery of the space element.

The man looked at Void, intrigued by the ingenuity of the beast. He never thought there would be a beast that was this powerful around. Seeing how Grey looked at Void, his eyes lit up.

"You want the beast? I believe it came here with the humans, but I can subdue it for you." The man tried to use Void to coerce Grey into becoming friends with him.

Grey didn't expect the man to ask him a question like this, so he froze in surprise.

'He still doesn't understand I'm from the human world?' He thought internally.

Grey didn't understand how high the allure of breaking the shackles of their world was to these people. If one person could break through and become an Elemental Venerable, then they would pave the way for the others. This was something they all wanted badly, so seeing someone of Grey's talent and understanding he was just barely over twenty years old, the man wanted to find a way to recruit him and make him his successor.

He didn't even mind going against the entire race for him. Unfortunately for the man, he had no idea that Grey wasn't from their race, rather, he was also one of those hateful humans.

The man assumed that since Grey didn't speak and continued looking at Void's meant that he wanted him. He decided to take action and stepped into the battle.

'What the hell, Grey?! What are you doing?' Void couldn't help but complain when he saw Grey standing aside and the man he was supposed to fight against had teamed up with the man fighting him. He could barely hang on against this opponent, yet a stronger one was getting involved as well.

Grey chuckled and after Void was beaten for a few seconds, he stepped in. With his gravitational force field fully active, and also his elements in place, he attacked.

His aura suddenly started to increase at a fast pace.

The man who wanted to recruit him froze when he sensed this. Grey's aura which was around the Second stage of the Sage Plane moved upwards to the Third stage, within a second, it had reached the Fourth stage.

With the Fusion State, he could increase his stage by the number of elements he had. Since he had eight elements at the moment, he could increase his stage by eight elements.

He was already in the Second stage, so if he added eight more stages, he would go straight to the Peak of the Sage Plane. The only thing at the moment was that he wasn't as powerful as a Peak Sage Plane Elementalist, but he could at least hold his own against them.

Chapter 866 Two Domains

The old man, along with the man fighting against Void paused and looked at Grey with bulging eyes.

They turned to look at each other and they could see the shock in their eyes. They never thought they would witness something like this. Grey just went from the Second stage of the Sage Plane to the Peak in a matter of seconds. They also had special techniques to increase their strengths, but none of them was at this level. In fact, there was none that could improve their strength for more than two stages.

Once it gets over that, it is no different from crippling themselves.

"Everyone, leave now!" The old man warned the crowd who were watching the battle for fun. It had been entertaining so far, but now, it had gotten to a stage where even the bystanders would get affected by the battle.

Grey didn't attack after using the Fusion State. Although he wasn't too bothered about the safety of these people, he wasn't a maniac that would cause thousands of deaths without remorse, so he not only let them leave, but he decided to take the battle higher into the sky.

Since breaking through to the Sage Plane, this was the first time he was about to fight a real battle, and he was also using the Fusion State as well. He wanted to see just how powerful he had become.

'I forgot about this, and I let you trick me into fighting.' Void said with a hint of annoyance.

'Well, you needed some exercise as well. Don't act like you didn't enjoy the battle. Come on, let's go beat these guys up.' Grey replied with a smirk.

Void stuck out his tongue and they flew into the air.

The old man who wanted to capture Void for Grey was a little taken aback when he saw them together, although he didn't know of their conversation since they spoke telepathically, he could tell that they were acquainted with each other. When he thought about this, his breathing seized for a second as a frightening thought came to his head.

'He can't possibly be a human, right?'

Just the thought of this alone was more than enough to send shivers down the spines of every single member of his race. Grey being able to not only speak their language but also pretend like he was part of them by changing the color of his skin was terrifying information for them.

If humans could do this, then there was no way the people of the Lutra race would be able to know who was human or a member of their race.

In the sky.

"What are you?" The old man asked with a serious expression.

"What do you think I am?" Grey asked with a smile.

"A human." The man replied.

He didn't want to say it, but from what he could tell at the moment, this was all he could think about.

"Correct." Grey didn't deny it since there was no use in doing so.

The old man's expression changed drastically, his expression was very severe.

