Affinity 891

Chapter 891 Cripple Yourself And I'll Let You Live

Eva stared at Grey, unsure of what to say.

Grey took a glance at her but moved away, walking in Alec's direction.

"Did you say Nathan was in Kangs City?" He asked.

Alec nodded, he didn't know what transpired between Grey and Eva, but from her present facial expression, she could tell that it wasn't anything good.

"I'll be leaving soon. We'll see some other time." Grey didn't dally any longer and left with Void.

Alec walked up to Eva to ask her what was wrong. She told him about what happened, and how Grey was able to guess everything that happened. If not for the fact that she was certain that he was unconscious at that time, she would've never believed he wasn't present at the time.

His guess was spot on, other than the fact that some people saw Grey first before she and Nathan arrived, everything else was accurate.

"I warned him. If he let it go, things would've been easy. When the cat came, he saw me fighting with Foudre, and even witnessed Foudre trying to kill Grey while he was unconscious. If he didn't arrive on time, Grey might've died from the attack. He told Foudre that Grey would have his revenge, looks like he's here because of that. Now, he has added Nathan to that list as well." Alec shook his head as he told Eva about what happened the last time he saw Grey and Void.

"Do you think he'll not kill them?" Eva asked, worried about the safety of her friends.

She didn't support them trying to kill Grey while he was down, but she still didn't want Grey to kill them.

"From his past actions, I doubt that. If they survive, then they should count themselves lucky." Alec replied casually.

The issue had nothing to do with him, he didn't have a good relationship with Nathan and Foudre, to begin with, so even if Grey killed both of them, he didn't find anything wrong with it. They were the ones who wanted to kill him, he's only giving them a taste of their own medicine.

Eva gazed at the ground, gripping the side of her shirt while biting her bottom lip.

Alec didn't stay there for long and left soon after, there was nothing left for him there. He was glad he managed to succeed in rescuing these people, thanks to Grey.

Grey appeared outside Kangs City, this time, he had a different color, looking around, he saw countless people rushing out of the City.

'I don't think they're still inside. Unfortunately, we don't know which direction they faced when leaving.' Grey transmitted his voice to Void.

Void and the Space Elementalist among the triplet were presently out, searching for Nathan and Foudre. They had searched the area within a kilometer of the city, but they hadn't seen any signs of Nathan or Foudre.

Naturally, they would be in disguise since they wouldn't want to be captured by these infuriated experts, this would make searching for them even more difficult.

'Why don't we go back to the girl? Nathan will search for a way to locate her.' Void suggested.

Grey thought about it and felt it was the best choice, but he decided to leave the Space Elementalist out in case there were any traces of Nathan around.

He went back with Void, hiding in the void. Eva was still in the same location in the forest, seemingly waiting for someone.

Of all the people captured, only two more people were still there with her. And they didn't stay long as well, they left after almost one hour.

After almost three hours, Nathan and Foudre arrived.

When Eva saw them, still alive and well, she heaved a sigh of relief.

'Looks like he didn't find them.' She thought internally.

"Where's Grey?" Nathan asked when he arrived.

"He left, searching for you two." Eva replied.

"Us, why?" Foudre asked.

"Revenge, obviously." Nathan answered.

"What does he take us for, does he think he can beat us, together?" Foudre snorted coldly.

"You saw his fight with those old guys, do you think we can defeat him?" Nathan asked.

He had already fought with Grey before, and he lost woefully. Even though he was confident in his abilities, he knew for a fact that he was no match for Grey. Even though it was evident that Grey uses some sort of special technique that boosts his strength to the Peak of the Sage Plane, he still didn't dare to undermine Grey's talent.

Foudre wanted to reply, but he paused and thought about Grey's battle before his expression turned dark. He already knew the answer, they couldn't fight against two such experts, even if they used a special technique to increase their strengths. Of course they didn't have one that was as absurd as Grey's technique, so they couldn't even get to the Peak of the Sage Plane despite not being far from it.

They were still speaking when Grey stepped out of the void.

They didn't notice his presence for a few seconds, Eva was the first to see him and she froze in fear.

"Wha… wha… what are you doing here?" She stammered.

"Don't get involved in this." Grey said gently.

Nathan and Foudre turned to look at Grey, their expressions sour.

They couldn't believe a single individual would actually put pressure on them. One that was even below them in terms of cultivation stage. If not for Grey's secret technique, they wouldn't need to fear him, and he wouldn't have the courage to act as he does.

"Grey, you're all healed up." Nathan said with a friendly smile.

"Yeah, thanks to you, I guess." Grey replied with a smile.

Foudre snorted, he wasn't like Nathan, "Why are you here?"

"I came for you in particular, Nathan, I'll give you a chance, cripple yourself and I'll let you live. You can even do it in a way that you can start cultivating again from scratch." Grey said casually.

Nathan and Foudre flew into rage when they heard Grey's words, his words clearly showed that he held both individuals in contempt, he simply didn't think much of them.

Chapter 892 I Don't Do Well With Accepting Apologies

"Who do you think you are?" Nathan asked, trying to contain his anger. He was visibly shaking from Grey's words.

"I'm Grey, and presently, your fate lies in my hands. I'm killing him, there's no way he's surviving. Normally, I'd kill you as well, but on account of my relationship with Eva, although we're not close, I'll give you a chance." Grey said with a calm expression.

He didn't wear his smile and his expression was once again bland.

Foudre was the one who exploded in anger when he saw Grey pointing at him and declaring his fate like some god.

"Come at me if you dare." He motioned at Grey, trying to get him to fight him.

"Do you really want that?" Grey tilted his head to the side and looked at Foudre in disdain. He didn't even hide the fact that he was looking down at him.

Foudre almost went mad when he saw Grey looking at him in this manner, he was about to charge out when Nathan grabbed his hand.

"Grey, I agree that what we did was wrong, but aren't you being a little too excessive?" Nathan tried to resolve the matter calmly.

"Excessive? I'm amazed such words can come out of your mouth. If I were dead, would you say that I am being excessive?" Grey scoffed at the hypocritical nature of Nathan. He was already used to this, so he wasn't surprised.

"I already apologized for it." Nathan said.

"Sorry, I don't do well with accepting apologies. Anyone who wants me dead will die." Grey said with an intimidating aura, he took a step forward and exploded out with a powerful aura.