'I'll have to kill him no matter what!' The man came to a conclusion quickly.

If Grey went out to teach other humans about this, then they would be in deep trouble. Humans would be able to not only infiltrate into their world with ease, but they could even grow to start making decisions for them.

For instance, Grey being a human and so powerful could easily vie for a high position in the world. Once he becomes undefeatable, then he would start bringing in more humans and endanger the safety of those from the Lutra race.

'He probably wants to kill you now.' Void said when he saw the eyes of the man.

It wasn't hard to predict what the man was thinking since he suddenly started to emit bone-chilling killing intent.

'Yeah, I'd want to kill me as well.' Grey said nonchalantly, he wasn't even bothered by this.

He had made countermeasures, and that was to ensure that those who knew of his abilities to understand and look like them. Other than both men who were with him right now, there was no one else who knew about this, so he wanted to eliminate them and keep this secret safe.

The old man looked at the other man and told him of his plan in Grey's presence, he didn't think Grey was on his level, even with the help of a special technique to drastically improve his strength.

Grey chuckled and looked at Void, "Want to see my second domain?"

"Oh, you really did awaken a second domain while breaking through. For the lightning element, right?" Void tried to recall which element Grey told him of awakening a new domain.

"Yup. I plan to use both simultaneously, well, not now." Grey said before spreading out his hands.

Looking at the duo in front of him as if they were mere insects, the sound of lightning started to reverberate across the sky.

The duo originally thought Grey wanted to attack them so they prepared to defend, but the sound of lightning told them otherwise.

Before long, the entire place was covered with lightning arcs that were shooting across the sky. Every inch within a fifty meters radius was fully covered with lightning arcs going through the sky.

The old man and his companion scrambled to get their protection up, in a bid to block the attacks from the lightning domain.

They were still in the process when one of Grey's eyes turned pale blue. Each of his eyes currently had a different color, one of them was giving off a red glow which represented his red lightning, while his other eye was giving off a pale blue glow, which indicated his special flame.

He planned to use the icy flames here. This fire was stronger than the flame he was previously using.

'You're just showing off now, aren't you?' Void was forced to say when he saw how the sky looked.

The blue ice inferno was designed with arcs of red lightning and it gave off a majestic aura.

Chapter 867 A Deal

The old man and the man previously fighting against Void were engulfed by the icy inferno.

Grey contracted the size of the domain to make it more powerful. He wanted to use it to its full potential.

The men quickly started to feel the cold from the icy flames, and the lightning arcs flashing through the inferno made life a living hell for them.

The old man tried to block the attacks, but he found it almost impossible to do so. With the help of the other man, they managed to fend it off.

Grey had not attacked yet, rather, he was staring at the duo struggling against the domain. If only the domain was this troublesome to deal with, then they couldn't help but shiver at the thought of Grey joining in on the battle.

An orb appeared on Grey's hand and he released it into the inferno. It exploded and caused a large explosion.

The old man used his space element to try to escape from the inferno, but there was no way Grey was going to allow that. Presently, he had a higher cultivation stage than the old man, this gave him the advantage when it came to using his elemental powers.

The spatial tunnel the man opened was forcefully closed by Grey and the man was sent flying by the impact of Grey's attack. The attack was something that they couldn't defend against, its power was above their level.

Grey didn't give them the chance they wanted to regain their bearings, he instantly attacked once again. He used the domain to hold back the other man while focusing on the old man.

Symbols lit up beside the inferno and the man who was trying to escape from the inferno was forced back by the powerful attacks that came out from the inscriptions.

The old man was getting beat up by Grey's immense strength.

Whenever he tried to use the space element to escape, Grey would always use his superior strength to break the tunnel, making sure it was impossible for the man to escape.

Grey was single-handedly beating two Sage Plane Elementalists. Both of them were in the Late stages, which showed how strong he was.

Void didn't bother with the fight any longer and just watched from the side. He almost wanted to beat Grey up for making him fight against the man when he had the strength to suppress him by this much.

A minute later, Grey sent the old man crashing to the ground, outside the city.

He appeared close to the man and released his gravitational force field. The old man tried to stand up but he was forced to the ground by the sheer strength of the gravitational force field.