He was done talking, since Nathan refused to cripple himself, then he would kill him as well. He only wanted to leave him alive because of Eva, but there was no need.

Nathan and Foudre prepared to attack while Eva stood between Grey and the duo, her intentions were clear, she wanted to protect them.

Grey paused when he saw her standing in front of him, "Move."

"Please, don't do this." Eva begged, tears already in her eyes.

Boom!

A powerful fire attack exploded out from Grey and it sent Eva flying.

Nathan and Foudre didn't expect Grey would attack her, so they were unable to react quickly. Even Eva didn't think Grey would attack her, so she wasn't able to put up a defense, and was hit by the full force of the attack.

After sending Eva flying, Grey rushed at the duo.

Nathan and Foudre stood beside each other and attacked simultaneously.

Grey didn't even feel bothered by their attacks, with a wave, a brownish screen appeared in front of him. It was just like a wind or fire screen, but this one was made from the earth element.

The screen was hit by the two attacks and it shook, however, it didn't have any signs of cracks.

A fireball appeared above Nathan and Foudre and came crashing down.

The duo blocked the attack.

While blocking the attack, earth spikes sprouted out of the ground, sending the duo into the air.

They quickly balanced themselves, but they were met with Grey who appeared within a few meters of them.

Grey released his gravitational force field that sent the duo down. Just like most of Grey's victims, they weren't prepared for the sudden change and fell to the ground.

Grey used his lightning domain next, sending streaks of lightning to attack the duo.

They were zapped by the lightning at first, but they quickly created a fire dome to protect themselves from the lightning before sending out fire spears in Grey's direction.

Grey was still mid-air, moving from one side to another, he dodged and blocked the spears.

Nathan and Foudre jumped out from the range of the lightning domain and attacked Grey from two different angles.

Grey spread out his hands and he was covered by a sea of flames. The attacks of both Nathan and Foudre entered the sea of flames and vanished, becoming part of it.

This was an ability of Grey's fire domain, with it, he could swallow up any fire elemental attack sent at him, well, within his strength level that is, and add it to the power of the fire domain. Fighting against two Fire Elementalists, he had the absolute advantage, especially now that he had the higher cultivation stage.

Nathan and Foudre exchanged glances when they saw this, they didn't stop after the first try, and with a flash, they unleashed one of their strongest attacks.

Foudre sent out a stream of fire which seemed to have special flames mixed with it. There were some places that had different colors in the stream of fire.

Nathan on the other hand used something that amazed Grey, a fire domain.

The fire domain covered a large area and Foudre's attack power was increased with the help of Nathan's domain. The strength of this attack was presently at the Peak of the Sage Plane.

'Finally, I thought they would bore me all through.' Grey smiled internally and increased the intensity of his domain.

He turned it to his icy flame domain, trying to freeze the attack that was coming his way.

His domain and Nathan's domain clashed, before the stream of fire entered his domain. Like receiving a double attack, his domain wavered, and the impact forced him back some meters.

Nathan and Foudre continued their attack, not holding back.

Eva opened her eyes at this moment, when she saw the duo forcing Grey back, she tried to stand up and stop them from fighting, but she noticed that she was drained, it would take a few minutes before she would be able to recover.

This was thanks to Void using the darkness element to corrode her elemental essence. She was almost the same as a regular human at the moment, only far stronger.

Boom! Bang! Bam!

The fight started to intensify, Grey was using the lightning and fire element as his main attack options while using the space and earth elements to dodge and block most of the attacks.

The duo were pure Fire Elementalists, so unlike Grey, they couldn't use other elements, but they were holding their own against Grey at the moment.

Chapter 893 Separating The Duo

Boom!

Nathan and Foudre were sent crashing to the ground, destroying a large boulder by the side.

Grey appeared beside them and attacked once again. He struck Foudre with a light sword that sent him flying.

Nathan was about to move but his legs were sealed to the ground with the earth that came out of the ground.

He destroyed it with fire but was sent flying after receiving a blow from Grey. Given the disparity in terms of physique, the punch was something that hurt him.

Foudre rushed back into the scene but was met with Grey's attacks. He was holding off Grey when Nathan attacked with his domain once again.

Grey had to use his inscriptions to fight against Foudre while he turned to Nathan.

Foudre refused to give him the opportunity he wanted, quickly dealing with the inscriptions and rushing into the fray.

Nathan, with the help of his domain, had managed to block two lightning attacks, but he was hit by a large earth pillar that smacked him into the ground.

Foudre saw two large palms made from earth attempting to clap, with him in the middle. He exploded out with a powerful sea of flames that stopped the hands, only for a few seconds, giving him the opportunity he needed to escape from the attack range.

Unfortunately for him, after dodging that, Grey welcomed him with a large lightning hand that smacked him to the ground.

He landed close to Nathan.

Grey, currently covered in lightning fell to the ground with full force. When he landed on the ground, the entire area was covered with lightning and both Nathan and Foudre were thrown up by the lightning that zapped them from the ground.

Grey's figure blurred and he moved once again.

Nathan hurriedly used his domain while Foudre brought out a talisman, placing it on his body, he felt lighter and moved with incredible speed.

It was a Peak Sage Plane Light Elementalist talisman that boosted the speed of its user.

Grey didn't want to let any of them escape, so he chased after Foudre who was fleeing, Nathan tried to use the opportunity to attack Grey from behind, only to realize Grey saw through their plans when Grey turned to look at him with his current pale blue eyes.

Nathan froze, and ice started to surface on his body, he was freezing.

Grey's mental attack has the ability to freeze his victims thanks to the superior ability of the pale blue flame. Of course there are ice users that had a better freezing ability, but Grey's ability with the pale blue freezing flame was among the top-notch ice users, and he wasn't even using ice.

Nathan's eyes glowed red and the ice surrounding him started to melt off.

Grey continued chasing after Foudre, he knew this attack was not going to stop Nathan, and he didn't do it to stop him he only needed to make sure his surprise attack didn't work.

Foudre took a sharp turn and attacked Grey.

Grey was already expecting something like this, his body was covered with earth armor. When Foudre's attack struck him, it forced him back, and he swayed in the air.

Nathan had broken free at this time, so he joined in on the attack as well.

When their attacks were about to reach Grey, they seemingly vanished into thin air.

Grey smirked and moved forward.