Grey's figure blinked, and when he appeared again, he had the other man in his hands. He dropped him close to the old man.

"Normally, I'd kill you, but I see no use in doing that. Not all humans are what you think they are." He said with a calm voice.

He was not a righteous person, but he wasn't as brutal as those from the Syphilis Faction. Honestly, he had no reason to kill these men, so he decided against it.

If they attacked them without reason and might be a danger to him later on, then he would've killed them, but presently, there was no use in doing that. He faced no danger here with his current strength.

Both men exchanged glances before looking at Grey, they both clenched their fists angrily.

"How about this..." Grey thought of the idea of striking a deal with them.

It would be good if they could get people in this realm, but if not, it was also okay.

Grey spoke with them and after some time, they came to an agreement. They didn't accept Grey's deal since it was of no significant benefit to them, but they would speak with the others about it. Also, if Grey could give them something that could help them, then they didn't mind working something out with them.

Grey accepted since it wasn't a bad idea. He would speak with the Elder at the portal, and after hearing what they have to say, he would give them feedback.

He let them go but gave them something to track them with when he's coming back.

Void appeared beside him with a nonchalant look, "You let them go?"

"There are things here that are useless to them but very useful to us. It's best if we can change these things with them." Grey told Void his plan.

"Oh, I never thought you were this thoughtful." Void commented.

Grey tried to smack Void on his back but he changed it with a simple blink. Since Grey had exited the Fusion State, he was no match for Void.

"Crazy..." He muttered before heading in the direction of the cave where the two-headed snake was resting.

When they got there, the group he saved was all there, waiting for him.

"I see you're all okay." He commented when he appeared.

"Senior Grey!" Someone from the crowds shouted.

"Huh?" Grey raised a brow, surprised by the way he was addressed.

He was currently back to his original skin, and he even wore his uniform, so it was natural that he was recognized. What he didn't expect was being addressed in such a manner.

The others gasped in shock when they heard how the young man addressed Grey. They had all heard of Grey's famous name, but he was very reserved. After the celebratory ceremony, they hadn't seen or even heard from him again. One of the things that made others recognize him easily was his handsome face. In the entire Faction, there was no one who could match Grey in terms of handsomeness, so seeing such a handsome guy, they linked it to him.

Keith walked over to Grey.

"Thank goodness you came early, they would've killed us before you arrived." He shook his head with a sigh.

He hated the fact that he had to depend on Grey to get over this, but he knew his chances of escaping from a Late stage Sage Plane expert were very slim. In fact, it was zero.

"It's a good thing you're alright." Grey said to Keith.

He looked at the others before asking if they were the ones attacking the caravans of those from the Lutra race.

Only two groups agreed to this. Grey warned them against the idea of robbing them since he was trying to strike a deal with them. When they heard this, they were all stunned by the idea.

"Senior Grey..." A young lady walked up to Grey with a somewhat shy expression.

"Yes?" Grey turned to look at her.

"How did you learn to speak their language, and also, change your skin color." The young lady asked.

"Oh that, it's not really hard, for me. You guys, almost impossible." Grey was blunt with his words.

He changed his skin color when speaking so they would know what he was talking about.

"As for the language, it will take you all some time, but you can learn it." He added.

The group was not too surprised by this. Changing their color was something they didn't even think of, yet Grey managed to not only do it, but he was very good at it.

He spiked with them a little longer before giving them the healing tonic he had with him. Given his reputation in the Faction currently, he was a figure most people looked up to.

After they left, only Keith and the two-headed snake were left in the cave with Grey and Void.

"What now?" Keith asked him.

"I'm leaving, there's nothing left for me to do here." Grey said to Keith.

"Oh, I'll stay a little longer. I want to grow stronger." Keith said with determination.

"Alright." Grey replied, after speaking with Keith a little longer, his figure blurred and he disappeared, leaving Keith alone with the snake.

Both parties exchanged glances before resting.

Aurora Continent.

Outside the Lutra Portal.

The portal vibrated and a figure stepped out of it. It was none other than Grey who had Void on his shoulder.

When he came out, he turned to look at the Elder who was alone. He looked around suspiciously. At the time he was coming out, he was almost certain that there was someone with the Elder, however, the Elder was all alone now.