Nathan and Foudre know better than to let him near them after experiencing his gravitational force field for the first time, they didn't dare to let him get close to them nor within a hundred meters from them.

They didn't know the limitations of the gravitational force field, so they had to be extra cautious.

Eva watched the battle from the side, hoping to recover quickly so she could stop them.

Just when she was about to recover, she noticed all her elemental essence vanished once again.

She looked around only to see Void waving at her.

"Stay put. If you move, I'll kill you." Void said.

His small stature and voice were a complete contrast to what just came out of his mouth. He was threatening Eva, and from the terrifying killing intent he was releasing, she knew he wasn't bluffing.

Void knew Grey wouldn't kill Eva, but he didn't mind. Unlike Grey, he didn't have any pity for her.

"You're the one doing this to me?" Eva asked.

Void didn't bother to reply, but his stance was clear, he would not allow anyone else to interfere in the battle.

He raised a brow to look in the direction of Kangs City, some powerful auras were rushing over from that direction.

'Grey.'

'Already sensed them. I'm taking the fight elsewhere, take the girl somewhere else.'

Void nodded and jumped on Eva's shoulder, before she could say anything, they vanished.

Nathan and Foudre were on the attack, Grey decided to use this to his advantage and rushed in another direction, however, the duo refused to follow him.

He came back and realized the duo were trying to stall him so that the experts from Kangs City could arrive.

He smiled and with a blink, he exchanged positions with Nathan, placing his hands on the shoulder of Foudre who didn't expect him to appear beside him, they vanished.

However, before leaving, he tagged Nathan.

'I'll deal with this one first.'

Nathan was stunned when he saw this. He suddenly recalled Grey used this ability when fighting with the experts from Kangs City. Before he could react, Grey and Foudre were gone.

His greatest fear was coming to pass, as long as they were not together, then Grey would be able to easily kill them off.

"It's better he picked him, he's in for some surprises. I should leave, Foudre should be able to keep him busy." Nathan muttered before rushing off.

Foudre had some powerful figures in the Faction, so he had multiple top-tier talismans and techniques to use whenever he was in danger.

Nathan's plan right now was to leave the Lutra realm and hide in the Faction. No matter how talented Grey was, there was no way he would be able to kill him in the Faction.

Chapter 894 You Can Not Escape

Grey and Foudre appeared close to the sea where Grey fought against the man.

Looking at the place now, he couldn't be this was where he almost died.

Foudre looked around, not seeing Nathan, he knew Grey had separated them. When they were together, they could barely keep up with Grey, now that he was alone, he knew for sure that he was no match for Grey.

Without wasting time, he brought out multiple talismans and placed them on his body, increasing his defense, attack, and speed.

His current power wasn't far off from those at the very Peak of the Sage Plane.

Grey didn't rush him, letting him do what he wanted.

"Are you done?" He asked calmly.

Foudre didn't respond as he snorted coldly, Grey's words were like a mockery to him. The fact that Grey even let him complete his actions showed how little Grey thought of him which he found to be infuriating.

With a yell, he charged at Grey.

Grey prepared for an attack, as Foudre got close, he sent out a powerful lightning orb in his direction.

Foudre used the fire element to block the attack, countering with a fire rain.

Grey covered himself with an earth dome, protecting himself from the fire rain.

A lightning bolt struck from the sky, hitting Foudre.

Foudre tried dodging the attack, but the attack was too fast, even with his increased speed, he was no match for Grey's attack speed.

He fell from the sky into the water.

Grey waited for him but he didn't see any signs of him coming out, looking to his left, he saw Foudre's figure darting through the water, trying to escape.

'Smart.' He sneered before disappearing.

Boom!

The water exploded after Grey struck it and Foudre was forced out by his attack.

"You can't escape your fate. This time next year will be your anniversary, well, death anniversary." Grey chuckled and attacked.

Foudre was more infuriated with Grey's overconfidence than the fact that he wanted to kill him.

Grey was almost certain he would kill him, Foudre didn't believe this.

'With all the talismans I have, he can't kill me.' He calmed his head and started to take rational actions.

From his current perspective, he knew falling for Grey's trick would mean the end of him. Once he lets his emotions get the better of him, then Grey would capitalize on that and kill him.

Foudre settling his emotions didn't escape Grey's eyes, but he wasn't worried. He would still kill him, even if he broke through.

'Since we're alone, there's no use in hiding my other elements.' He thought.

But after a while, he decided to use only the wind element. The darkness element will be used discreetly.

He stretched out his right hand and a powerful suction force dragged Foudre towards him.

Foudre didn't expect this and was taken by surprise. Just as he was about to get close to Grey, he attacked.

Grey unleashed his gravitational force field after dragging Foudre close to him. The force field pushed Foudre down, making him miss his target.
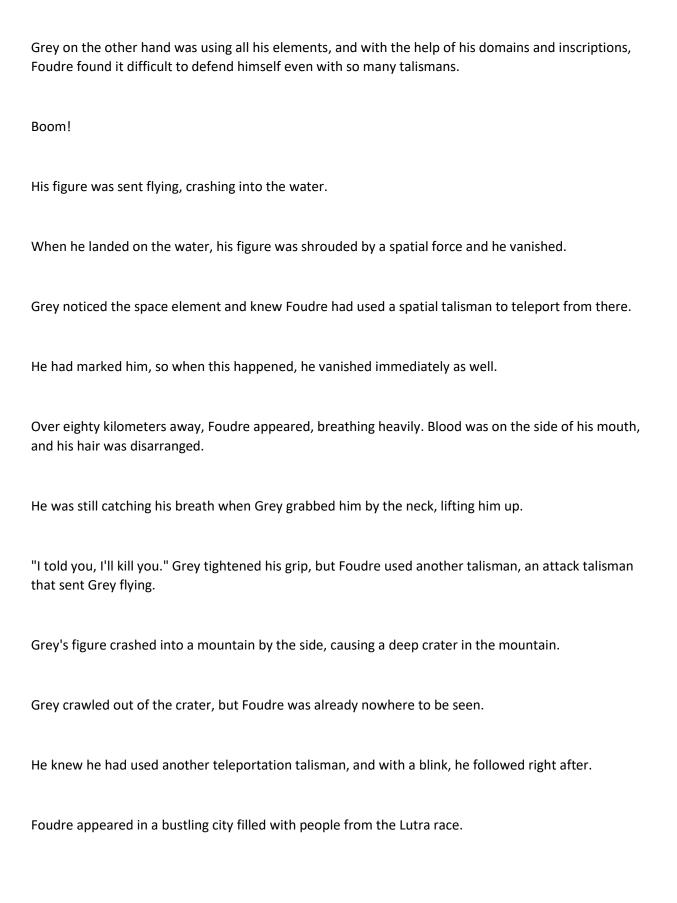
Grey continued his attack with the wind element, trapping Foudre in a twister. He fueled it with the fire element while sending earth shards into it as well.

Foudre destroyed one of the talismans with him, and an earth armor appeared on his body, blocking most of the attacks.

Another talisman was used, but this one was an attack talisman. Forcefully breaking the twister.

Grey unleashed his inscriptions while using his space element to the fullest. He went on a full assault.

Foudre had enough talisman to fight for a long time, but since they weren't part of his personal strength, there was no way he could utilize them well.

Grey on the other hand was using all his elements, and with the help of his domains and inscriptions, Foudre found it difficult to defend himself even with so many talismans.

Boom!

His figure was sent flying, crashing into the water.

When he landed on the water, his figure was shrouded by a spatial force and he vanished.

Grey noticed the space element and knew Foudre had used a spatial talisman to teleport from there.

He had marked him, so when this happened, he vanished immediately as well.

Over eighty kilometers away, Foudre appeared, breathing heavily. Blood was on the side of his mouth, and his hair was disarranged.

He was still catching his breath when Grey grabbed him by the neck, lifting him up.

"I told you, I'll kill you." Grey tightened his grip, but Foudre used another talisman, an attack talisman that sent Grey flying.

Grey's figure crashed into a mountain by the side, causing a deep crater in the mountain.

Grey crawled out of the crater, but Foudre was already nowhere to be seen.

He knew he had used another teleportation talisman, and with a blink, he followed right after.

Foudre appeared in a bustling city filled with people from the Lutra race.

Grey appeared close to him, unfortunately, there was a Peak Sage Plane expert, seeing Grey and Foudre appear simultaneously, he attacked instantly.

Grey blocked the attack while Foudre used another talisman to escape from the scene.

The Lutra race expert wanted to keep Grey from leaving, but it was impossible.

Grey used his lightning domain to keep the expert from moving before leaving. He used his gravitational force field as well as a twister fueled with lightning and fire to attack the expert.

He didn't know the end result of the attack, but he knew it would most definitely cause him some harm.

Foudre appeared outside the city, but Grey followed right after. Attacking the moment he saw him.

Bang! Bam!

Foudre's figure crashed into the ground, breaking the trees on his path.

"I told you, you can not escape." Grey walked over to Foudre.

Foudre stood up, looking at Grey with hateful eyes.

"Why are you so persistent?" He asked angrily.

"I told you, anyone who wants me dead, will die. There are no exceptions." Grey replied casually.

Foudre gritted his teeth angrily, he couldn't accept his current predicament.

Chapter 895 Regrets

Boom!

Foudre's figure slammed into the rocks by the side of a mountain range.

He had lost count of how many times Grey had slammed him into the ground. After repeated attempts to escape with a teleportation talisman, he had almost given up entirely.

No matter where he vanishes to, Grey always appears right next to him, it was as if they were teleporting simultaneously on the same spatial tunnel.

He had tried going to different places, but Grey always finds him. There was a time he used the teleportation talisman twice, disappearing the moment he appeared in a particular spot, but Grey still found him in less than a few seconds.

Grey was like a really bad headache that just wouldn't go away, the only difference is that he was here to kill him. There wasn't any shred of pity whenever Grey attacked, and he seems to want to make sure he kills him quickly.

"Why don't you go after Nathan, he was the one who sent me to kill you." Foudre tried to change Grey's mind.

"He won't escape, don't worry, you'll have so much time on the other side." Grey replied casually.

"Are you sure you want to do this? If I die, my uncles will kill you." Foudre tried to threaten Grey with his background.

"Even if your father is the Faction Leader, I'll still kill you." Grey's reply was resolute.

Foudre tossed multiple attack talismans at Grey, but he dodged and attacked once again, sending Foudre flying.

Foudre hit the ground, bouncing off it multiple times before finally coming to a stop. His body was a wreck, blood dripping from different parts of his body.

"Please, it doesn't have to be this way. We can work things out." Foudre finally resorted to begging.

As time went on, he realized there was no escaping Grey. Even if he wanted to, Grey wouldn't allow him. His only choice was to beg.

"As I said, I don't do well with apologies. Besides, if you were stronger, or you knew I can't kill you, you wouldn't be begging me." Grey walked over, eyes blazing with killing intent.

Foudre attacked, but it was useless.

Grey easily blocked it, attacking Foudre. With a powerful kick, he sent Foudre flying into the air.

He vanished, appearing in the sky. He kicked Foudre to the ground.

Boom!

Foudre's figure slammed into the ground, creating a crater, while also creating a dust cloud.

Grey appeared in front of the crater as Foudre tried to crawl out, hoping to escape.

He froze both Foudre's arms and legs, making it impossible for him to move.

Foudre was unable to move, defenseless in front of Grey. It was almost the same as Grey's condition at that time, the only difference was that he was conscious.

Grey created a fusion orb, it was still his strongest attack.

When the fusion orb came in contact with Foudre, Foudre was unable to defend against it and it disintegrated him to nothingness. It was as if he was never there.

Grey's facial expression was still the same, even though he just killed one of his companions from the Faction.

'Next, Nathan.'

Grey's figure blurred and he vanished from his current location.

Close to the portal that leads to the Aurora Continent.

Nathan was currently standing around two kilometers away from the portal. With his speed, he would get there in a few seconds.

'Grey should still be occupied with Foudre, I'll leave before he finishes him off.'

He knew Grey would defeat Foudre in the end, so he wanted to leave as soon as possible.

He increased his speed, and just when he could see the portal, his heart throbbed, and he started to get an uneasy feeling.

His heart sank when he sensed an attack coming his way. He didn't need any words, he knew it was from Grey.

'How could he be so fast? It hasn't even been up to thirty minutes.' He was left aghast.

He blocked the attack, trying to move forward as well.

Grey appeared in front of him, blocking his path.