"You're out, I see you made some improvements." The Elder commented.

"Yes, Elder." Grey bowed to greet the Elder.

When he was done with pleasantries, he immediately told the Elder of his deal with the people from the Lutra race.

"Are you sure about this?" The Elder asked. This was not a simple matter and it would be very beneficial to the Faction if it was true.

"Yes, Elder." Grey nodded.

"Come, we're going to meet the Faction Leader." The Elder tapped Grey's shoulder and they vanished.

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Pyrmond Faction.

Grey and the Elder appeared in the secret cave where he met with the Faction Leader the last time.

The Faction Leader had already gotten the news of the duo's arrival, so he wasn't surprised to see them.

They both bowed to greet the Faction Leader.

"What brings you here?" The Faction Leader asked, waving at the duo not to bother with greetings.

They naturally didn't do as they were told. After they were done with greetings, the Elder looked at Grey before turning to the Faction Leader.

"He has a very important piece of information." He pointed at Grey.

"Oh really, what's that?" The Faction Leader asked with curiosity.

Grey went on to tell him about the potential deal he struck with the members of the Lutra race.

"Wait, you managed to learn their language?" The Faction Leader couldn't help but ask.

This had been a major stumbling block for them while they were still in full control of the portal to the secret realm. They had not been able to break through the language barrier for years, and in only six months or so when Grey entered he had not only broken it but he also managed to strike a deal with them. Amazing!

"Yeah, it was pretty difficult, but it wasn't impossible to begin with." Grey said.

"Do you think they'll agree to your deal?" The Faction Leader asked.

"They were the ones who brought up the terms for this deal, so hopefully, yeah." Grey replied.

"Alright, there are some things we can offer them." The Faction Leader nodded after hearing Grey's words.

He brought out a few items and gave them to Grey. He knew all about the Lutra realm and what they lacked, so he brought out a variety of items that were impossible to find in the Lutra realm and handed them over to Grey.

Grey was the only one who could communicate with them, so he passed everything to him. After taking them, Grey and the Elder disappeared from the secret cave.

After they left, three figures appeared beside the Faction Leader. They were all old men, and the Faction Leader looked at them with respect.

"What do you think of him?" The Faction Leader asked.

"He seems to have the Faction's best interest in mind." One of the men said.

"He's that kid's child, right?" An old man asked.

"Yes, Lucas produced a child even more monstrous than himself. But from the look of things, the boy has no knowledge he's from the Dawson Family." The Faction Leader replied.

He could still remember how Lucas rose to fame after a famous battle he had with an old ancestor of a rival Family. That battle took him straight to the top, and he was regarded as a peer amongst those figures who were at the very top.

"He has some secrets in his body. I presume that's one of the reasons Lucas kept him hidden." The Faction Leader added.

"It's natural, why do you think he's this powerful? As long as he has the Faction in mind, that's all that matters. Also, I think he has some feud with necromancers. If not for the guy protecting him, he would've been dead by now." He added as well.

"Necromancers? Hmph! They are becoming more brazen now. Try to exterminate the few you find around. Also, there should be a base around our Region, search for it and remove it." One of the old men said.

They continued speaking about Grey's prospects, and after some minutes, they decided to leave Grey alone. It would be best if he grows on his own. Even his family was letting him experience life on his own, why should they interfere?

Lutra Realm.

Grey's figure appeared in the realm once again. It hadn't even been close to twenty minutes since he left the realm. The member standing guard there was surprised to see Grey once again.

He hurriedly welcomed him. Grey nodded as a greeting before vanishing.

When he appeared once again, he was already standing outside the city.

With the device in hand, he changed his color and blended into the city with ease. He found a way to hide his face since even his skin color couldn't change his facial appearance, so it would be easy for the few who saw him the last time to recognize him.

He stopped in front of a building that had purple flowers designing it. It was a story building with guards standing at the gate.

Grey blinked and appeared in the compound. Walking around, he found the old man he beat up talking with another man.

He appeared inside the office where they were speaking.

"I'm back." He said as soon as he appeared.

Both men were taken by shock when they saw Grey's figure. If not for him speaking, they wouldn't have been able to sense him.