"Did you think you can escape?" He asked with an apathetic glance.

"You're making a mistake. Doing this will only make you hated in the Faction." Nathan tried to reason with him.

"Don't worry, I'm cool with people hating me. But hating me because of you, I'm not so sure, you don't have the best reputation in the Faction to start with." Grey answered.

Nathan was a proud figure who looked down on multiple people, so it was normal that he had a fairly bad reputation in the Faction. The only reason he was famous was that he was talented, and came from a fairly powerful Family.

Nathan gulped down, at this point, he started to regret his decision of wanting revenge against Grey.

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From the start, he was the one who tried to attack Grey when Grey took the treasure. After being defeated, he didn't accept it and tried to fight again, but didn't get a chance. The matter had been troubling him for some time, so when he saw Grey in his unconscious state, he just wanted him dead.

'I should've killed him myself.' He regretted holding back.

Had he killed him then, he wouldn't have had to face a vengeful Grey.

Grey looked at him coldly, and just as he prepared to attack, the young man who was standing guard at the portal walked over.

The young man was at the Peak of the Sage Plane. He couldn't guard the portal without sufficient strength, so even though he was a genius, he had to make sacrifices, besides, this would give him the points he needed.

He was around twenty-six years or so and was older than both Grey and Nathan.

"What's going on?" He asked as he looked at both individuals.

"Oh good, you're here. This psychopath is trying to kill me." Nathan pointed at Grey with a relieved look on his face.

The appearance of this youth might just save his life.

"Aren't you the guy who almost died?" The youth turned to Grey.

Grey nodded, studying the youth.

Chapter 896 I Was Never Here

Grey looked at the youth, he saw him when he was coming back, but he didn't really speak with him.

"You want to kill him, correct?" The young man asked.

Grey nodded, not hiding his intentions, "I only came for him."

"If I may ask, why?" The young man asked.

Grey told him what happened when he was unconscious, and also what led to Nathan having ill will towards him.

"So, you're saying he wanted to kill you because you beat him up. So now you're here for revenge, right?" The young man asked.

"Yes." Grey nodded gently.

If the young man tried to stop him, he had already decided to fight against him as well. He didn't care who stepped forward, as long as it wasn't an Elemental Venerable, he wasn't afraid of anyone.

"Why are you asking him so many questions? He wants to break the rule of the Faction. And him saying I wanted to kill him was a lie, I never attempted to attack him while he was unconscious." Nathan tried to justify himself.

The youth turned to look at Nathan, his expression blank, he turned around, and to the surprise of both Grey and Nathan, he walked back.

"I was never here."

His words stunned the duo.

Nathan stood still, it was as if he had been struck by lightning.

Grey on the other hand laughed out loudly, he couldn't hide the fact that he actually liked what the young man did. Most people would want to find a way to resolve the issue, but the young man knew what was best and left them alone. What was more amusing was him saying he was never there.

"You bastard, you'll pay for this!" Nathan screamed.

"How? You'll be dead soon." The young man's voice came from afar.

With that, he left Nathan to his fate. He was certain Grey could defeat Nathan. To be honest, he wasn't very confident in being able to stop Grey, hence there was no need in making an enemy of the fastest-rising genius in the Faction.

From the time the Elder gave the order for Grey to be found, it was evident to everyone that Grey was very important to the Faction, and the Faction Leader would definitely protect him at all costs. Even if it meant weeding out a few bad eggs who were no doubt geniuses.

Nathan stood opposite Grey, gritting his teeth with both hands clenched.

"If you think you can kill me, you're deceiving yourself." He spat out coldly.

"Don't fool yourself, you will definitely die." Grey said calmly.

Nathan yelled and attacked with his domain.

Grey also spread out his domain.

'Void, seal the area.'

He had called Void over, leaving Eva alone. He wanted Void's help with sealing the area with his space domain. This will ensure that Nathan would be unable to escape, while he would also not have to worry about people intervening.

The duo exploded out with powerful fire elemental attacks. Both displaying techniques from the Pyrmond Faction.

Grey decided to take out his other elements as well, just like what he did with Foudre.

The young man couldn't see the battle any longer after Void sealed the area, and he didn't attempt to try.

Grey was free to use all his elements, without fear.

A water cube appeared in the sky, along with three inscriptions.

They all attacked Nathan simultaneously, not giving him any chance to counter.

Grey drew closer to him and spreading out both of his hands, a powerful repulsion force sent Nathan flying. This was his wind element, while Nathan was mid-air, the cube and inscriptions continued attacking.

The cube was made by his water element, while his inscriptions made use of the fire, lightning, and wind element.

He released a small black orb into the air that broke apart, sending out small particles of darkness. It slowly started to corrode Nathan as the battle progressed.

Nathan was getting desperate after being overwhelmed by Grey. He didn't even have the chance to use any of his powers. Just like their first encounter, Grey was dominating him.

Boom! Bang! Bam!

He had crashed into the ground countless times, causing multiple craters on the ground.

Void was watching the battle from the side, with a satisfied smile.

Nathan brought out a teleportation talisman and tried to escape with it. However, Void's space domain sealed the entire area, the space included.

Using the space talisman had little to no effect. All it did was take him to the edge of the domain, but it was unable to take him out of the domain.

Grey appeared beside him and attacked once again.

Nathan fell to the ground once again, mouth bleeding, and a large injury on his back that was inflicted by a lightning attack.

His eyes raged with madness, he could not accept his death without fighting back.

He brought out a talisman that made Grey pause, it was an Elemental Venerable attack talisman.

"Come closer if you dare!" Nathan roared.

"Do you think I'm afraid of that?" Grey looked at him coldly.

"Even if you might survive it, you'll be injured once again, on the brink of death." Nathan threatened.

"I'm not afraid. I have experience with this." Grey didn't flinch in front of a possible deadly attack.

He had done his calculations, even though Nathan had an Elemental Venerable attack talisman, he couldn't use it like an Elemental Venerable attacking personally. From using the Light Elementalist Elemental Venerable talisman the last time, he already knew the time limit.

All he had to do was react accordingly, and he would be uninjured. Of course, there were risks, but he was confident with his calculations.

Nathan hadn't used this before here, so he wouldn't know how long it would take before the realm snuffs out the attack of anything above the Sage Plane.

Grey approached Nathan with a look of disdain.

Nathan felt like Grey was looking down on him for using a power that wasn't his, and it infuriated him.

With a powerful roar, he unleashed the talisman's attack on Grey.

Chapter 897 I Want You Dead

Boom!

The attack talisman exploded, rocking the entire place.

Void's space domain shattered instantly and he was also sent flying from the impact of the attack.

Grey on the other hand was also sent flying, in the direction of the portal.

The moment the attack was released, the realm reacted accordingly and quickly rushed to snuff it out.

Nevertheless, the impact had been released and Grey and Void were nowhere close to Nathan any longer.

Since he was the user, he wasn't affected by the attack.

The young man who was standing guard by the portal looked in the direction when he heard the explosion, he sucked in a cold breath when he saw the reaction from the world.

He knew one of the duo had used an attack exceeding the Sage Plane, and since Grey was the one with the advantage, Nathan was the only one who would resort to such methods.

"Hmm, disgraceful." He shook his head.

He saw a figure shooting through the air at an unprecedented pace, banging into the ground. The figure slid on the ground before hitting a large rock and breaking through it. Only after hitting two trees did the figure stop.

This figure was Grey, Void flew in another direction.

Thinking of the fact that Nathan would most likely report him to the Faction for leaving them alone, he wanted to involve himself, but he stopped. The outcome of the battle had nothing to do with him.

If Nathan came and wanted to pass through the portal, he would let him pass.

Nathan was standing in the same location, looking at the result of his attack. He couldn't say he wasn't impressed by it.

"Haha, cocky fool. I want to see how you can survive that." Nathan laughed in exhilaration.

He didn't even bother to leave the Lutra realm as he flew over to where Grey crashed. To him, even if Grey survived the attack, he would be brutally injured, there was no way he would be able to sustain his special technique.

Once that happens, he would kill Grey with his hands.

When he got to the place Grey crashed, he saw Grey's figure, motionless.

"Hehe, repeat your last words." Nathan mocked.

Grey opened his eyes, blood dripping from the side of his mouth. He was still covered by the dust in the area, so he couldn't get a good view of Nathan, nor did Nathan have a good view of him.

Nathan walked closer, and seeing Grey's condition, his pupils shrank.

"Impo…"

Boom!

His figure was sent flying, even before he could finish his statement.

While mid-air, he forcefully stabilized his body and shot straight for the portal. There was no time to think, he had to leave the Lutra realm immediately.

Grey's figure appeared in front of the portal and he released his gravitational force field. Both his domains were utilized as well.

He would not let Nathan leave this place, as long as Nathan left, the Elder outside would save him, Grey didn't want that.

"Are you mad?!" Nathan screamed when he saw Grey blocking his path.

This was unacceptable to him.

Grey on the other hand smiled and shot at him. Before he could react, Grey was standing in front of him and he punched him to the ground. The power behind Grey's blows was far superior to Nathan's physique. He felt a few of his ribs break when the blow connected.

His body bounced off the ground, and he was met with Grey's attack once again. Sending him crashing in another direction.

'Void, are you alright?' Grey asked telepathically after sending Nathan flying.

'I'm good. I retreated quickly, but was still impacted by the attack.' Void replied, he added after some time, 'A meal will fix me.'

'Alright.'

Grey didn't argue with him, as long as he was fine, he could eat all he wanted. It wasn't like Grey gets tired of cooking. He still cooked frequently for his Teacher.

Void was elated when he heard this and felt it was worth it. Although he was hurting all over, he would be fine soon. His healing capabilities were in no way inferior to Grey's.

When Grey arrived, Nathan was already on both feet, staring at Grey with hateful eyes.

He spat out a mouthful of blood before yelling at the top of his lungs. His essence started to increase, and before long, his cultivation shot from the Eighth stage of the Sage Plane to the Peak of the Sage Plane.

He was ready to risk it all. Using this technique would cause him harm, hence he had been refraining from using it, but now, he had no choice, either he uses it, or he dies.

All that mattered to him right now was surviving, nothing else.

"Getting serious? I thought you'd accept death easily." Grey raised a brow when he saw this, but he still didn't think too much of it. He would still overpower Nathan.

As long as Nathan was not an Elemental Venerable, he would defeat him.

"I want you dead." Nathan replied with a low growl.

"Same here." Grey said and attacked.

Nathan rushed at him as well.

The duo exchanged multiple blows in a matter of seconds.

The young man who was standing guard at the portal looked at them, stunned by their strength. Of course he was powerful in his own right, but these two were quite something, especially Grey.

Against the current Nathan, he had confidence in coming out victorious, but against Grey, he wasn't so sure. What was more shocking about Grey was that he actually survived that attack.

From the impact alone, the young man already knew he wouldn't be able to survive it, yet Grey not only survived, but he was still fighting with such intensity.

He wasn't on anyone's side, whoever won had nothing to do with him. He sat down and decided to enjoy the battle, after all, it's not every day he got to witness a battle of such caliber, and from young geniuses like himself as well.

Chapter 898 I Made A Promise

Boom! Bang!

The fight continued with greater intensity.

Nathan was putting up a great fight against Grey, even Grey was a little taken aback that he could fight this much, given his somewhat cowardly nature.

Void was by the side, watching with the young man. They even occasionally spoke about the fight.

Grey was fighting with five elements, six if his darkness element was added, but only he and Void knew of its involvement, so Nathan felt he was using five.

'I thought he had only four, how can he have four? It's unheard of!' Nathan was freaking out.

Grey's abilities were getting more ahead of his comprehension. If things continued like this, he was sure to lose.

What was worse was that he couldn't keep this technique forever, the moment he exited it, he would enter a weakened state. At that time, even someone who just broke through to the Sage Plane could kill him, much less a freak like Grey.

His death was almost certain, hence he tried to escape multiple times, Grey however always finds a way to stop him from leaving, blocking his path of escape.

The portal was becoming less and less a good option since Grey placed himself between him and the portal.

If he wanted to get there, he had to get through Grey, something that was impossible for him.

Thinking up to this point, he quickly changed his mind. Since he couldn't get to the portal, he would head into the Lutra realm. Maybe he could find a means of escaping there. As long as he survived, he didn't care what he did. Also, if other members of their Faction came up, then he had some hope of getting them to threaten Grey. All they needed to do was to tell him they would report him to the Faction, which should stop Grey from killing.