Grey was currently in his Fusion State. Even though he felt they would accept his proposal, he didn't trust them. They could easily plan an ambush, waiting to take him out.

"How did you get in here?" The middle-aged man sitting on the chair asked with a cold voice.

"I walked in." Grey replied nonchalantly.

"I assume he already told you of my proposal, correct?" Grey asked.

"Yes. We're not interested." The man replied almost instantly.

"Calm down, this is not the only part of the deal. There are other kingdoms in this realm, and I can easily strike a deal with the others as well. You don't want them to be the ones to collaborate with us, do you?" Grey looked at the man with a blank expression.

The man froze when he heard this. Thinking about it, he couldn't help but feel apprehensive. If the other kingdoms allied with humans, then they could easily take control of the entire realm.

"This is a win-win scenario for us. We give you what you want, and you give us what we want. This will not only reduce the number of humans who come here, but it will also give you guys the chance to break the barrier." Grey continued.

He had never been the best negotiator, and if they still refused this proposal, he would leave immediately.

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Grey left the city with a satisfied smile. He was able to convince the man to agree to the proposal.

'The thought of us helping the other kingdoms is more appealing than us exchanging resources.' He thought with a chuckle.

"What now?" Void asked Grey when they left the city.

Now that they were out of the city, and already created a connection between this kingdom and the Faction, it was time for him to leave.

"I have to teach someone the language, I've written most of it down when learning, so it should be easier for them. Also, I have to introduce them to who would be exchanging the items with them." Grey said.

The only person Grey was close to that was currently in the realm was Keith, so he planned to use Keith. Since Keith was still in the First stage of the Sage Plane, it would be a good thing for him if he could stay here for an extended time since their time here was already up.

When he looked at the tracking device, he saw that Keith was still in the same cave where the snake was located.

He vanished and appeared there within a second.

"Hey." He waved at Keith.

"Huh! I thought you were leaving?" Keith was shocked by Grey's sudden appearance, he was even prepared to attack.

"I did, but I struck a deal with these guys and after speaking with the Faction Leader about it, he approved it. Now we need someone who would be the link. I can't stay here since there's a place I need to be in a few months' time." Grey went straight to the point.

"You want me to do it?" Keith understood what Grey was getting at.

"Yeah, you'll be the one communicating with the Lutra race. If you don't want to, you can as well reject it, you're not obligated to do it." Grey said.

"I want to. This is a chance for me to stay here a little longer, so of course I want to stay and do it." Keith accepted immediately.

"Good, here." Grey tossed some scrolls at him.

"What are these?" Keith asked with a confused expression. The scrolls were over twenty, and opening one of them he couldn't understand a single word on it. All he saw were weird symbols.

"You'll have to learn the language of the race if you want to speak with them. That's it, take these as well, it's more like a rough translation of those words." Grey gave him another set of scrolls.

Keith almost wanted to regret his decision, but he forced himself to study the scrolls.

"I'll teach you how to speak the language once you're done with reading that. It will make things easier." Grey said after some time.

With that, he left Keith alone. Since he was still here, he decided to explore the place a little more. Maybe he could find something interesting.

Since breaking through to the Sage Plane, he hadn't been able to do many things. If not for the battle he had with those men, he wouldn't even know how powerful he is. Well, that was while he was in the Fusion State.

Once an Elementalist breaks through from the Overlord Plane to the Sage Plane, they undergo a considerable change. When breaking through to the Overlord Plane, he had to crack his cores and integrate the powers into his body, now, he had to make compress those powers into different spots in his body. This was different from cores.

In this case, the spots where the powers were gathered would be on different parts of his body. Unfortunately for Grey, he was different from others, so he couldn't do it the conventional way. Instead of compressing the powers to different spots, they were all attracted to the orb in his body.

With this, the orb gave off a stronger glow, and Grey could feel his connection with it grow significantly. He could feel he had some sort of control over it now.

That was not the only thing, the blue flame in his head had grown stronger and he could also send it out of his body. However, it still hadn't gained consciousness, although it was on the verge of doing so, it stopped.