Grey on the other hand had no idea what was going through Nathan's head, he continued his attack, while stopping him from getting to the portal.

Nathan suddenly made a quick turn and bolted into the Lutra realm, to Grey's surprise.

"Eh?" Grey was a little confused when he saw this.

His initial thought was that Nathan was trying to draw him forward and then try to get to the portal, only after he didn't see any signs of Nathan turning around did he realize what was happening. Nathan had given up on the portal and decided to seek refuge in the Lutra realm.

Grey gave chase and Void had to leave the young man by the portal alone.

The young man almost wanted to follow them as well since he was being entertained by the battle, but he couldn't leave this place, so he had to stay, unfortunately.

Grey was faster than Nathan, so he quickly caught up with him and they continued fighting. However, Nathan found an opportunity to run once again.

He started using Peak Sage Plane light talismans to increase his speed, taking it above his present level.

Against any other Peak Sage Plane Elementalist, he would escape without any problems, since Grey was hellbent on killing him, his fate was sealed.

His speed exceeded that of Grey by some margin, but that was all he needed to escape from him.

Grey didn't feel bothered by this, with a blink, he appeared in the location Nathan was. It didn't take long before Nathan realized something was wrong, he couldn't get away from Grey, no matter how fast he was. He even used a teleportation talisman as well, but it was useless. Grey still found him, to his dismay. This was something he never thought would be possible.

"Give up, you can't escape." Grey said, like the death reaper he currently is.F

"What are you?" Nathan asked with a horrified look.

"Death's shadow." Grey replied sincerely.

Nathan didn't even doubt it at this moment. To him, Grey was death itself, not even its shadow.

"You're a maniac!" He complained before using another teleportation talisman. He couldn't resign to his fate.

"No matter how much you run, I will find you." Grey's voice echoed in Nathan's ear when he appeared in another location.

Looking behind him, he saw Grey staring at him with an apathetic look. Grey's eyes glowed pale blue and Nathan froze for a quarter of a second.

This short time was more than enough for Grey, he shortened the gap between them and punched him in the chest. His blow exploded with a fiery blue flame that spread out an icy wind with it.

Nathan slowly started to freeze from the cold.

Using his fire element, he dealt with the ice and tried to run away, but Grey stopped him.

The blow he received at point-blank range had caused him severe internal injuries, and his present actions were a bit clouded.

Even though his vision was blurry at the moment, he still attempted to run.

"You can't run away, not from my hands." Grey said casually as he smacked Nathan out of a spatial tunnel.

With him having the power to stop him from escaping into the spatial tunnel created by those talismans, Nathan's hope of escaping was as good as gone.

Nathan breathed heavily, presently on his knees in a condition he never thought he would be in.

"Please, all this can be resolved." He begged.

After realizing there was no hope of escaping, he tried to beg.

"It can't." Grey's reply was cold.

"Alright, how about I cripple myself? You offered to let me go if I crippled myself. I want to." Nathan begged.

"That will be unfair to your friend. Besides, I already promised him that I'll send you over." Grey said with a playful smile.

"We're not friends, I can assure you that, We were only using each other. Now that he's dead, no one is as glad as I am. Please, let me go, I won't even resist you crippling me yourself." Nathan begged with tears already in his eyes.

Grey looked at the pitiful Nathan, "A shame a genius is reduced to such a level."

"How dare I call myself in the presence of a true genius?"

Chapter 899 Aren't You Forgetting Something?

Grey continued staring down at Nathan and shook his head.

People will always resort to anything when faced with death. He knew from the start that Nathan was not someone who had resolve. As long as things weren't going his way, he would change.

From being a respectful genius, he tried to stop people from helping Grey because he was beaten up. Now that he knew there was no way for him to win the fight, instead of going down with his honor, he wanted to cripple himself to ensure he didn't die.

Grey was the one who gave him this choice from the start, but since he refused then, it was already over. There was no way he was going to give him the chance again. When he thought about it sincerely, he realized he made a mistake, as long as he wanted to kill Foudre, then he had to kill Nathan since he was the one who sent Foudre after him.

It was like wanting to kill an assassin, but forgiving the person who sent the assassin to kill you.

Nathan continued pleading, he was currently on his knees, grabbing onto Grey's legs.

When he saw that Grey looked distracted, he released an attack. However, he noticed Grey's figure didn't move.

"I already know your type, and will naturally make moves to stop things of this sort. You can not defeat me." Grey's cold voice entered his ear.

Grey used the darkness element to eat off all the attacks, he had also been pumping the darkness element into his body. This was the reason his attack power dwindled exponentially, unknown to him, hence it became very easy for Grey to block the attack.

Nathan fell to the ground in despair, he was desperate, and he wanted to live.

"I can't accept this." He muttered repeatedly.

Grey bent down to his level, "You don't have to."

Nathan's eyes glowed with madness and he grabbed onto Grey.

"Since you want me dead, I'll take you with me." He roared.

Before Grey could push him off, he exploded with terrifying power.

Grey didn't think Nathan would actually destroy his core in hopes of taking Grey down with him.

Given the short distance, Grey felt the full force of the attack. He was sent flying, crashing through an entire mountain that was almost a kilometer wide.

Nathan was dead, but Grey's condition wasn't good. He was injured in different places, and a large hole was in his stomach.

'Damn it, I'm injured again.' He complained.

This injury was not on the same level as the previous one, but it was serious.

He brought out the best healing tonic he had with him and gulped it down. The light element residuals in his body from the healing session he had from his last injury also went to work as well. He used his own light element to try to heal the injury.

The bleeding soon stopped, and he started to recover, slowly, but he was recovering.

Void appeared beside him with a smile, "That doesn't look good."

"I know." Grey said, still lying in the rubble.

He vanished to the cave where Keith and the snake stayed, entering the water there.

It took some time, but the hole in his stomach started to cover. After almost three days, he managed to step out of the cave. His previous clothes were a mess, so he changed his clothes.

"That moron killed himself just to take me down with him." Grey shook his head as they headed back to the portal.

There was nothing left for him to do in the Lutra realm. He had exerted revenge on the people who wanted him dead, and Klaus' call for help had been over a month. He hadn't even been able to speak with him since he had been unconscious. While he was healing up, he didn't try to communicate with them since he wanted to focus on his health.

He soon appeared close to the portal. To his surprise, he saw a familiar figure there, Eva.

"You're here." He looked at her.

"Where's he?" Eva asked.

"Dead." Grey replied.

There was no use hiding it, he already told Eva of his plans of killing them from the start, so even if he lied, she would find out sooner or later when the duo doesn't return from the Lutra realm.

Eva bit her bottom lips, "Why did you have to?"

Grey looked at her for some time, but he didn't answer her question. He didn't have to explain his actions. She knew Nathan wanted to kill him, and for him, that was enough for her to come up with a reason why he killed them.

Grey turned to the young man guarding the portal, and after nodding, he left without saying a word.

Eva turned to the young man, "You let him kill him?"

"I didn't see anything." The young man replied.

Eva wanted to continue speaking, but the young man continued his words.

"You saw him just arriving, he was never here. Other than seeing him enter and leave the realm, I don't know him." He added.

Eva nodded and left the portal.

Grey was standing with the Elder outside the portal when Eva arrived, she went straight to the Elder.

Grey looked at her, not even bothering to stop her from speaking. When the Elder heard of what Grey did, he turned to Grey who still had the same nonchalant expression.

He knew a thing or two about what happened in the Lutra, especially the part where Grey was almost killed by Foudre, but he didn't really know much about Nathan being involved.

"Grey, is what she said true?" He turned to Grey.

"Aren't you forgetting something?" Grey nodded to the Elder's question, before turning his attention to Eva who kept out the part where Nathan stopped her from helping him.

The Elder turned to look at Eva and saw her disgruntled expression. He inquired about what Grey was talking about, and she told him everything, including how Nathan stopped her from helping Grey.

Chapter 900 Swept Under The Rug

The Elder turned to look at Grey, a little tired from the issue. He didn't know what to do since all Grey did was take revenge against people who wanted to kill him, however, it was against the Faction's rules for one member to kill another.

In a way, he couldn't say he felt any pity for Nathan and Foudre after Grey killed them, but with the background of Foudre, things would be a little difficult for them to push it aside. Nathan's background was slightly negligible, but Foudre had uncles who were part of the higher-ups in the Faction.

"You'll return back to the Faction, the Faction Leader will deal with this issue." The Elder was glad he wasn't the Faction Leader, with a simple wave of his hand, he transferred the matter to the Faction Leader. He didn't need to worry or even think about how it would be resolved.

He took Grey and Eva back to the Faction Leader who was alone. After telling him everything he heard, he left them alone since he still had to guard the portal.

The Faction Leader saw the facial expression of the Elder and knew he wanted to leave the place as soon as possible. He couldn't help but shake his head. Being the Faction Leader was a huge responsibility since he had to take care of multiple issues.

He looked at Eva and Grey, "You'll not speak of this to anyone else, I'll settle it."

The duo nodded, and with a wave, Eva was sent to the Faction, leaving only Grey.

"You could've reported them to the Faction, it would've been easier to deal with them that way." The Faction Leader looked at Grey with a somewhat dejected look.

"No, since I wasn't dead, at most the Faction would expel them. I've read the rule books, it'll favor them." Grey told the Faction Leader his reason for dealing with the matter on his own.

"Foudre's background is a little complicated, his family members will not let this matter slide. Of course, that's if they hear about it." The Faction Leader caressed his temples.

Grey could already guess what he wanted to do from his words, the Faction Leader planned to keep it from the other Elders. Now Grey understood why the Faction Leader warned them not to speak of it to anyone else.

"Thank you." Grey bowed, he knew this wasn't easy for the Faction Leader since he had to face the repercussions if word of what Grey did came out. But given the chance, he would take the same step.

"You can leave. Please, try to stay out of trouble." The Faction Leader felt a headache.

He knew the members of Foudre's family already knew of his death, likewise that of Nathan's, they would try to seek out why they died and news of what happened would eventually come out.

'I'll protect him, no matter what.' He concluded internally.

There was no way he was going to allow anything to happen to Grey. To him, not just him, but most of the Elders, Grey was their future, they couldn't afford to lose him.

Keeping him in the Faction would keep him safe, but it would also bar his growth, so they had to take the difficult choice of letting him explore the world.

Pyrmond Faction.

Grey appeared in his house, it was the same way he left it. Looking around, he brought out his communication device, it was time to answer his friends.

When he sent his spiritual consciousness inside, his head was flooded with messages and he almost had a headache.

"What's happening with Klaus?" He couldn't help but wonder.

He sent a message to Klaus and had almost an instant reply, classic Klaus.

'Where the hell have you been?!' Klaus' voice echoed in Grey's head.

Grey chuckled awkwardly but told him of his trip to the Lutra realm and how he almost died.

'It's nice that you're alright.' Klaus heaved a sigh of relief.

While the duo were still speaking, Alice and Reynolds joined in on the conversation thanks to Klaus notifying them of Grey's presence.

After apologizing to the group and promising to cook them a good meal when they next meet, he asked Klaus what he needed help with.

According to Klaus, there was this girl he met when he went out for a trip, they became friends after some time and he started to like her. After confessing his love, he found out the feeling was mutual.

A few months later, he found out the girl's family wanted to marry her off to another family in hopes of creating ties.

The girl refused since she didn't like the guy they wanted to marry her off to, but her parents didn't listen to her.

Klaus charged over when he heard this, but he was unable to convince them not to marry her off to another family, after all, he wasn't from a powerful family. Other than being a genius who managed to join the Moonlight Faction despite only accepting girls, there was nothing else in his résumé.

He tried to get the guy who wanted to marry her into giving up, but the guy told him to 'stop the marriage if he dared'. And he planned to do just that, with Grey's help, of course.

'So what's the plan?' Grey asked.

'I'll get him to compete with me in front of everyone present. If I win, I get to marry her.' Klaus replied.

With such a large crowd, the young man would not want to refuse since it would affect the reputation of his family.

'You'll need some protection from your Faction. This will definitely make the guy's family hate you.' Grey said.

'I already spoke with an Elder, she agreed to follow me there. She wouldn't appear, unless necessary.' Klaus replied.

'Alright, I'll make a stop at your place before leaving. When's the marriage?' Grey agreed to go with him.

'In two days.' Klaus replied with a burst of sheepish laughter.

Grey almost facepalmed, 'What would you have done if I didn't respond?'

'I'd still go.' Klaus replied with determination.