Grey was still contemplating if he should allow it to gain consciousness or not. He was the one who had stopped it with the array the Faction Leader used in stopping it from advancing. The thought of having something with a thought of its own in his body was a little too scary for him, so he planned to wait until he was sure he had complete control over it.

When he started his exploration, he would occasionally bring out the flame and try to loosen the hold on it. After watching how it reacted, he would keep it back. The flame was very dominant, and it didn't want to be under any control, this was Grey's greatest issue with it.

While strolling through the realm, he sensed something interesting.

"An earth elemental treasure. Let's check it out." He said to Void.

He didn't like missing the chance of acquiring a treasure that could improve his elemental grade for his elements. At the point, he was a little certain that either his earth or darkness element would be the next to have a domain. There's also the possibility of his water element. The grade for his water element was improving without him even doing anything.

Of all his elements, only his light element was still below the blue grade. He hadn't been able to improve it since it was very difficult to work with. Other than using it to heal himself, he couldn't rely on its speed mainly because of his space and lightning element which had high elemental grades. Even his wind elemental grade was already cyan after he acquired the treasure he found in this realm during the second month he entered the realm.

If his earth element sees another upgrade, then it would be in poll position to become the next domain awakened.

Chapter 870 A Genius From The Pyrmond Faction

Grey's figure shot through the sky and before long, he appeared in a desert. On getting there, he saw multiple people, some of them were from the Pyrmond Faction, while there were also people from the Lutra race. It was like there was an unwritten rule that they should wait until the treasure was ready before they started fighting.

The treasure got to its peak when Grey arrived. Everyone rushed after it at the time it was prepared. A pyramid-like sand dome was where it was radiating from.

Grey didn't wait for anything and rushed into the place as well. He couldn't be the last person that got into the dome. There was an entrance underneath it.

They could all sense the treasure was at the top of the dome. But there was no way to get into the place, this was why everyone waited until now.

Grey used his wind and lightning element to breeze through most of the people that entered the place before him. He didn't even look at them and rushed straight for the top.

On his way, he could sense powerful auras of people in the Late stages of the Sage Plane. Some of them were from the Pyrmond Faction, while the others were from the Lutra race.

When Grey got to the top, he saw the humans facing off against those from the Lutra race.

The humans were at a disadvantage in numbers, this was the Lutra realm, after all, so it was normal for them to have the number advantage. Grey used the Fusion State once again, and unlike the people who wanted to fight for the treasure, he went straight for it.

He didn't care about what anyone thought about this move, all that mattered was getting the treasure. He needed to improve his strength with every chance he got, so he was not concerned about making some enemies from even the Pyrmond Faction.

Those from the Pyrmond Faction were taken aback when they saw a human figure rush past them, trying to acquire the treasure they were all fighting for.

"Isn't that Grey?" One of the youths in the group asked.

It was a young lady who Grey was a little familiar with. He had seen her once, during the day of the celebratory ceremony, Eva.

"Stop there!" A young man said coldly.

He was in the Late stages of the Sage Plane and felt he was senior to Grey. Given the normal circumstance when they left the Faction, Grey was still in the Overlord Plane. So even if Grey manages to break through to the Sage Plane when he came here to train, he should still be around the First or Second stage of the Sage Plane.

Grey didn't even bother with answering them. Not even the Elders could tell him to stop from taking this treasure, unless they used their strength to stop him.

The people from the Lutra race who were at the Late stages of the Sage Plane charged after Grey, along with the people from the Pyrmond Faction.

Grey didn't stop and when he was a few meters away from the glowing brown orb, he released his domain of fire. He used the icy flames since it was stronger.

When the people chasing after him saw the domain, they instantly tried to block it with their elemental powers, but Grey was currently at the Peak of the Sage Plane, so it was safe to say he was way stronger than them individually. He also only made it to cover a small area to make it stronger than normal.

While the group paused to deal with the domain, he was standing in front of the floating orb.

'A large concentration of earth elemental essence, how rare.' He thought internally.

He didn't waste any time and took the orb away. After taking it, he turned to look at the people who were already out of the domain's area. He was surrounded by both humans and the people from the Lutra race.

"You guys really aren't going to ally with these guys just to fight me, right?" He asked with a smile.

He didn't show any signs of fear since he could easily escape from the encirclement.

"You're Grey?" The young man with the highest cultivation stage amongst the members of the Pyrmond Faction who came asked.

Grey hadn't seen this young man before, so he didn't really know him. Also, he didn't like the way the young man spoke with him.

"Hello." He waved at Eva.

"You're already this powerful?" Eva asked with a wry smile.

"Not really, I'm using a special technique." Grey replied.

"I'm talking to you." The young man said coldly.

"You are?" Grey glanced at the young man with raised brow.

"Don't get cocky because you managed to obtain a technique that increased your strength by this much." The young man said coldly.

Grey turned his gaze away from the young man. He didn't have the time to speak with cocky people. He focused his attention on the people from the Lutra race.

"Are you people from the Slyth Kingdom?" He asked them in their language.

"You speak our language?" One of the men asked in shock.

"Yes, but you haven't answered my question." Grey replied.

"Yes." The man nodded.

"Alright, since you're from that kingdom, we can all go our separate ways. I presume you have a way to communicate with others from your race. I've agreed a deal with them to bring resources that you people don't have here, in exchange, you also give us the resources we don't have in our world. They've agreed to it, so we can be said to be allies." Grey explained the current situation to the man.

The man froze, not sure what to believe. He wasn't the only one in shock, the others from his race, as well as all the humans present had shocked expressions. Those from the Lutra race were shocked because of the information Grey just gave them, while those from the human race were stunned by the fact that Grey could communicate with these people.

They had never heard of anyone being able to understand and even speak the language of this race.

Grey being able to do it was the first time they saw something like this. Not just that, but he was also speaking so calmly with them. From how the people from the Lutra race were acting, they were sure he told them something shocking.

"Grey..." Eva called out softly.

"Hmm." Grey turned to her.

"You can speak their language?" She asked, still not sure of what she heard.

"Yeah, it's pretty easy actually." Grey reply.

There was no use in hiding this fact since others had seen him do it. It was only a matter of time before the entire Faction knew of it.

"But, how did you learn it?" Eva asked.

"It took a long time, but it was worth it. It made finding treasures pretty easy." Grey replied.

The young man who was trying to speak to Grey but was snubbed was getting increasingly annoyed with Grey.

"Hand it over." He said coldly.

Grey stared at him coldly, "Why?"

The young man froze when he heard Grey's question, "Well, because I'm your senior in the Faction."

"I don't think so, you can't last a minute against me, so tell me, how are you my senior?" Grey shook his head before looking away, he couldn't be bothered with self-centered people like these.

Even with the unity in the Faction, it was natural that there were a few people who were greedy, so he wasn't too concerned with this.

All he did was to speak with those from the Lutra race and they didn't even try to attack him or even threaten him, yet the young man wanted to forcefully take the treasure away from him.

"Don't think you're the only one with a domain." The young man said coldly.

"Nathan, stop it." Eva said to Nathan.

"Shut up and watch me beat this unruly fool up." Nathan pushed Eva to the side.

Grey's eyes went cold when he saw this. People like this would cause harm to the name of their prosperous Faction. He didn't mind helping the Faction weed out these craps.

He looked at the people from the Lutra race, "Have you been able to confirm?"

The man leading the group nodded.

"Alright, since I took this from you, I'll exchange something else for it." Grey said, before facing Nathan once again, "If you don't mind, I'd like to take out the trash."

The men from the Lutra race nodded and moved back. They could tell that there was a dispute between Grey and Nathan, and they were about to settle things out.

Eva looked at Grey, "Hey, don't do this."

"I'm not doing anything, I'm just trying to defend myself against him." Grey replied nonchalantly.

"I'll put you in your place, proud fool." Nathan said coldly before walking forward, standing in front of Grey.

"You just might regret this choice of yours, hopefully, it's not too late." Grey said calmly.

He didn't feel any pressure from Nathan, and this was because of the complete confidence he had in his strength. Against someone who was still in the Late stages of the Sage Plane, he was certain that he could defeat him.

There was no way someone in the Late stages of the Sage Plane could defeat him while he was at the Peak of said Plane. It was absolutely impossible.

Standing in front of Nathan, he prepared himself for his opponent's attack.